

MORNINGTHORPE AND FRITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of Parish Council meeting held at Friars Farm Barn, Morningthorpe
at 6.30pm on Monday 9 November 2021

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

In attendance: G Roderick-Jones (Clerk)

1 **Apologies** for absence: Cllr N Cullum

2 **Declarations** of interest: Cllr Cooper in items 10a-c

3 **Public discussion:** none

4 **Report from County & District Councillors:** none

5 **Minutes** of the last meeting held on 14 September 2021 were approved and signed

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

7 **Finances:**

a APPROVAL of payment (proposed by Cllr McDonnell, seconded by Cllr Rodger):
L Smith village sign maintenance £26.22
NALC annual donation (churtyard maint) £300.00

b NOTED current bank balances as at 2 November 2021
current account £3,391.61
savings account £1,061.93
savings 2 £2,033.69
balance £6,487.23

c NOTED: receipt of half yearly precept from SNDC: £1500.00 on 8 October 2021

8 **Planning issues:**

The council considered the following and concluded that there were no comments to make:

- a 2021/2269 The Old Rectory, The street, Fritton: removal of leylandii
- b 2021/2217 The Old Rectory, The Street, Fritton : replace windows
- c 2021/2150 The Old Rectory, The Street, Fritton: reduction of beech tree
- d 2021/2113 Preston Barn, Hemplall Road: conversion of stable block to residential
- e late applications if any (none)

9 **Tree Planting for 70th Jubilee** Cllr Sargent has contacted Natural England who are reluctant to consider adding trees to an SSSI characterised as open grassland. Alternative sites will need to be considered if the parish is to mark the Jubilee with tree planting. Cllr Cooper will explore

the possibility of using an area of land owned by the church and currently rented by a resident.

- 10 Telephone kiosk (update):** Paving is progressing with the outside having received at least two coats. The “Defibrillator” signs for the top windows have been ordered and are expected soon; when the signs arrive the clerk will make out a cheque for signature as this expenditure has already been agreed.
- 11 Public training courses for defibrillator:** Onsite courses available are for restricted numbers (normally a maximum of eight people) and are quite expensive – from £500+VAT. The clerk has located one course with a maximum of 12 participants, at a cost of £450 including VAT. However, residents who have done first aid training at work or through another organisation will already be familiar with basic CPR and defibrillator use; arguably defibrillators do not need trained operators, so there may be little demand for the parish council to run formal training. The clerk will create a sign-up list for the Fritton noticeboard to try to assess public demand for a course.
- 12 Road Safety around Fritton Common:** A resident has submitted a detailed complaint about the 40mph limit through Fritton, comparing this unfavourably with other communities in this area. The parish council have already tried to get NCC Highways to take action, without success. The clerk will write to County Cllr Thomas to see if she can influence matters on behalf of the parish.
- 13 Noticeboard at Morningthorpe:** A resident may be able to make a noticeboard for the parish and community. This is being looked into – to be added to the next agenda.
- 14 Correspondence:** as already circulated to councillors.
- 15 Any Other Business/Items for Next Agenda** as noted above
- 16 Next meeting:** Tuesday 11 January 2022 at 6.30pm