

MORNINGTHORPE & FRITTON PARISH COUNCIL

12th February 2013

A Parish Council meeting was held on Tuesday 12th February 2013 at 7.30pm at The Barn, Friars Farm, Morningthorpe.

Those present were:- Chairman, Mr P Roger, Mrs C McDonnell, Mr E Oxer, Mr S Riches and Mr D Sargent.

As the clerk, Mrs E Riches was unable to attend due to illness, it was proposed by C McDonnell and seconded by D Sargent that S Riches would act as clerk for the meeting.

1. There were apologies from Evelyn Riches (illness) and District Councillor Mr M Windridge (Work commitments in London).
2. D Sargent declared an interest in a planning application due to be considered within item 9 on the agenda.
3. The meeting was suspended for the public session which included:
 - a. Mrs A Thomas (County Councillor) gave updates on gritting routes, and a revised Highways Partnership scheme with increased funding. More details on this covered within Correspondence received.
 - b. Mr A from TGI presented an overview of the Streetwood Wind Farm proposal
 - c. Mr G Moulton, and others from SHOWT represented their concerns over the Windfarm proposal.
 - d. It was decided, that to allow the Parish Councillors to fully consider the submissions made during the public period and the TGI proposal to be reviewed, that the Parish Council would not be voting on the TGI planning application during the meeting

The public session was closed at 8.25pm, and following a short break the meeting resumed at 8.35pm

4. The minutes of the meeting dated 11th December 2012 were approved.
5. Finances
 - a. Balances reported as: Community A/c £125.41, Business Saver A/c £1272.10, Business Saver A/C 2 £5034.63, Petty Cash £39.12 (including £30 contributed by clerk)
 - b. The setting up of Telephone and Internet Banking facilities was proposed by P Roger and seconded by C McDonnell. This would be used in place of the proposed automatic transfer facility previously discussed as there is a cost attached to this.

6. Budget

- a. Following confirmation of the grant from SNDC of £116.00 towards the Parish Precept it was proposed by C McDonnell and seconded by D Sargent that the Precept would be reduced by the corresponding amount from £1,600.00 to £1,484.00.

7. Correspondence

- a. Following the letter from Zurich re Insurance Quotes it was proposed by P Roger and seconded by C McDonnell that the Parish Council should obtain additional quotations for the Parish Council insurances.
- b. All other correspondence to hand was noted.

8. Highways

- a. An additional pothole was reported at the junction of Anson's Lane and Mill Road
- b. The large number of near misses, and the recent accident, due to icy road conditions at the junction of The Street and the B1527 were noted. As this road is not on the gritting route the possibility of locating a gritting bin near the junction was discussed. It would be the responsibility of the Parish Council to purchase this, and SNDC to provide the grit or rock salt. It was agreed that the Parish Council should obtain a quote for discussion at the next meeting.
- c. The problems with The Krons not being on the gritting route was discussed and agreed that the Parish Council should make submission for this to be included on next year's gritting routes which will be reviewed over the summer
- d. The enhanced Parish Partnerships scheme for local highway improvements was discussed. The enhancements included an increase in the total funding from £100,000 to £1,000,000 and an increase in the contribution available from the County Council from 50% of the scheme cost to 75%.
In view of this there was discussion about the possibility of using the funds in the Business Saver 2 account to support a submission to the Parish Partnerships scheme to purchase and install speed warning signs through Fritton. It was proposed by D Sargent, seconded by E Oxe that the Parish Council should develop a proposal outlining how many signs would be required, where these should be located, and of what type they should be.
- e. It was reported that Mabel's Pond was not draining properly and was overflowing onto the verge which could potentially lead to flooding across The Street in Fritton in the event of additional rain. It was suggested that a drainage pipe that goes under the road may be blocked.

9. Planning

- a. It was agreed that all the Parish Councillors would need time to consider the points raised by both TGI and SHOWT in their documentation and submissions and that the Parish Council planning subcommittee should meet as soon as possible to discuss these and finalise their views.

- b. D Sargent had declared an interest in the planning proposal re extension of operations at the former Sand & Gravel Pit (C/7/2007/7009) and took no part in the discussion or vote on the proposal. After discussion the remaining Parish Councillors had no objections to the proposal.

10. Litter Pick

- a. The flyer from South Norfolk District Council regarding the Big South Norfolk Litter Pick was discussed. S Riches reiterated that assuming a suitable date could be found, the Scouts from Saxlingham Nethergate would be happy to support this within Morningthorpe & Fritton. As the SNDC scheme offers the chance of the community group winning a donation of £250 and SNDC would supply all the equipment it was agreed that the clerk should register to take part within the SNDC scheme and a date would be set once this was done.

11. No additional items were put forward for next meeting agenda

12. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9th April @ 7.30pm

The meeting was closed at 9.25pm