

Morningthorpe and Fritton Parish Council

Draft minutes of Parish Council meeting held at The Barn, Friars Farm, Morningthorpe
at 6.30pm on Tuesday 15 November 2016

Present: Councillors P Rodger, P Cooper, D Sargent, C McDonnell, and N Cullum

In attendance: County Councillor Alison Thomas, G Roderick-Jones (Clerk), PC Simon Redhead, PCSO Caroline Quinn

1 **Apologies** for absence: none

2 **Declarations** of interest: Cllr McDonnell declared an interest in the AOB item regarding the Non-Ecclesiastical Council

3 **Public discussion**

- The issue of speeding, particularly along Fritton Common during morning and afternoon rush hours, was discussed at length. The question of whether the support of County Cllr Thomas would add weight to the arguments of the PC and residents.
- A resident (Mr Bowler) has obtained data via a Freedom of Information Request which indicates that there have been traffic calming measures, and that there is a budget for traffic improvements, which could include traffic calming – both contrary to recent assertions by NCC Highways.
- The situation in Fritton is not helped by inconsistent speed limits in similar places in the area.
- According to the police, when tubes were deployed in two positions recently, the data gathered showed compliance by over 90% of motorists (though the figures only indicate the percentage driving at below a prosecutable speed, rather than the percentage actually adhering to the legal limit).
- At certain times of the day and week there is little problem, but on working mornings the problem is much increased.
- Everyone wants a 30mph limit but previous attempts to achieve this have been frustrated by the authorities telling the PC there is no available money, or there is not a speeding problem, or that motorists will ignore a new speed limit.
- We need to gather data on accident rates and compliance rates in order to see if we meet the criteria for a reduced speed limit.
- Would a Speedwatch project provide the data we need? Each community needs a minimum of six trained volunteers to operate a Speedwatch project. Hempnall run a Speedwatch project – would it be possible to work with them?
- The current flashing light is outside the 40mph limit. It is not clear whether this sign can gather data, and how valuable the data would be given the position of the sign in a 60mph area. (Cllr Matthew Reid at Tasburgh might be able to give information on getting data from the sign).
- Cllr Thomas will ascertain the cost of changing the speed limit, the criteria to be met, and its feasibility.
- PC Redhead will attend whenever he has time with a speed gun. It is hoped that word will spread and help to moderate some motorists' speed.
- PC Redhead informed the PC of two reported crimes: a domestic incident, and the theft of lead from the roof of Hempnall Church.

4 **Report from County Councillor:** report received from County Councillor Thomas was circulated and items relating to traffic issues discussed (above).

5 **Minutes** of the last meeting held 11 October 2016 were approved and signed.

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

7 Finances

- Simple Servicing Authority form has been received by Barclays and an application submitted for online banking
- Bank balances @ 28 October noted:

Community Account	£2283.65
Savings 1	£3416.15
Savings 2	£403.27

- The following were approved for payment (proposed N Cullum, seconded P Cooper):
 - SNDC annual dog bin charge £78.05
 - Gareth Roderick-Jones expenses £66.15
 - LCPAS clerk training £75.00

NOTE: we have paid for dog bin emptying twice this year – 2015-16 and 2016-17 because SNDC have changed the system and we now pay during the year in question instead of in arrears.

8 **Planning:** none

9 **Highways:** see public discussion above

10 Budget and CIL money

- Draft budget was distributed; final approval to be given in the next meeting.
- It was proposed that we should increase the precept to cover a shortfall which is likely to be approximately £300 – proposed N Cullum, seconded P Cooper
- Donation to the PCC will need to be discussed at the next meeting.
- It was pointed out that the funds held in the two savings accounts were originally donated to the PC for use for the benefit of the whole community (originally as a starter fund for a village hall) and therefore belongs to the community, not to the PC. Can we change the name of the bank accounts to reflect this? The clerk will make enquiries as to our position.
- The clerk will research the criteria to determine how we can spend the CIL money we hold; meanwhile he will send SNDC a “holding” report for this year and add this to the next agenda.

11 Correspondence

New correspondence: leaflets about the proposed offshore windfarm and onshore infrastructure

new consultation launched by Boundaries Commission

Previously circulated: Greater Norwich Local Plan call for sites

Norfolk ALC Annual Report

Christmas bin schedule

Local Govt Financial Settlement Consultation

Emails re speeding in Fritton

12 Any Other Business/Items for Next Agenda

AOB Carol McDonnell and Stanley Youngman have agreed to remain on the Non-Ecclesiastical Council: Proposed: P Cooper, seconded: Peter Rodger, agreed unanimously

NEXT AGENDA Possible permissive footway near Fritton crossroads (P Rodger to look into

13 **Next meeting:** Tuesday 10 January 2017 (and continuing on the second Tuesday of every odd-numbered month through 2017.