

## Morningthorpe and Fritton Parish Council

12th March 2013.

A Parish Council meeting was held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7.30pm at The Barn, Friars Farm Morningthorpe.

12<sup>th</sup> March 2013 Those present were:- Chairman Mr P Rodger, Mrs C McDonnell, Mr E Oxe, Mr S Riches and Mr D Sargent.

0. As the Clerk, Mrs E Riches was unable to attend due to illness, it was proposed by D Sargent and seconded by C McDonnell that S Riches acts as Clerk for the meeting.
1. There were apologies from Evelyn Riches (illness) and from District Councillor Mr M Windridge (Existing commitment)
2. D Sargent declared an interest in agenda items : Scooping opinion (7); and Payment for use of Barn for Parish meetings (8,1). There were no other declarations of interest.
3. Meeting was suspended for public session. There being no members of the public present the meeting recommenced at 7.45pm.
4. The minutes of the meetings of 2<sup>th</sup> February and 20<sup>th</sup> February were approved.

Matters arising: It was noted that there had been correspondence/contact from some residents re the decision made on 20<sup>th</sup> February re Streetwood Wind Farm. Letter to be acknowledged.

5. Correspondence to hand was noted = this included Clerks and Councils Direct Year Book and re Norfolk Community Recycling.
6. Highway Matters
  - a) Grit Bin Prices of bins from Buildbase and Glasdon were noted. It was proposed by D Sargent and seconded by C McDonnell that a 200litre grit bin be purchased at a cost of £69 plus. vat from Buildbase.

b) Speed signs –a full quotation was requested for the supply and installation of three (3) of the Via Mini Speed Signs, to be located close to the 40mile limits on the Street coming into Fritton from the north, on Middle Road entering Fritton from the south and on the Common between School Road and Manor Farm. The quotes should include supply and installation costs for

- a) 3\* Solar Powered Via Mini Units
- b) Poles and Pole Fixing kits
- c) Annual cost of any insurance necessary –
- d) Annual cost of maintenance contract

C) Highway items already reported by the Clerk include

- a Stepping Lane (by 2<sup>nd</sup> bend from Fritton Common)
- b Edges Lane (junction by Blacksmiths Cottage)
- c Near Fritton Cottage (pothole)
- d Church Lane in Morningthorpe

Other highway items needing attention were

- a) Broken drainage pipe under rough track adjacent to Mabel's Pond.
- b) Exposed cable (potentially High Voltage electrical cable) by junction of rough track and road adjacent to Mabel's Pond. Urgent assessment required.
- c) Large pothole by Three Ways Bungalow due to burst water main – urgent action required.
- d) Hedge opposite Morningthorpe Rectory causing obstruction to road traffic (Responsibility of Saffron/SNDC.
- e) Potholes in Krons (layby on left heading North near Sewage Plant.

## 7. Planning

a) Land at Long Stratton - Environment Impact Assessment : Scoping Report.

i District Councillor Windridge had expressed concern that the proposed changes could lead to a large increase in traffic through Fritton and that this should be included in the scoping report.

ii The Parish Council expressed concern for the impact of the residents with regards to:

- 1. Increase in traffic through the parish
- 2. Access of parish residents to Long Stratton and the proposed bypass including
  - a) heavy & agricultural vehicles
  - b) cars
  - c) cyclists (including children cycling to school in Long Stratton)
  - d) pedestrians

iii The Parish Council recommends that the scoping report needs to include the possibility of roundabout where the proposed bypass crosses Hall Lane to enable traffic to easily and safely join the bypass, reducing the temptation for traffic to drive through Fritton, Hempnall and Saxlingham towards Norwich.

- 1v The Parish Council also recommends that the scoping report should consider the safety of cyclists and pedestrians approaching Long Stratton from the east of the proposed byass and therefore needing to cross it. A suggestion was made that Edges Lane could be turned into a cyclist/pedestrian underpass.

8. Finances

D Sargent took no part in the item re:-

- a) Use of Barn for meetings.

It was proposed by P Rodger and seconded by C McDonnell that an annual payment of £30 be made to Friars Farm for the use of the barn and that this would be reviewed at the setting of the budget for 2014/2015.

- b) It was proposed by P Rodger seconded by S Riches that the balance of payment owing to the Clerk for her services (and associated payments to HMRC) should be made in line with the budget.

- c) No items of further expenditure to be made pre 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 was agreed.

- d) It was proposed by C McDonnell and seconded by P Rodger that an annual payment of £30 be made to the clerk for the use of her home as the Parish Council office and associated sundry costs, and that this -would be reviewed at the setting of the budget for 2014/15'

- e) It was proposed by P Rodger seconded by E Oxe to continue with the engagement of Mr J Alexander as Internal Auditor.

- f) Payment of invoice for annual charge of the Dog Bin Servicing (£59.48 plus Vat) was approved upon a proposal by P Rodger seconded by S Riches.

9. No additional items were raised for the agenda of the next meeting.

10. Date of next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm at The Barn unless one is required sooner.

- e) The meeting was then closed. -