

MORNINGTHORPE AND FRITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of Parish Council meeting held at The Barn, Friars Farm, Morningthorpe
at 6.30pm on Tuesday 12 March 2019

Present: Councillors P Rodger (Chair), C McDonnell, W Sargent, N Cullum
In attendance: G Roderick-Jones (Clerk), County Councillor A Thomas

1 **Apologies** for absence: Cllr P C ooper

2 **Declarations** of interest: none

3 **Public discussion:** The Chairman reminded those present that members of the public could address the council only during this adjournment for public discussion.

- A member of the public presented to the councillors further evidence relating to his revised retrospective application 2019/0113 Sycamore Farm, The Street, Fritton, including internal photographs of the outbuilding in question. The council would consider their response in item 8c below.
- A member of the public asked about safety measures now that the large pond on the Common had been cleared of trees and undergrowth.

4 **Report from County Councillor:**

- The County Council budget was passed in February.
- The Early Years building in Long Stratton will remain open and will act as one of the area hubs. The reorganisation has been designed to redress imbalances between urban and rural provision.
- Most of the funds available for highways improvements has now been allocated to work on the A140 around the site of the recent fatal accident.
- Work on the Hempnall Roundabout progresses despite a slight delay. A 30mph speed limit will be imposed for part of the duration of the work.
- The part merger between Broadland and South Norfolk is progressing.
- District Councillors will go into purdah on 20 March before the 2 May elections, but most services will operate as normal.

5 **Minutes** of the last meeting held on 13 November 2018 were approved and signed with one amendment: the name of the new Tree Warden should be recorded as “Christopher” rather than “Kit”.

6 **Matters arising** from the minutes: none

7 **Finances**

a Payment(s) for authorisation AGREED:

Eastern Tree Care	tree work on Fritton Common	£640.00
Gareth Roderick-Jones	expenses 2018-2019	£121.67
(proposed W Sargent, seconded C McDonnell and all agreed)		

b Bank balances @ 4 March 2019 NOTED:

Community Account	£771.19
Savings 1	£3425.71
Savings 2	£3.60
TOTAL	£4200.50

unpresented cheques: nil
(proposed N Cullum, seconded W Sargent and all agreed)

c Review of draft budget for 2019-2020 NOTED

8 Planning Issues (previously circulated to councillors)

- 2019/0497 Willow Lodge, discharge of conditions – NO OBJECTION
- 2019/0303 Brick Kiln Works, Brick Kiln Lane change of use to industrial B1 and B2 – SUPPORT
- 2019/0113 Sycamore Barn revised retrospective change of use of barn – NO OBJECTION

9 Fritton Common Pond Work

The ash tree proved to be diseased, and both trees were removed and Cllr Sargent removed the timber and cleared the area of brambles. Further work to the pond, the drain and the ditch have been deferred for financial reasons.

10 Highways Issues

- There are various potholes; individual councillors will report these to NCC as they are able to give accurate locations, and can also follow up if remedial work is not carried out.
- The Old School House, Old School Road – hedge is encroaching on highway, despite several requests to the owners to cut the hedges back.

11 **Community Litterpick:** has been booked with SNDC for the weekend Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 April – extra bags have been requested for this 2-day litterpick.

12 **Community Defibrillator:** final clearance has arrived from BT, as UKPN have now confirmed that the power supply has been reconnected. A listed buildings consent application has been completed and handed in at SNDC. Once that has cleared, the clerk will go back to The Community Heartbeat Trust for an update on available equipment suitable for that location, and information on current funding opportunities.

13 Report on Long Stratton Development Briefing

- Cllr Rodger and the clerk attended a briefing today at SNDC offices in Long Stratton. The entire development is still out for consultation, and a revised set of plans will probably appear late in 2019. Meanwhile, comments from members of the public and local councils are being accepted and considered.

- One change on the proposed bypass from the original applications is the junction with Hall Lane. Originally a roundabout, this has now become a bridge which will allow traffic to use Hall Lane to access Morningthorpe etc from Long Stratton and vice versa. The justification for the change is mainly to do with the distances required between roundabouts on the bypass, and complaints about the number of roundabouts on the original proposal. However, the fact that this bridge would not have access ramps to allow traffic to join or leave the bypass at this point have raised some issues about HGV vehicles having to use the current Hall Lane junction, or having to travel east into the maze of minor rural roads around our villages. The planners were advised that an agricultural area like this generates a considerable amount of heavyweight traffic, plus the possibility of the animal feed mill coming back into operation, which would all have to have access to the bypass without using the smaller rural road network to get there. The lack of access ramps, it was said, was a decision made for purely financial reasons.
- There was talk of mitigation of the effects of any increase in traffic, for example, considering speed limit changes in Fritton.

14 Nominations for May 2019 Elections: nomination forms would be completed and signed after the official meeting closed

15 Correspondence previously circulated to councillors: NOTED

16 Any Other Business/Items for Next Agenda as noted above

17 Next meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at the earlier time of 6.00pm on Tuesday 14 May 2019, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.