

NORTH FRODINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Zoom Conferencing at 7.30 pm Monday 12th October 2020.

Present: Mrs J Syers (Chair), Mrs A Bernard, Mr M Doyle, Mrs P Bigger, Mrs A Mahl, Mr B Rookes, Miss S Watson and Mr C Silcock.

Visitors: Jonathan Owen (Ward Councillor)

1. Apologies for absence: Mr M Duff, Mr D Stead and Mrs A Greaves.
2. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 14th September 2020 signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Doyle, seconded by Cllr Silcock and voted for unanimously.
3. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests: None made
4. Ward Councillors Update: Cllr Jonathan Owen attended the meeting and gave an overview of the impact of Coronavirus on East Riding Council. He indicated that working from home was becoming the norm and that most meetings were made by video-link. Council officials would like to stress the importance of sticking to the common-sense guidelines regarding prevention of Covid transmission. It was also mentioned that debate had started regarding creating a combined authority between East Riding and Hull with the possibility of having an elected Mayor. It is anticipated that the public will be included in the discussion in due course.
5. Matters arising: From the September minutes –
 - (a) 3 quotes requested from local contractors to install new notice boards with one being rejected immediately. Only one quote received so far. Council asked for a further quote to be sought.
 - (b) Request for improved signage in Cross Lane at the J/w Brandesburton Road after recent traffic accident. The chevrons have been bought forward to a more prominent position and it has been agreed to move the double bend sign further towards Brandesburton. The request to move the 30mph sign further along Brandesburton Road away from the village has been referred to the Traffic Department of ERYC.
 - (c) Cllr Doyle indicated that he had contacted the owner of the tree that was thought to have a precarious branch and it was considered that the tree was far enough from the highway to not be considered a danger to highway users.
 - (d) Cllr Doyle also stated that discussion had taken place regarding having another clothing bank in the village but that it was felt that the one at Cherry's was sufficient.
6. Administration
 - (a). Clerks Report:
 - New signage has been installed in Cross Road for the “Blind Summit”
 - Subsidence issue in drainage ditch along Grange Road reported to clerk. Engineer Terry Weaver indicated that Highways will repair section of ditch abutting the road. Two further instances of potential subsidence originally reported to ERYC in February but not responded to have been flagged to Mr Weaver to see if Grange Road can be inspected on grounds of safety. Reply awaited.
 - Continue with Zoom (costs £14.39 per month). Clerk will remove personal credit card as a method of payment after the October meeting.
 - British Gas bills changing from quarterly to monthly direct debits starting 25th October.
 - Email received indicating that defibrillator battery may need replacing along with pads. Email forwarded to Neal Ingram who looks after the defib.
 - Gully grates near to Main Street j/w Grange Road being clipped and overturned by HGV' s. Reported to ERYC to see if grates can be better secured.

- Email sent to Terry Weaver Head Engineer at Highways ERYC to see if there is any planned maintenance for South Townside Road and Mount Pleasant Road due to condition of road and footway surfaces. He replied that there was no budget in place for such repairs but indicated that he was aware of the problems and would consider when funding became available.
- No further meaningful update from Village Hall other than discussions with the Chair to keep the heating on to prevent freeze.
- Funeral of Margaret Humble Saturday 17th October at 1.30pm.
- New chequebook ordered from Barclays
- A Smart meter has been requested from British Gas for the electrical supply at the Chapel in Village cemetery.
- A change of signatory request has been made for the new Clerk to take control of banking.

(b). To further discuss the issue of drainage around 86 Main Street. Clerk indicated that Vicky and Paul Elwood were invited to the meeting to provide an update but appeared unable to attend. Clerk provided a historical update but was unaware of the current status and therefore will be kept on the agenda for the next meeting.

(c). To further discuss the issue of dogs fouling in Foston Lane, as highlighted by a member of public, and generally in North Frodingham. The Chair had visited the site and reported that most of the fouling was made in a private field and therefore not able to be dealt with by council. Almost every one of the lamp posts in Foston Lane had a dog fouling prevention sticker openly displayed. Dog Warden Service contacted by Clerk and no further different signage is available. There is a litter bin in Foston Lane. It was felt that the problem was caused by a minority and that at present there was nothing further that could reasonably be achieved other than continual reminders in social media.

(d). Update on progress to the re-building of wall between cemetery and 6 South Townside Road. A great effort in the community and particularly Geoff Rudd and Brian Rookes had seen the crumbled wall almost re-built with just the addition of coping stones to be considered. This item will be concluded when final invoices received and presented to council at a meeting in the future.

(e). To receive an update from Emergency Planning Committee. Cllrs Mahl and Bigger updated that the committee had met and taken the planning forward and were also including the impact of a pandemic on our planning. This matter to remain on agenda for further discussion and updates.

(f) to receive an update from the Village Improvement Committee. Cllr Silcock informed that there was nothing meaningful to report as he had been extremely busy in a work capacity. Clerk reminded meeting of two residents who had purchased a new planter for the village for siting on the Brandesburton Road and replacing the planter that they had previously provided and cared for.

7. Planning Applications:

- a/. Notice of Decision Corner Cottage, Grange Road Two storey and single storey extension conditionally approved.
- b/. New Application Roseberry, North Townside Road – single storey extension to side and rear. Discussed and no objections raised by PC. Clerk to update Planning Portal.
- c/. Notice of Appeal

8. Accounts:

Barclays Community Account as at 7th October 2020 - £2058.33
 Barclays Premium Account as at 7th October 2020 - £16774.07

- Debit:
- J. Williams (Planter) (Cheque no: 100885 - £25.00)
 - Cemetery Maintenance (Cheque no: 100886 - £112.50)
 - Clerk Salary (Cheque no: 100887 - £132.80)
 - Clerk Expenses (Cheque no: 100887 - £254.96) (combined cheque total = £387.76)
 - Cemetery Maintenance (Cheque no: 100888 - £187.50)

Proposed Cllr Bernard and seconded by Cllr Silcock and voted for unanimously.

- Credit:
- Remainder of Precept received £3750

- Other:
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8. External Meetings
None

9. Correspondence and Documents of Interest:

Letter of thanks to Jackie Williams and Janice Jeavons regarding the purchase of a new planter for entrance to village at Brandesburton Road.

10. Councillors Reports:

- Cllr Doyle reminded the meeting of rubbish building up on private land at the old Star Inn site however clerk indicates that although unsightly, there is little to be done. Ward Councillor Owen pointed out that usually action could only be taken if there was a threat to public health.
- Cllr Watson stated that a meeting had taken place of the Social Club Committee but as yet there was little chance of re-opening due to Covid restrictions. They are also still having problems with their banking provider.
- Cllr Silcock indicated that at the entrance to the village cemetery there were some bricks in the wall that had lost the supporting mortar and Cllr Rookes indicated that he would look at whether it could easily be remedied by those working on the cemetery wall. Cllr Silcock also indicated that the cover to the electric meter was broken and could not be secured. Clerk indicated that possibly it could be dealt with if a replacement meter is installed on site.
- Cllr Syers indicated that recent hedge cutting on leaving the village towards Driffield had left the footway covered in thorn. The land owner had been approached and was last seen sweeping the site.

The meeting was closed at 8.40pm. The next meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday the 9th November 2020 at 7.30pm.