

Morningthorpe and Fritton Parish Council

10th April 2013

A Parish Council meeting was held on Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm at The Barn, Friars Farm.

Those present were:- Councillor D Sargent in the chair in place of Chairman P Rodger who had sent apologies for absence, Mrs C McDonnell, Mr E Oxer and Mr S Riches.

Mrs Evelyn Riches was present as Clerk.

Also present was County Councillor Mrs A Thomas and members of the public – a list of names was prepared.

1. Apologies – these received from Councillor P Rodger (Cllr Rodger made decision not to attend) and Mr M Windridge (on going reason for non attendance).

2. Declarations of interest – Councillor Sargent declared an interest in item 10 on the agenda – this re Track over the Common.

3. The meeting was then suspended for public questions/comments. During this period various matters regarding the matter of the proposed Streetwood Wind Farm and as to the matter of predermination as raised in a complaint made against Councillor P Rodger was discussed. There was confusion regarding the matter of predetermination – somewhat conflicting information being to hand. It was considered that clarification was required. The Clerk informed that she had put forward for training for the Councillors at training to be arranged by South Norfolk Council.

The meeting then resumed with the chairman informing that the Council would hold a further meeting regarding the matter of the wind farm and decision made by the Council - the Clerk pointed out that the Monitoring Officer from South Norfolk Council had indicated for a response by 12th April.

4. The minutes of the Meeting held 12th March were accepted and signed as a true record.

5. Correspondence:- Councillors had all had copies of letters from Mr and Mrs Stretton and Anneth Pointer – their comments were noted and were to be acknowledged.

Preferred Options for the Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (Regulation 18) and amendments to the Preferred options of the Sites Allocations and Policies Development Plan consultation periods were noted..

Annual General Meeting of the SLCC – it was agreed that the Clerk attends as she is able to do on 19th April – the attendance fee to be paid – cheque for £10 prepared. (Clerk has a hospital appointment in the morning)

6. Decision made regarding the Streetwood Wind Farm proposal – letter received from the Monitoring Officer at South Norfolk Council. Time being allowed for any additional or amended views.

This matter was discussed and it was eventually agreed that another meeting should be held on Tuesday 16th April to consider the matter further – the Clerk pointed out that response was required by 12th. However no change was made – the County Councillor put that there is usually more time possible. It was agreed that S Riches should prepare information ready for the 16th – all Councillors to receive copy.

It was considered that this should be the only agenda item, but the Clerk informed that the costing and application for funding in respect of Via speed signs would need to be an agenda item if application for funding is to be made by the required date. Further information is awaited. That this be on the agenda was agreed to.

Councillor Oxe informed of his apologies as he would not be able to attend the meeting.

7. Highways – Some works had been carried out by NCC – others still outstanding to be brought to attention together with a pothole by Clay Cottage.

8. Provision of grit bin – the Clerk explained the situation and it was agreed that the bin be paid for on invoice when the invoice had been received (an account was opened and confirmed that day) The bin had not been put in situ as it needed filling to be stable – NCC was to inform the Clerk when it would be filled with grit.

9. Notice of audit was given – accounts to be approved by 30th June, to external auditor by 5th July and electors rights 22nd July. As for effectiveness of Internal audit –it was agreed that internal audit has been effective – no change was made.

10. Track over Fritton Common – Clerk informed that responsibility for tracks over the Common was the responsibility of the residents affected and the owner of the common.

No other items were put forward for the next agenda and the meeting was then closed.