

## MORNINGTHORPE & FRITTON PARISH COUNCIL -

A Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April at The Barn, Friars Farm, Morningthorpe. Those present were:- Chairmnan, Mr P Rodger, Councillors Mrs C McDonnell, Mr E Oxe and Mr D Sargent, also District Councillor Mr M Windridge

Clerk :- Mrs E Riches and three persons interested in the Casual Vacancy.

1. **Apologies** were received from County Councillor Mrs A Thomas.
2. **There were no declarations of interest** in any of the agenda items.

The meeting was then suspended for public period. During this time Councillor Windridge informed of reason for his non attendance, but indicated that he would in future send written reports for meetings.

He informed that it was expected that there would soon be some news regarding a Long Stratton Bypass but informed that the matter of access to the bypass for residents was of concern – the Council to take note of this.

The meeting then resumed with:-

3. **The minutes** of the meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> April. These were approved and signed.
4. **Casual Vacancy** . The three persons interested in co-option Mr P Cooper, Mrs J Clarke and Mrs N Cullum gave information about themselves and as to why they were interested and all then agreed to leave.

Councillors then discussed the situation and a vote was taken as to who should be co-opted – the result being that Mr Cooper was the co-opted person. It was agreed that he should sign his declaration of acceptance as required – this to be done before the next meeting at a time agreed with the Clerk.. The Clerk to inform all the candidates of the decision. It was agreed that in view of the fact that two of the Councillors would be unable to attend on 13<sup>th</sup> May, ( the date given for the next meeting) that it be brought back to 8<sup>th</sup> May.

5. **Highway Matters** – It was noted that there had been removal of concrete blocks at the area on Brick Kiln Road – there now being a white link chain.

That the Highway Rangers would be coming was noted – no areas were designated for attention. It was noted that the potholes on School road had not yet been dealt with.

6. **Correspondence.** That to hand was noted - this including re Clerks Consultation meeting at SNC on 5<sup>th</sup> June - Clerk was requested to make it known that it is considered that there is too much paperwork coming through to smaller councils.

An email had been received re ownership of land in connection with a stile etc. this was not land within these parishes.

Information re scams and a police warning re a caller were noted.

Info re THE BIG LUNCH to be put on the website for if anyone is interested.

An email had been received concerning a Planning application that was in – this re:- Application 2014/0595 re The Hollies Farm, Morningthorpe. Proposed demolition of existing Poultry sheds and erection of 4 dwellings at Hollies Farm, Brick Kiln Lane, Morningthorpe NR15 2LG was noted – the email was an objection to the proposal .

Councillors had seen the application and discussed the matter – the decision being that there was no objection to it, it being considered that it would tidy up the site.

Information regarding the sending of agendas by email was noted – the decision was to continue doing so. It was noted that there were steps to be taken to clarify the legality of this. NALC and the government consulting re this.

7. A large bundle of papers of importance/information containing older and new had been passed around to the existing members in order that they could acquaint themselves of the situation regarding new requirements etc. It was agreed that the Clerk takes these to Mr Cooper to look through before the next meeting in order that he is familiar with the information and requirements. The Clerk to provide info as to what needs to be considered and agreed to comply to – those for dealing with on 8<sup>th</sup> May.

There had been info re the dates relevant to audit of the accounts for year 2013/4 in the bundle. Date by which the accounts to be internally audited and approved and date for them to be to the external auditor and date for electors rights were all on the sheet provided in the bundle.

It was noted that the Clerk had had problems in not being able to attend the meeting at Poringland re Standing Orders due to car trouble. It was agreed that information re the meeting be requested as payment had been made.

As for the Clerk's attendance at the SLCC conference at Peterborough on 30<sup>th</sup> April – this had had to be cancelled due to her having an operation that day – the invoice had been received but a credit note had also been received to cancel it. She was hopeful of information regarding the meeting being brought back for her. This was accepted.

There were no payments to be made at that date , but it was agreed that the insurance premium be paid to Came and Company before the end of May – this being the third payment of the contract.

As was agreed at the previous meeting the affiliation to Norfolk alc had been paid.

It was noted that the grit bin had not been returned – there was a £250 excess on the insurance in respect of each and every claim. As the bin was only £69 plus vat there had been no claim made.

It was agreed that the salt be cleared from the site and that it be returned in a suitable container to be provided rather than purchase of a new grit bin. The siting of it to be on the opposite side of the road. The chairman agreed to attend to removal of the grit.

It was agreed that the designation of a councillor to check the accounts be carried out at the next meeting.

The accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 to be prepared ready for approval by the due date.

8. Register of Interests. No Councillors had any altered interests to those already made known.
9. Date of next meeting – this as now agreed – reminder re the Annual Parish Council and Annual Parish Meetings to be on 27<sup>th</sup> May was given, and the meeting was closed at 8.33pm.