

MORNINGTHORPE AND FRITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Friars Farm Barn, Morningthorpe
at 6.30pm on Tuesday 16 July 2024

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

In attendance: G Roderick-Jones (Clerk)

1 Apologies for absence: Cllr C McDonnell, District Cllr M Hooton

2 Declarations of interest: none

3 Public discussion: Mr & Mrs Payne of Brick Kiln Lane reported to the council that they have shared access with their neighbours, who occupy a listed dwelling. These neighbouring premises have become the centre for commercial activity. There are various concerns. It seems that there have been no planning applications for change of use, or for the commercial activities, or for alterations to the listed building. There are safety concerns, as the business includes a pottery with a number of kilns within the listed building, and there are concerns about appropriate waste disposal. There are plans for parties of children to visit the site but there may be insufficient DBS and other safeguarding measures in place. Parking has encroached on a nearby care home and the shared access belonging to Mr and Mrs Payne. CCTV cameras have been directed at the home and garden belonging to Mr and Mrs Payne, and their movements within their own properties have been shadowed in an intimidating manner. Apparently NCC Planning advised the pottery owners to submit applications some time ago but this has not happened.
County Cllr Thomas will discuss this with Planning Enforcement and will advise.

4 Report from County & District Councillors: County Cllr Alison Thomas informed the council of the following:

- Work on the Long Stratton bypass has started;
- following the change of government, the county are waiting for confirmation that planned projects are to proceed – for example, the scheduled decision on devolution will be deferred from 23 July to the autumn;
- verges and footpaths throughout the county are overgrown – urgent matters should be reported; road closures around the Long Stratton area can be expected to affect everyone.

5 Minutes of the last meeting held on 14 May 2024 were approved; no matters arising.

6 Finances

a Current bank balances as at 2 July 2024 NOTED:

current account	£5,411.73
savings account	£2,070.49
savings 2	£1,081.15
balance	£8,563.37

b Payment(s) APPROVED – proposed by Cllr Sargent and seconded by Cllr Cullum

NALC	annual subscription	£126.97
NALC	annual website fees	£70.00

7 Planning issues circulated to councillors since last meeting:

a 2024/1537 Sycamore House, The Street: fell maple and cherry trees – no objections
b late applications if any (none)

8 Speeding/Road Safety: the council have decided to purchase a second electronic road sign for Fritton Common. However, NCC Highways have restrictions on what they will allow in Norfolk. Clerk will find out what the rules permit. Meanwhile, councillors are invited to research via the Westcotec website (and others) so that a decision on what to purchase can be made in the next meeting. For next agenda.

- 9 **Footpaths: maintenance and fencing off of livestock:** there is a footpath near the river in Fritton where a livestock fence has been installed very close to the ditch, leaving insufficient room for pedestrians. Cllr Sargent will investigate and will speak to the landowner if required.
- 10 **Correspondence:** as above
- 11 **AOB/ items for the next agenda:** grass cutting contract; maintenance of churchyard in Fritton (carried out by volunteers)
- 12 **Next meeting:** Tuesday 10 September 2024 at 6.30pm at Friars Farm Barn