Morningthorpe and Fritton Parish Council

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

at 6.30pm on Tuesday 10 September 2019

**Present**: Cllrs W Sargent (Vice Chair), C McDonnell, W Sargent, N Cullum, P Cooper

**In attendance:** G Roderick-Jones (Clerk), County Cllr A Thomas

1 **Apologies** for absence: Cllr P Rodger, District Cllr M Edney

2 **Declarations** of interest: W Sargent declared an interest in item 8a

3 **Public discussion:** none

4 **Report from County Councillor:**

Cllr Thomas informed the council that a decision on funding for the Long Stratton bypass, which will enable to work to proceed, is still awaited; progress on the construction of the new Hempnall roundabout is good, and despite some inevitable local disruption we can all look forward to safer and easier travel along and across the A140.

Cllr Thomas also informed the council that the District Council will soon publish details of the new local plan including site specific proposals for public consultation.

5 **Minutes** of the last meeting held on 9 July 2019 were approved and signed

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

7 **Finances: NOTED**

 Bank balances @ 1 September 2019:

 Community Account £1302.42 Savings 1 £3429.14

 Savings 2 £3.60

 TOTAL £4735.16

8 **Planning issues:**

 a 2019/1475 Hall Farm Workshops: change of use to self-storage facility – application withdrawn pending discussions with planners (noted)

 b 2019/1724 Oakwood, The Common, Fritton: tree work (no comment)

 c 2019/1450 Hollies Bungalow, Brick Kiln Lane: siting of mobile home (application withdrawn - noted)

 d late applications – none

**9 Community Defibrillator**

The East Of England Coop were major funders of community defibrillators until 2015 but no longer assist in this. The clerk has approached the Lottery Fund who take a minimum of 6 months to reach a decision once an application has been made. In view of this the councillors will look into fundraising ideas within the community, which would have the added benefit of informing and involving residents. Ideas include quiz night, auction of promises, raffles etc. PC funds contain sufficient to purchase a defibrillator and could be reimbursed by community fundraising. For the next agenda.

**10 Highways Issues**

* + Hempnall Roundabout – as discussed above

**11 Police Engagement Meeting:** The clerk attended this meeting on 9 September in Diss. The new Safer Neighbourhood Team introduced themselves and expressed a willingness to engage with PCs should specific need occur, when they could attend a PC meeting given sufficient notice. They are sending the clerk new contact information, which will then be distributed to councillors.

**12 Any Other Business/Items for Next Agenda** as noted above

**17** **Next meeting:** Tuesday 12 November 2019 at 6.30pm