Morningthorpe and Fritton Parish Council

Draft minutes of Parish Council meeting held at The Barn, Friars Farm, Morningthorpe

at 6.30pm on Tuesday 9 July 2019

**Present**: Councillors P Rodger (Chair), C McDonnell, W Sargent, N Cullum, P Cooper

**In attendance:** G Roderick-Jones (Clerk),

1 **Apologies** for absence: County Councillor A Thomas, District Cllr M Edney

2 **Declarations** of interest: none

3 **Public discussion:** none

4 **Report from County Councillor:**

 Cllr Thomas sent a report by email:

* The fate of Shelton School is about to be decided, but as there are no pupils registered for September, closure seems inevitable.
* The Conservation Area Review for Fritton has been drafted, and Cllr Thomas hopes it is found satisfactory.

**5 Minutes** of the last meeting held on 14 May 2019 were approved and signed

**6** **Matters arising** from the minutes: clerk will send quote just received of £800 for a new noticeboard for Morningthorpe to Cllr Edney with a request for funding assistance.

 Fritton noticeboard repairs have been quoted at £100. Proposed that the council give the go- ahead – proposed P Cooper, seconded WSsargent and agreed unanimously. Cllr Cullum will coordinate.

**7** **Finances: NOTED**

 a Bank balances @ 3 July 2019: Community Account £1302.42 Savings 1 £3427.42

 Savings 2 £3.60

 TOTAL £4733.44

 b Update on internal audit/exempt status: await return of internal audit papers; exempt status has been confirmed by external auditors

**8 Planning Issues (previously circulated to councillors)**

 no new applications

**9 Community Defibrillator**

On the advice of Dr Bamber, the clerk has contacted the East of England Ambulance Trust. They have responded with a large amount of information, which the clerk will pass to Dr Bamber for his advice. Clerk will contact Cllrs Thomas and Edney for advice/information on funding.

**10 Highways Issues**

* + potholes and resurfacing on School Road has just been carried out.
	+ hedges at Old School House have not been cut and affect traffic visibility – clerk to follow up.
	+ Speed and road narrows signs on School Road are still obscured by overgrowth – clerk to follow up
	+ Drains outside cottages on Fritton Common need clearing – cllrs will examine to ascertain what is needed (for next agenda).

**11 Community Litterpick:** The Parish Council have been fined by SNDC for failing to return all 20 litterpickers after the community litterpick. The clerk has complained to Lisa Fountain at SNDC because a fine for non-return of equipment is not an established procedure, or is a procedure which has not been made known to participating groups; there is no system on collection or return of equipment for counting the number of items or for signing for them; the volunteer who collected and returned the equipment (Cllr Mcdonnell) is certain that all were present when they were returned to SNDC. The clerk will write again with a copy to Cllr Edney.

**12 Conservation Area Review:** an exhibition of draft findings was available to the public before this PC meeting. Full details are available on the South Norfolk Council's website.

**13 Polling Station Review/Consultation**

* + A review is currently underway, and members of the public are invited to participate via the SNDC website. No changes are proposed to the arrangements for this parish.

**14 Correspondence** previously circulated to councillors: NOTED

**15** **Parish Partnership Scheme:** available again for shared funding of highways projects. Bids for funding have to be submitted by 6 December 2019.

**16 Any Other Business/Items for Next Agenda** as noted above, plus forthcoming pond work

**17** **Next meeting:** Tuesday 10 September 2019 at 6.30pm