

MORNINGTHORPE AND FRITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of Parish Council meeting held at The Barn, Friars Farm, Morningthorpe
at 6.30pm on Tuesday 12 September 2017

Present: Councillors P Rodger (Chairman), D Sargent, C McDonnell, N Cullum

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

1 **Apologies** for absence: Councillor P Cooper

2 **Declarations** of interest: Cllr Sargent (item 8, Long Stratton development)

3 **Public discussion:**

- A question was raised about pond clearing, and the control of vegetation which makes entering and leaving driveways dangerous – including an overgrown elm. Response: this cannot be done without consulting Natural England and SNDC as this is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) – Cllr Sargent will start by contacting Natural England.

4 **Report from County Councillor:**

Cllr Thomas gave the council information on the following points:

- There is a new Director of Children's Services. Ofsted have conducted interim inspections and have reported improvements on previous performance.
- Cllr Thomas recently acted sat on a panel alongside local writers to judge the Write on Norfolk competition, and the Summer Reading Challenge continued through the holiday period.
- The Long Stratton development is in the pre-application draft stage. A second exhibition is to be held on 2 October and there will be a meeting at South Norfolk on Tuesday 26 September, 6.00-7.30pm. (Cllr Patrick Cooper and the clerk attended the recent meeting at Wacton Village Hall and discussed the main objections, namely issues around the infrastructure and proposed roads and roundabouts).
- Community Governance Review: the majority of local councils in the district have expressed a desire to make no boundary changes.

5 **Minutes** of the last meeting held on 11 July 2017 were approved and signed.

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

7 **Finances**

a Payments none

b	Bank balances as at 29 August 2017 noted:	Community Account	£992.62
		Savings 1	£3416.58
		Savings 2	£403.32
		TOTAL	£4,812.52
		unpresented cheques:	nil

8 **Long Stratton Development update**

as discussed in item 4 above

9 **Planning:** a none

10 **Highways Issues:**

there has been a report of a serious pothole between the Manor and the white gates – clerk to report to Highways

11 Community Defibrillator

Following discussion it was decided to go ahead and obtain a quote from the Community Heart Trust on the basis of an unlocked cabinet in the old phone box. This would be a mains electricity model (not solar). The clerk will contact CHT for the quote and for information on funding from The Lottery Fund. At the next meeting the council will decide on the level of funding required and confirm the specifications.

12 Correspondence: circulated and noted, including

- Wind farm information
- several information sheets about defibrillators
- Long Stratton development
- local police newsletter
- Norfolk PCC newsletter

13 Any Other Business/Items for Next Agenda

items for next agenda as noted in minutes above, and:

- members of the public have commented on the poor state of the village sign and its surrounds

14 Next meeting: Tuesday 14 September 2017 at 6.30 pm