

MORNINGTHORPE AND FRITTON PARISH COUNCIL

2nd September 2014

A Parish Council meeting was held on Tuesday, 2nd September at 7pm at The Barn, Friars Farm, Morningthorpe. Those present were Chairman, Mr P Rodger, Mr D Sargent, Mr E Oxer, Mr P Cooper and Mrs C McDonnell.

Mrs E Riches Clerk/RFO A member of the public was also present.

1. Apology was given for District Councillor, Mr M Windridge (work).
2. Declarations of interest in agenda items were given :- Mr D Sargent re item 13. Long Stratton Area Action Plan , and Mr P Rodger re planning application 2014/1495 re proposed Children's Nursery.

The meeting was suspended for public period and during this time information was given regarding the proposal re planning application 2014/1495, and County Councillor Mrs A Thomas gave some information regarding Norfolk County Council Budget process indicating that there would be the need for much thought re this in view of the difficult situation that there would likely be – possible cuts to services not legally required to be done over the next few years.

She also commented upon the outstanding performance re the running of children's nursery as run by the person applying for planning permission, and mentioned meeting at South Norfolk Council on 18th September 6pm and informed that having a defibrillator could/would incur ongoing costs.

She was thanked for attending and then left the meeting.

The meeting resumed with:-

3. Minutes of the meeting held 29th July. It was agreed that these be signed as a true record.

Arising from these it was realised that the matter of re-siting of the Notice Board had not been included in the agenda – this to be on the next meeting one. Councillor

Cooper was thanked for he and his family having hosted the visit of the visitors from Bosnia who were interested in Boyland Hall through knowledge/connection with the Irby family.

4. Correspondence – that to hand was brought to attention – this included items applicable to the running of a Parish Council – re Predetermination, Code of Conduct, Amendment to Standing Orders, re openness at meetings. All were noted.
5. Highway matters. An area of road to be brought to attention (low area) and hedge needing attention.
6. Standing Orders – it was proposed by E Oxer that the amended standing order re filming/recording etc. of meetings be adopted – this as having become law on 6th August 2014. Therefore alteration to standing orders of 2011 to apply.
7. Finances. It was noted that £194.96 had been received as refund re cost of the Vas sign – refund from Norfolk County Council.

The balances of the bank accounts – community at 29th August and Business Saver account were given as £ 750.19 and £522.76 No statement re Business saver account two received – there had been no withdrawals. No change re petty cash.

Audit of Accounts year ending 31st March 2014 – the External audit report was to hand - a note re amendment of figures at items 2 and 3 for next years return was noted (this as split was required re Precept figure as it had included the grant element as received from SNC). This had not meant that there was any difference on total receipts. That the notice as required re end of Audit had been posted on the Parish Council Notice Board was noted.

8. Clerk's salary – it was agreed that the new detailed contract as to hand be signed up to - proposed P Cooper, seconded D Sargent . However no detail re salary was dealt with for insertion – some discussion took place re expenses i.e:- that Clerk should claim. Note: - this matter will need to be on next agenda.
9. Matter of defibrillator – it was agreed that more info be obtained regarding possible annual costs. – Clerk informed that she had contacted the E of E Co-op about the possibility of one being available from the Co-op scheme of provision. Response was awaited. Info regarding communities and defibrillators from internet was noted.

Installation in the kiosk at Fritton being a possibility should one be provided, but the use of the kiosk would have to be gone into – much discussion took place re this matter.

10. Commemoration of WW1

This was discussed – the decision being that it should be looked to the possibility of sowing poppy seed at areas in the churchyards (Morningthorpe and Fritton) as it was not possible to sow on SSI land – the PCC to be contacted re permission . Should this be given the enough seed for coverage of 20 sq m to be obtained – Clerk to arrange for obtaining this. It was also agreed that the dedication/commemoration be included at Harvest Festival Service on 21st September. No application for funding now to be made to South Norfolk Council .

The provision of two seats made from tree trunks carved out was approved – Councillor Cooper offered one tree trunk – another to be found. These to be installed along the Boudica Way line at the south of the common.

As for the seat as suggested should be provided from the Litter Pick money – Clerk to obtain prices for seats for consideration at next meeting – she to obtain a large bag of daffodil and narcissi bulbs for planting at the area by the seat already in place. Planting to be towards end of October. Siting for the seat was put as at southern end of Fritton Common near where vehicles are parked at times.

11. Planning applications - 2014/1524 The Grove, Hempnall Road, Fritton: Retrospective application for Change of use to a mixed use for vehicle storage and depollution facility, motorsport preparation and associated sales, storage, repairs, web based parts supply business. Application: Change of use.

2014/1495 Land at Willow Lodge ,Hempnall Road ,Morningthorpe Proposed childcare nursery including car parking and new road access – application: full.

These applications were considered – the decision was that both should be approved.

12. Meetings coming up :- AGM of Norfolk alc - Saturday 4th October at Swanton Morley 9.30am. To agree as to attendees and pre booking re lunch. Thursday 9th October Opportunity to see the first community pub in Norfolk in action and enjoy a two course set meal .Parliamentary Outreach Session Tuesday 16th September 10am to midday at Downham Market Town Hall. (The workj of parliamentary Outreach includes re engagement

with Select Committee inquiries and showing how the public can get involved with legislative scrutiny – will be opportunity to ask questions and generally catch up on Parish Council news.

SLCC AGM at Bristol 10th October .

It was agreed that the Clerk attends other than re the meeting at Bristol.

Expenses to be paid - Clerk informed that she would pay re the 9th October event.

At this point it was agreed that item 13 be taken on to after the rest of the items have been dealt with.

Item 14 was then dealt with:-

Gypsies and Travellers Local Plan (GTLP) No comments to be sent.

15. Items for next agenda

D Sargent asked for National Tree Week to be on next agenda. and for Councillors to look to where any more trees are required. Website – D Sargent informed that there had been no contact from residents re this – it to be looked into as to what should be put on the site for discussion at next meeting. Policy/ advertising of the site required.

C McDonnell informed that school bus was now using School Road – she questioned this in icy conditions where there is no salting of the road – request re salting to be made.

Date of next meeting to be as required following the meeting to be attended on 18th September. Councillor Sargent then left the meeting

Item 13. Long Stratton Area Action Plan – pre submission consultation.

As there was concern as to how residents from the two parishes would be affected by proposed plans it was agreed that councillors who could attend should do so re the meeting arranged for at SNC offices on 18th September at 6 pm. It was agreed that those who could attend would be councillors P Rodger, C McDonnell, P Cooper with the Clerk also.

The meeting was then closed. This after 9 pm.

