

MORNINGTHORPE AND FRITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Friars Farm Barn, Morningthorpe
at 6.30pm on Tuesday 17 September 2024

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

In attendance: G Roderick-Jones (Clerk)

1 Apologies for absence: Cllr W Sargent, District Cllr M Hooton, County Cllr A Thomas

2 Declarations of interest: none

3 Public discussion:

- Mr & Mrs Payne of Brick Kiln Lane returned to the council with further issues relating to 2024/1820 (retrospective) and this time were accompanied by Mr P Harvey with similar issues relating to that application and to 2024/0533 & 0534 (please see minutes of July 2024 meeting). A large amount of information has been sent to District Cllr Hooton and to County Cllr Thomas, including concerns over lack of response from the planners and lack of detailed site visits, and also about the continuing unhelpful attitude of the applicants.
The clerk will contact the District and County Councillors to confirm that the Parish Council are concerned about the alleged planning infringements and to request their further assistance.
- Dr Stephen Bamber raised the issue of road safety along The Street in Fritton especially in view of increased traffic caused by diversions created by work on the LS bypass. He has carried out research into the guidelines issued by the Department of Transport and by Norfolk Constabulary, which indicate that the refusal by NCC to consider reducing speed limits is out of line with official policy. He will forward information to the clerk who will once again raise this issue with the Area Highways Engineer.

4 Report from County & District Councillors: County Cllr Alison Thomas and District Cllr Martyn Hooton have both sent in reports to the council, and these have been forwarded to all councillors.

5 Minutes of the last meeting held on 16 July 2024 were approved; no matters arising.

6 Finances

a Current bank balances as at 2024 31 August NOTED:

current account	£5,214.76
savings account	£2,070.49
savings 2	£1,081.15
balance	£8,366.40

b The anticipated £220.00 from SNDC from the 2024 Litterpick has not yet been received. There appears to be a hitch in SNDC's accounting system as this is not the only community that has not yet been paid. This should be resolved soon.

7 Planning issues circulated to councillors since last meeting:

- a 2024/2178 Elm House, The Street: rear extension/internal alterations – no objections
- b 2024/1820 Brick Kiln Lane: change of use of outbuildings to pottery studio with occasional public lessons – please refer to public discussion above
- c late applications if any (none)

8 Speeding/Road Safety: The Area Highways Engineer is currently on annual leave. He has asked a colleague to respond to the clerk but this has not happened. There are issues around the type(s) of electronic signs, and the number of signs, that NCC are willing to permit. It is hoped that with only one within the parish, and with increased traffic and vehicle speeds, Highways will be able to exercise some discretion to allow suitable signage.
For next agenda.

- 9 **Spending litterpick money:** once the funds are received, it has been suggested that it should be spent on whatever traffic calming measures are eventually negotiated with Highways.
- 10 **Visit of Highways Rangers:** the issues which councillors submitted to the clerk have been registered with NCC
- 11 **Correspondence:** as above
- 11 **AOB/ items for the next agenda:** as above
- 12 **Next meeting:** Tuesday 12 November 2024 at 6.30pm at Friars Farm Barn