

# NORTH FRODINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 7:30pm by video conferencing.

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

Visitors: Ward Councillor J Owen

Also present: Three members of the public and Ms M Rose (Clerk)

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors Mrs A Greaves and Mr D Stead.

## 2. Consideration and Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were approved as a true record.

## 3. Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interests

Councillors Mrs Mahl and Rookes declared interests in item 9 as they are both claiming expenses.

## 4. Ward Councillors Update

### a. 86 Main Street Drainage

There has been no further news since East Riding of Yorkshire Council stated that there is a problem with the availability of gully/jetting lorries and if the problem persisted outside contractors would be used.

**Resolved:** Ward Councillor Owen will consult with Ward Councillor Evison on the matter.

### b. COVID-19 Pandemic

Although the East Riding has some of the lowest infection rates in the country at the moment, residents are advised to remain vigilant, to stay at home whenever possible and adhere to safety guidelines as it will still be a while before everyone is vaccinated. Normal day-to-day services are continuing at East Riding of Yorkshire Council although the majority of staff are working from home.

## 5. Public Participation

The Parish Council was pleased to meet a resident who is interested in joining the council.

## 6. Matters Arising

### a. Defibrillator

Councillor Doyle advised that many of the surrounding larger villages only have one defibrillator and Councillor Silcock researched the average ratio of population to defibrillators, North Frodingham already has a high ratio compared to other areas. Councillors also noted that the current defibrillator has not been used. The proposal of a donation of £50 towards the existing defibrillator electricity costs was gratefully received by Mr Clarkson.

**Resolved:** The Parish Council decided not to install a second defibrillator in the village but would like to consider some training on the use of the defibrillator and basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) when it is safe to do so regarding pandemic restrictions. The Parish Council approved the payment of £50 to Mr Clarkson.

### b. East Riding Food Poverty Alliance

The Social Centre have confirmed that they are able to accommodate up to 10 parcels.

**Resolved:** Councillor Miss Watson will act as point of contact and co-ordinator for the distribution of parcels.

c. **Cemetery Complaint**

The Parish Council received a complaint regarding the condition of the cemetery. Councillor Mrs Syers visited the cemetery immediately after the complaint and found that although the gate is rusty it does work. The grass is a little long but acceptable for this time of year when it cannot be cut.

**Resolved:** The Parish Council will look at repairing and painting the gate and the signs to the second gate will be removed.

d. **Review of Local Burial Charges**

Costs for the cemetery account for a large portion of the budget and Councillors expressed that they have a responsibility to the community to ensure fees are competitive to help balance the costs. Councillor Doyle researched local burial charges and found them to be higher in surrounding villages.

**Resolved:** The Burial fees price list will be revised for discussion at the next meeting. East Riding of Yorkshire Council will be asked for a quote for mowing the churchyard cemetery.

e. **Traffic Calming Measures**

Councillor Mrs Greaves reported speeding traffic coming out of the village near Cross Lane.

**Resolved:** The Parish Council will look into the Community Speedwatch scheme to see if it can be implemented in the village.

f. **Noticeboards**

The noticeboards have now been fitted and are in use.

g. **Lisett Wind Farm Community Fund**

Councillor Doyle has reviewed the fund with a view to making an application, Councillor Silcock offered his assistance and Councillors suggested items needed in the village which could be eligible for inclusion.

**Resolved:** Councillors Doyle and Silcock are to carry out further research.

## 7. Administration

a. **Emergency Planning Committee**

Councillor Bigger wanted to know how the pandemic affects the emergency plan and if there are any implications regarding personal protective equipment (PPE), the use of buildings and gathering of people.

**Resolved:** Ward Councillor Owen will investigate.

b. **Village Improvement Committee**

The Christmas tree has now been removed and the Committee are looking into purchasing and planting a live tree to save on future costs.

## 8. Planning Applications

There were no new planning applications or decisions.

## 9. Finances

### Balances

Barclays Community Account as at 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	£4,472.86
Barclays Premium Account as at 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	£13,174.46

### Payments

Mrs A Rudd, cemetery wall	Cheque 100898	£989.26
Councillor Silcock, Christmas lights	Cheque 100899	£89.99
SP Services, defibrillator consumables	Cheque 100900	£85.86
Clerk's Salary and expenses	Cheque 100901	£230.31
HMRC, PAYE	Cheque 100902	£78.60

**Resolved:** The above payments were approved.

### **Invoices for approval**

Autela Payroll Services	£48.24
Stamps (Councillor A. Mahl)	£13.68
SLCC, membership fees	£34.60
MKM, sealant for cemetery wall (Councillor Rookes)	£52.94
MKM, cement for cemetery wall (Councillor Rookes)	£40.39
George Lodge & Sons, lawn mower parts (Councillor Rookes)	£12.36

**Resolved:** The above invoices were approved.

## **9. Correspondence and Documents of Interest**

### **Website**

The company contracted to provide support and maintenance for the website will be upgrading the template before July 2021 at no additional cost. The current support package costs £300 per year and expires on 19.07.2021.

**Resolved:** East Riding of Yorkshire Council will be asked about their provision of websites for Parish Councils.

## **10. Councillor's Reports**

- a. Councillor Silcock confirmed that the Parish Council Facebook page is now live and can be found at: [www.facebook.com/northfrodinghampc](http://www.facebook.com/northfrodinghampc)
- b. Councillor Mrs Mahl reported that the highway close to 109 Main street is now looking tidy.
- c. Councillor Silcock is to make further enquiries regarding a white van which appears to have been abandoned near Low Farm.
- d. Councillor Doyle has discussed the overgrown hedge on South Townside Road with the owners who have ensured it will be dealt with.

## **11. Exclusion of the Public**

The public and press were excluded from the meeting for discussions of a confidential nature.

## **12. Councillor Application**

Councillors discussed an application to become a Councillor and would like to verify the eligibility criteria with East Riding of Yorkshire Council before making a decision.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.

The date of the next virtual meeting is 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30 pm

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman