Morningthorpe and Fritton Parish Council

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

at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12 November 2019

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

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

1 **Apologies** for absence: County Cllr A Thomas, 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:** (submitted by email)The Hempnall roundabout should have “officially” opened today but the ceremony can’t go ahead because of purdah. Clearly the road is completed in time and I hope you will join me in congratulating the contractors on a job well done.

County budget and Fire and Rescue service IRMP are out to consultation please contribute if you wish.

Parish partnership applications close in early Dec so if you require my support for anything please let me know.

I have a small amount of my local member highway budget remaining if you have a small project in your parish.

£500k award from government to work up final business case for Long Stratton bypass is very welcome and will hopefully move the project closer.

5 **Minutes** of the last meeting held on 10 September 2019 were approved and signed

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

7 **Finances: NOTED**

 Bank balances @ 3 November 2019:

 Community Account £2677.42

 Savings 1 £3429.13

 Savings 2 £3.60

 TOTAL £6110.15

8 **Planning issues:**

 a 2019/2066 Hall Farm Workshops: change of use to self-storage facility (new appli cation) - no comment

 b late applications - none

**9 Community Defibrillator update**

Clerk will check how much time needs to be allowed between ordering and installation. Will also check whether the equipment can be purchased now, or if that will prejudice any funding applications (as some organisations will not fund work which is already underway). Clerk will also follow up funding requests with Saracens Fund and failing that via the Community Action Fund.

**10 Highways Issues**

* + Hempnall Roundabout – as discussed above. Construction is complete and roundabout is now open.
	+ The following need to be looked at – potholes, crumbling edges, patches:

 Edges Lane, Church Lane, School Road, Blacksmith Lane

**11 Community Noticeboards:**

* The repairs to the Fritton noticeboard will be carried out in December (so noticeboard will have to be removed for a time);
* Morningthorpe noticeboard is to be part-funded from Cllr Edney's Member's Fund – clerk will follow up to ensure application is made in time.

**12 Litterpicking Equipment:** this has been collected from NCC and Patrick will store it. It will be made available for community groups and for organised community litterpicks.

**13 Any Other Business/Items for Next Agenda** as noted above; plus:

 2020-21 precept demand with budget and annual spend to date

 pond work

 follow-up to Conservation Area survey

**17** **Next meeting:** Tuesday 14 January 2020 at 6.30pm

 Meeting dates for 2020: 10 March, 12 May, 14 July, 8 September, 10 November