

## MORNINGTHORPE AND FRITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of Parish Council meeting held remotely via Zoom because of the coronavirus pandemic at 6.30pm on Monday 12 January 2021

**Present:** Cllrs P Rodger (Chair), P Cooper, W Sargent

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

1 **Apologies** for absence: Cllrs N Cullum, C Mcdonnell

2 **Declarations** of interest: none

3 **Public discussion:** none

4 **Report from County & District Councillors:**

Cllr Thomas is compiling a list of properties in the area who suffered flooding to their properties in December; Cllr Cooper knows of three in Fritton and will send Cllr Thomas addresses and contact information. Cllr Sargent will also send details including photos of the pothole near Friars Farm which has caused damage to a number of vehicles.

Cllr Edney confirmed that South Norfolk District Council are also working on the flooding which occurred in the district. The main business of SNDC is currently Covid response, including support for businesses and families affected.

5 **Minutes** of the last meeting held on 8 September 2020 were approved and will be signed asap.

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

7 **Finances:**

a Bank balances @ 6 January 2021 NOTED:

Community Account	£471.76
Savings 1	£1016.84
Savings 2	£3433.52
TOTAL	£4922.12

- b Authorisation of payments proposed by Cllr Rodger, seconded by Cllr Sargent and agreed by all:

G Roderick-Jones	annual salary Mar 20 - Feb 21	£1284.19
HMRC	PAYE	£321.05

- c To note any outstanding invoices for the 2020-21 financial year NOTED

- d To discuss and decide on precept demand for 2021-22. The following was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Sargent and agreed by all:

current precept 2020-21	£3,000.00
current Band D charge 2020-21	£27.52
new tax band	111
new precept 2021-22	£3,000.00
new Band D charge 2021-22	£27.03
change to Band D charge in £	-£0.49
change to Band D charge in %	-0.98%

The decision not to increase the council's income for 2021-2022 despite rising prices results in a decrease of just under 1% for a Band D property.

**8 Planning issues:**

- a 2019/2513F Land North of Wood Lane: building and ancillary works: boar stud - Committee date 13 January 2021 (for information only)
- b 2020/2460 The Old Rectory, Edges Lane: single storey orangery (listed building consent) – no objections
- c late applications – none

**9 Update on community defibrillator**

The equipment has been installed in the old telephone kiosk since the last meeting. The following need to be added to the next agenda:

- training: a public training course was not included in the package purchases; this can be organised but will need to be held after restrictions due to the pandemic have eased;
- the kiosk will need painting and new top glass – the clerk will investigate costs.

**10 Potholes etc**

Cllr Sargent will send in information about the pothole near Friars Farm (see item 4 above) which has already been reported by numerous people. Cllr Cullum has also reported potholes in the area.

**11 Flooding in Fritton:**

(see item 4 above). The council also noted the amount of work being carried out by individuals in the parish to improve the efficiency of drains and ditches. The pond has not overflowed but work has not been possible recently because of the wet conditions and the seasonal restrictions caused by the presence of wildlife. Cllrs Rodger and Sargent will check the ditches and culverts near the pond once circumstances allow.

**12 Damage to Fritton Noticeboard:** Damage was caused to the new noticeboard recently when BT or Openreach workers/contractors were carrying out tree work near overhead lines. The clerk attempted without success to get a response from Openreach and eventually had to contact the CEO, whose team is now investigating. Meanwhile, the councillors say that the damage is not serious and can be repaired easily. Cllrs Rodger and Sargent will check it.

**13 Correspondence:** as already circulated to councillors.

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

**15 Next meeting:** Tuesday 9 March 2021 at 6.30pm (arrangements to be confirmed)