

MORNINGTHORPE AND FRITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Friars Farm Barn, Morningthorpe
at 6.30pm on Tuesday 9 January 2024

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

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

1 Apologies for absence: none

2 Declarations of interest: none

3 Public discussion: none

4 Report from County & District Councillors: County Cllr Alison Thomas updated the council on a number of issues:

- potholes are not currently being dealt with because of the weather conditions;
- local government are experiencing the effects of the increased national living wage but without financial support from central government; there are sizeable deficits leading to some difficult decisions;
- Norfolk is heading towards 98% broadband coverage though there are still some communities not covered;
- Until now, data on mobile coverage has been supplied to OFCOM by the service providers themselves; Norfolk CC are now to install monitors on refuse trucks to obtain reliable independent data;
- ground clearance work for the Long Stratton bypass is beginning before the nesting season; final documents for the release of funding and the selection of main contractor are imminent; Cllr Thomas will raise concerns regarding plans for Hall Lane and an HGV route to and from the mill with the Project Manager.

5 Minutes of the last meeting held on 14 November 2023 were approved; no matters arising.

6 Finances

a Current bank balances as at 3 January 2024 NOTED:

current account	£4,567.72
savings account	£1,073.11
savings 2	£2,055.08
balance	£7,695.91

- b To approve the following payments: APPROVED (proposed by Cllr Rodger and seconded by Cllr Cullum)

M&F PCC	£300.00	annual donation
Leah Smith	£50.00	internal audit
G Roderick-Jones	£1505.09	salary Mar 2023 to Feb 2024
HMRC	£376.27	PAYE Mar 2023 to Feb 2024
W Sargent	£54.54	repairs to defib kiosk

- c To note latest government pay scale - deferred to the next agenda

- d Precept demand for 2024-25

The council voted not to increase the annual precept (and the parish portion of the Council Tax, retaining the current precept of £3250 p.a., and current Band D charge of £29.02 p.a. per household (proposed by Cllr Sargent, seconded by Cllr

Cullum)

- 7 Planning issues circulated to councillors since last meeting:** none
- 8 Repairs to defibrillator kiosk:** the light is now working (there had been a faulty starter)
- 9 Speeding/Road Safety:** deferred until the effects of the start of work on the bypass have been clarified
- 10 Correspondence:** as mentioned above
- 11 AOB/ items for the next agenda:** as mentioned above; also Cllr Sargent has reported a blocked drain, and Cllr Cullum has reported the damaged sign at the Hempnall Road junction
- 12 Next meeting:** Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 6.30pm at Friars Farm Barn