Morningthorpe and Fritton Parish Council

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

at 6.30pm on Tuesday 14 January 2020

**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

2 **Declarations** of interest: P Rodger declared an interest in item 8 a (Planning)

3 **Public discussion:** none

4 **Report from County Councillor:** (submitted by email)A public consultation on a County Divisions boundary review is due soon, and it would be advisable to check for any changes affecting this local area.

5 **Minutes** of the last meeting held on 12 November 2019 were approved and signed

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

7 **Finances:**

 a Bank balances @ 8 January 2020 NOTED:

 Community Account £2549.26 Savings 1 £3430.84

 Savings 2 £1061.01 (includes donation)

 TOTAL £7041.11

 b Figures for Receipts and Payments for the financial year to date:

 two figures need to be amended – the Evolution Joinery quote is for £800 not £1000, and the PCC annual donation of £300 needs to be added to the antici pated payments

 c Decision on most appropriate precept option and signing of precept form:

 as a result of steadily increasing day-to-day costs the council have opted for an increase of £2.75 per household per annum (equating to 26p per month) for a Band D property. This is an increase of 10% over the current charge, and will raise the total precept to £3000 per annum.

 This was proposed by Cllr Sargent, seconded by Cllr Cooper, and agreed by all.

8 **Planning issues:**

 a 2019/2513 land north of Wood Green: change of use to boar stud – NO COMMENT

 b 2019/2545 Brick Kiln Works: erection of storage building on existing concrete pad – NO COMMENT

 c 2020/0011 1, Council Houses, The Common, Fritton: single storey rear extension – NO COMMENT

**9 Update on funding for community defibrillator**

 District Councillor Edney has submitted an application for £1000 towards the defibrillator from the Community Action Fund (CAF). Decisions on allocation of funds is made in January/February. The Parish Council have decided that if the bid is unsuccessful, they will proceed with the purchase regardless, using funds raised by the community recently, supple mented by PC reserves. A qualified electrician will need to install: Cllr Cooper will obtain a quote.

**10 Pond work**

 The newt season is too close for pond work to start now. Later in 2020 the pipe leading from the pond into the ditch will need to be unblocked and the ditch lowered. This will require Nat ural England permission, which Cllr Sargent will obtain.

**11 Conservation Area Survey results**

 Some residents affected by minor changes in the Conservation Area boundaries have been notified. The Parish Council has not received information, though a new map can be seen on the SNDC website.

**12 Community noticeboards:**

 Repais to the Fritton noticeboard are underway.

 Funding from the Member's Grant for the new Morningthorpe noticeboard has been refused as noticeboards are no longer eligible. This is now on hold pending the outcome of the CAF application (item 9 above). We also still have not received permission from Highways to posi tion the new noticeboard on the verge outside St John's. Clerk will follow up.

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

**14** **Next meeting:** Tuesday 10 March 2020 at 6.30pm