

MORNINGTHORPE AND FRITTON PARISH COUNCIL

14th October 2014.

A Parish council meeting was held on Tuesday 14th October at 7.30p.m at The Barn, Friars Farm, Morningthorpe. Those present were:- Chairman, Mr P Rodger, Councillors D Sargent, C McDonnell and P Cooper.

Clerk/ RFO :- Mrs E Riches.

1. Apologies were given for Councillor E Oxer and County Councillor Mr M Windridge.
2. Declarations of Interest – D Sargent declared an interest in the Long Stratton Area Action Plan – item 5. It was known that the Clerk had an interest in item 6. Clerk's salary and Contract.
3. The minutes of the meeting held 2nd September were accepted and signed - addition of County Councillor Mrs A Thomas as attending was made (she had been present to speak during public period which was recorded)

Matters arising:- NCC informed of road requiring attention – access to Church Road, Morningthorpe from School Road - low area going out from School Road to Fritton Common . No one had indicated any more trees required – no action being taken.

4. Correspondence:- that to hand was noted, included was re :- Highway improvements in partnership with Parish and Town Councils, Norfolk County Council Budget Priorities for 2015/16, Norfolk RCC support of NRCC ,UEA info.

No action was ordered re these , but P Cooper took info from UEA to deal with privately.

5. To consider any response to be made re Long Stratton Area Action Plan Pre-submission Consultation.

It was agreed this item be put on to later on the agenda in view of the interest declared.

6. Clerk's Salary and Contract – This was discussed in length – the need to think about the future re a successor in due course having been made by the Clerk - compliance with recommendations etc. were considered – in view amount of things dealt with it was after consideration agreed upon a proposal by D Sargent, seconded by P Cooper that the clerk's salary for 2014/15 should be £800 – (it was acknowledged that this was not of the scale as recommended by the SLCC as from April 2013)

The contract was gone through with the chairman making any notations regarding decisions> It was already in place re payment of £30 re use of the home. Compliance with other items as necessary re expenses etc. as listed in the contract to stand – clerk to claim such. The Clerk also signed the contract as signed by the chairman. . (The info from SLCC re situation re Clerks salaries /expenses as from April 2013 was available for info).

It was agreed that the Council purchases it's own computer – cost etc to be looked into.

7. Other matters:- a) re-siting of notice board – it was decided not to do this.

b) Poppy seed – sowing of – it was decided not to progress with sowing of any large areas - perhaps just a handful scattered at an area.

c) Seat it was agreed that a hardwood suitable seat be obtained – this to be sited at the area where seats and notice boards now are. One to be obtained – allowance of £390 to be made – cheque to be signed as appropriate when required. The proposed tree seats to be provided as agreed.

d) daffodil bulbs – it was agreed that just one bag from Cherry Lane be obtained – this at £9,99 - clerk agreed to plant. Cheque to be signed when required in order to purchase.

e) defibrillator – it was decided not to progress re this (info had been obtained for consideration - it was noted that the funding that could have been asked for through the District Councillors allowance to spend was no longer possible – it to be spent in another parish.

- f) Meetings – Discussion took place re Parish Council meetings – there had been 13 in 2013/14.

After discussion it was upon a proposal by D sargent, seconded by P Cooper agreed that meetings should be bi-monthly on the first Tuesdays of the months and with a start time of 6 pm - this commencing as from November 2014. (The Clerk had pointed out that meetings could be needed at other times when decisions are required to comply with response dates etc.)

It was agreed that notice be placed on notice board and website indicating the change and dates of meetings as agreed.

Other meetings to be attended - already been approved Clerk attends as necessary - expenses to be paid.

(Website – this to have additional info as necessary re the Parish Council and connection with – items to come through Clerk for passing/checking for website. Draft minutes to have draft upon them upon until accepted. Councillors interests as current to be on.

To be a separate area for other village matters/info.

f) Finances :- Balances as at 28th September :- Community account £1,494.19 (included £744 receipt from South Norfolk Council . Business Account One £522.83 (7p interest added) Business Two £3,412.72 (interest of 46p added). Petty Cash £18.57.

Affiliation to NRCC to be paid.

The meeting was then suspended for a short period and resumed with item 5 – Councillor Sargent had already left when the meeting was resumed.

The write up as prepared by Councillor Cooper following the meeting at which Councillors Rodger, MacDonnell and Cooper attended was considered and it was agreed that it be sent on to South Norfolk Council, Mike Rigby (who was present at the meeting on behalf of Richard Bacon MP) and to County Councillor and District Councillor.