

MORNINGTHORPE AND FRITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of Parish Council meeting held at Friars Farm Barn, Morningthorpe
at 6.30pm on Monday 11 January 2022

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

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

1 **Apologies** for absence: District Cllr M Edney

2 **Declarations** of interest: none

3 **Public discussion:** none

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

Cllr Thomas commented on recent requests from residents for traffic calming measures in Fritton. The reduced speed limit recently introduced in Hempnall was as a result of a number of accidents, but principally because it was paid for by property developers as part of an agreement to offset the effects of increased traffic caused by their housing development. Fritton does not qualify for a change in the speed limit (criteria for this would include a school, sports centre or businesses generating traffic) so any changes would have to be privately funded.

Cllr Thomas also discussed drainage in the area: so far, the improvements to ditches appear to be having a good effect.

NCC backroom staff are being deployed to assist the NHS to relieve some of the pressure they are facing.

District: the review of accommodation for South Norfolk & Broadland District Councils has not yet reached a conclusion.

5 **Minutes** of the last meeting held on 9 November 2021 were approved

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

7 **Finances:**

a Payments APPROVED (proposed by P Rodger, seconded by N Cullum):

Gareth Roderick-Jones salary March 2021 – Feb 2022 £1284.19

Gareth Roderick-Jones admin expenses 2021-2022 £131.94

HMRC PAYE £321.05

Derek Burroughs repainting defib kiosk £150.00

Defib Store Ltd defib signage for kiosk £90.00

(this payment deferred as Defib Store now require payment upfront which is contrary to the council's Financial Regulations – pending resolution)

b Current bank balances as at 5 January 2022 NOTED:

current account £3065.39

savings account £1,061.96

savings 2 £2,033.74

balance £6,161.09

c Precept demand for 2022-2023:

The council decided to maintain the current income of £3,000 per annum. This will result in an increase of £0.24 per Band D household per annum, an increase of half a penny a week, or 1%.

Proposed by W Sargent and seconded by C McDonnell

8 Planning issues:

The council considered the following - there were no comments to make:

- a 2021/2604 Fern Cottage, The Street: replacement of single storey extension with two-storey extension etc
- b 2021/2610 Moor Cottages, The Green: porch/rear extension
- c late applications - none

9 Tree Planting for 70th Jubilee Cllr Cooper has spoken to Stanley, who rents a piece of land from the church. He is amenable to the planting of a number of suitable trees on this land; Cllr Cooper will approach the PCC for their permission.

10 Telephone kiosk (update): Painting is complete. The signage has been delayed because the suppliers, who originally agreed to deliver and then receive payment have now said they require payment in advance, which the council's Financial Regulations do not allow. The clerk will seek alternative suppliers.

11 Public training courses for defibrillator: A sign-up sheet has been on the noticeboard for some time and opinions have been canvassed within the community, and there is insufficient demand to justify running a course.

12 Receipt of two plaques from Lord Lieutenant: At the annual carol service in December, Cllr C McDonnell received, on behalf of the parish council, commemorative plaques for Fritton and for Morningthorpe, to commemorate the resilience of our communities during the Coronavirus pandemic. The plaques have been handed over to the respective churches for public display.

13 Noticeboard at Morningthorpe: Anthony has agreed to make a noticeboard for Morningthorpe. It is expected that he will be able to make use of existing materials, so we will no longer need to depend on District Cllr Edney's Member's Grant for this.

14 Correspondence: as already circulated to councillors.

15 Any Other Business/Items for Next Agenda as noted above

16 Next meeting: Tuesday 8 March 2022 at 6.30pm

Before the meeting closed, the councillors paid tribute to Evelyn Riches, who died recently. Evelyn worked with the parish council as Parish Clerk for a number of years until she retired in early 2016. She worked tirelessly and selflessly, and her contribution to the council and the community as a whole were remarkable. She will be remembered fondly.