

MORNINGTHORPE AND FRITTON PARISH COUNCIL

6th January 2015

A Parish Council meeting was held on Tuesday 6th January at 7.30pm at Friars Farm, Morningthorpe. Those present were:- Chairman, Mr P Rodger and Councillors E Oxer, D Sargent and C McDonnell.

Also present were County Councillor Mrs A Thomas and two members of the public.

Clerk :- Mrs E Riches.

1. Apologies were received for Councillor P Cooper and District Councillor M Windridge.
2. **Declaration of interest** in item 6 (Scoping Opinion re 2014/2496) was made by D Sargent.

The meeting was then suspended for public questions/statements and during this time much discussion took place regarding the Scoping Opinion re application 2014/2496. There being concern about the way in which parishes other than Long Stratton would be affected by the proposed development. County Councillor Mrs A Thomas made points about the reason for consultation regarding this, and much discussion ensued.

Councillor Sargent took no part in the discussion.

Information as to the view of District Councillor M Windridge was given during this period – this by Mrs Windridge.

County Councillor Mrs Thomas gave some information regarding emergency services mentioning Highways and flooding and that there was to be change of senior appointments as at the County Council – there would be less appointments.

The members of the public then left.

The meeting resumed with:-

3. Minutes of the meeting held 4th November were accepted and signed.
4. Correspondence – that to hand was noted – this including re Thinking Fuel, info

from Hempnall Group re books available, Domestic Abuse, Protocol for reporting at meetings, Local Councils Updates November and December, Stay Warm and Well, Info from SLCC and re Autumn Seminar as far as received to date, from the Coop re defibrillators , info from Clerks meeting at SNC on 4th December and NRCC Newsletter.

It was then agreed that the Planning item 6 be left until last item.

Item 7 Finances was then dealt with:-

Balances of the accounts were given – balances as at 29th December were
community account £960.69,

Business account £522.90 (7p interest added)

Business account Two £3,413.15 (interest of 43p added). Petty cash £8.58 (£9.99 having been paid to Cherry Lane re daffodil bulbs that have been planted.

It was agreed that £48 be paid re Clerks membership to SLCC.

It was noted that there would need to be payment re bin servicing, payments to Friars Farm £30 re use of the barn, Clerks £30 re use of home and salary £800 and some cost re office requirements, also any costs re installaation of the seat before the end of the financial year.

As for the computer required – this and any associated items/costs not to be dealt with until the new financial year was agreed.

Pay Awards – the Clerk brought to notice this matter – concern being that pay should be on the correct scale for clerks for if there comes the time for a successor to the current clerk. The lowest scale payment was made known - SC 15 £8.613 per hour as in the info re awards. No change was requested for the current year.

Estimated expenditure for the year 2015/6 was considered and it was agreed that there should be a rise in the precept – the amount to be required which would take into account the grant of £102 grant from SNC being £1,703 –i t was noted that this would mean a 12.2% increase on the year 2014/5 – it was also noted that the amount of £1,600 had been kept to for three years (the £1,600 having been re precept and grant in respect of the last two years. It was proposed by C McDonnell, seconded by D Sargent that the precept for 2015/6 be for £1,703.

It was noted that any additional cost could be met from funds held after payment as necessary re 2014/15 expenditure.

8. Matters requiring attention – none were raised other than that ice did form on a road.

9. No other matters were raised, but it was agreed that the clerk looks into the costs that would be associated with a defibrillator being obtained from the Coop – it has been noted that the defibrillator could be provided free with possibly £100 being contributed towards the cost of installation.

Councillor Sargent then left and item 6 was proceeded with.

Considerable discussion took place and it was unanimously agreed that the Council completely and absolutely agreed with and supported the responses re the Scoping Opinion re 2014/2496 as produced by Hempnall Parish Council and those of District Councillor Michael Windridge - The Clerk informed of the concern of the Hempnall Parish Council which District Councillor Windridge had brought to attention – this regarding item 6 of the Hempnall Parish Council response – the last sentence which referred to the statement in the scoping report at 3.2. The Council agreed that there needed to be clarification re this matter.

In addition the Parish Council response in respect of 4.2 – fourth bullet point to be :-
Is the A140 to be the bypass and are houses to the east to be put Morningthorpe side of the bypass?

Re 7.4 5th bullet point - reassessing the effect of the Proposed Development on recreational and leisure it is considered that it needs to be ensured that the Morningthorpe and Fritton Parish Council is fully consulted re this as it will have a large effect on the commons of both Morningthorpe and Fritton (SSI one)

Re where it states 'The side roads do not convey significant volumes of traffic ' the point is made that the three roads going west are NOT INSIGNIFICANT and it is considered that there should be traffic counts carried out at times as required by the Parish Council.

Highlight re 10.1 – the Parish Council is very concerned about the effects, **not only during but also after the development.**

Full consideration of all the points made is very important and requested please.

The responses to be made to South Norfolk Council within the extended timing for responses as agreed with South Norfolk Council. The Clerk to deal it this.

The meeting was then closed – it being noted that the next meeting might need to be on the 3rd Tuesday in March rather than the 1st.