

NORTH FRODINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes 7:30pm, 11 December 2023, N. Frodingham Social Centre

Present: Cllrs J Syers (Chair), M Doyle (Vice-chair), A Greaves, D Stead and S Watson.
M Rose (Clerk).

Absent: None

Public Participation – There were no requests for public participation.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on the 13 November 2023 were approved.

3. Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

4. Matters for Ward Councillors

Ward Councillors answered questions regarding the proposed devolution deal between Hull and East Riding, explaining that Devolution enables more decisions to be made at a local level with the aim of bringing significant social and economic benefits to the whole region.

Councillors requested the publication of a road sweeping schedule so that cars can be moved before the sweeping takes place.

5. Matters Arising

- a. **Dogger Bank Newsletter** - The Parish Council received an electronic newsletter which contained updates to the substation site location and technology choice, landfall site selection and cable route amendments. Newsletters are distributed to residents who have registered for updates, information on how to register has been added to the Parish Council website.
- b. **Biodiversity Consideration** – Under the 2021 Environment Act, Parish Councils must consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity. The Parish Council currently requests the consideration of climate change issues on all new developments when submitting comments against planning applications, it has also planted several verges and borders at the cemetery. The Parish Council will discuss this matter further at the next meeting.
- c. **Devolution** - The Government announced a proposed devolution deal for Hull and East Yorkshire as part of the Chancellor's autumn statement. If the draft deal is approved, a period of statutory public consultation will follow, dates will be released as soon as they are available.

6. Administration

- a. **Village Improvement Committee** - The Parish Council was advised that it would need to show evidence of land ownership to apply for the Shared Prosperity Fund to improve the old allotment site. The Parish Council is waiting for ownership to be formally established by the solicitors. Volunteers still intend to improve the site and the Parish Council is seeking quotes for the hedges to be trimmed.

The Parish Council approved a quote from East Riding Arborists for £330 plus vat for the tree works needed as indicated on the recent tree inspection.

- b. **Social Centre** – The Centre has been registered as a Charity and has several Trustees. The hall has been decorated for Christmas and the Christmas Fair was a success.

7. Planning

In order to adhere to deadlines comments were submitted between meetings against application 23/03311/PLF 5 Manor Croft. Erection of a detached outbuilding (retrospective). The Parish Council had concerns regarding the impact this shed could have on neighbouring properties and requested that the views of the neighbours are taken in to consideration when a decision is being made.

8. Finances

- a. **Finance Report** - The report was approved.
- b. **Rock Salt** – The Parish Council approved the reimbursement of £186.08 to Cllr Greaves for the cost of rock salt for the bin on the corner of Cross Lane.
- c. **Payments** – The following payments were approved:

HMRC	PAYE (November)	£131.80
M Rose	Wages and expenses (November)	£561.40
Hostworld	Domain name and email services	£9.86
PTFA	Grant	£100.00
British Gas	Cemetery Electricity (November)	£23.08
- d. **Precept Demand Letter** - The Chairman signed the 2024-25 precept demand letter in accordance with the approved budget.
- e. **Financial Regulations Update** - The Parish Council approved the update to the regulations regarding the use of a fund of £200 to be used by the Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman for routine maintenance or in the case of emergencies, as proposed at the last meeting.
- f. **Village Voice** – The Parish Council considered the printing costs for the newsletter and appreciates that the editor needs assistance with the workload.

9. Councillor's Reports

A Christmas tree has been erected in the Millenium Garden and the lights switched on, thanks are sent to all the volunteers involved.

Representatives from St Leonard's Church contacted the Parish Council by email and requested a contribution towards the cost of an ordination ceremony on the 6 January 2024. The request was received too late to be included in the meeting agenda and the Parish Council is unable to make a decision on financial matters which are not on the agenda. The funding is needed before the next meeting of the Parish Council so the item will not be deferred to the next meeting.

The blocked grate on North Townside Road near 57 Main Street will be reported to ERYC.

The water rushing out of a drain on Foston Lane near number 18 will be reported to ERYC.

The meeting closed at 9:15 and the next meeting is the 8 January 2024.

Approved: _____ Date: _____