



# Fakenham Magna Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2016, at the Honington & Sapiston Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

## **PRESENT:**

Cllr. A Jones  
Cllr. R Johnston  
Cllr. D Reay  
Cllr. M Rozier

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs J O'Brien *Clerk*  
[REDACTED] *RFO*  
E Wortley  
Borough Cllr. P Wade  
County Cllr. J Spicer

## **APOLOGIES:**

Apologies were received from: A Blenkiron – Euston Estate

## **FMPC01/16 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **FMPC02/16 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2015 were approved and signed.  
Proposed by Cllr. Jones, seconded by Cllr. Rozier.

## **FMPC03/16 ACTION UPDATES**

- a) Footpath signs – the sign at Broom Hill is still laying in the hedge - Clerk to report and check on sign at Butt Lane.
- b) Grit Bins needing grit – Clerk requested and County Council will fill during next round of topping up grit piles.
- c) Clerk spoke with Primary School and a new invoice was issued – original cheque not received.
- d) Clerk to pursue the Smaller Council funding for Transparency Code.
- e) Clerk reported that Superfast Broadband is still not available in this area.

## **FMPC04/16 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The RFO reported there is a reserve of £3,303.18. This is £964.76 under budget for the year. The Governance Review was completed in May 2015 and all things are on course for next Governance Statement. Financial Regulations had been completed, discussed and acceptance of these was proposed by Cllr. Johnston, and seconded by Cllr. Rozier, Cllr. Jones will now circulate to all Councillors. The Precept application had been entered to St Edmundsbury Borough Council for acceptance.

To ensure compliance with Transparency Code, the Clerk will update website and noticeboard as required.

Approval for payment sought for the following:

- i. Clerk's salary £155.03 – for January 2016 -proposed Cllr. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Rozier.



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- ii. Suffolk County Council £48.00 – Hire of meeting room at Primary School – proposed by Cllr. Johnston, seconded by Cllr. Rozier
- iii. H&SVH Meeting Room Hire for meeting £18.00 – proposed Cllr. Morgan, seconded by Cllr. Reay.
- iv. M Parfett for cutting grass in Church yard £150.00 – proposed by Cllr. Johnston, seconded by Cllr. Rozier
- v. St Edmundsbury Borough Council £21.34 – Election costs – Clerk to find out why this charge been made eight months after election and why, when never been charged previously – Payment not approved.
- vi. Cllr. A Jones – grit bins £351.36 – proposed Cllr. Johnston, seconded by Cllr. Morgan.
- vii. SALC – Clerks membership £129.00 – proposed by Cllr. Reay, seconded by Cllr. Johnston
- viii. SLCC - £48.00 – Clerk's membership – proposed by Cllr. Jones, seconded by Cllr. Reay.

## **FMPC05/16 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman had nothing to report this month.

## **FMPC06/16 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

County Cllr. J Spicer reported that she had checked with Highways and all grit bins are due for refilling shortly, and that the A1088 had been well gritted in recent cold weather. It looks like a footpath could possibly be created on east side of road from the Old Rectory through to end of village towards Euston. The Fire Service down scaling should not have an adverse effect on this Parish. The waste site at Gt. Blakenham working well, three transfer stations are needed. Norfolk County Council are paying to use these services.

## **FMPC07/16 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Budget saving – bins, there will be an option to leave the collection scheme for these, if decision is to stay in scheme a charge of £40.00/yr. would be levied from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2016. This has not yet been approved by Borough Council. Planning – the traveller's site at Barnham is too big and have till June to correct this. The application for Solar Farm at Elvedon was rejected. The application to remove trees from Churchyard was withdrawn, a new application to manage the trees by removing 2mtrs off shortest with rest down to match, and to prune sides to widen path will be submitted. The removal of the Redwood was approved.

## **FMPC08/16 RAF HONINGTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS REPORT**

No report was available for this meeting. Next liaison meeting to be held in April, 2016.

## **FMPC09/16 POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS REPORT**

No report was available for this meeting.

## **FMPC10/16 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cllr. Reay reported that the next meeting of the Barnham Village Hall committee will be held next week and he will attend as usual. There are concerns that the new Notice Board is prone to condensation, this means notices cannot be read – Clerk will check this. Cllr. Johnston gave an update on the Church situation.

## **FMPC11/16 LOCAL HISTORY RECORDERS REPORT**

Edward Wortley reported that RAF Barnham will be closing, the former Grafton Arms is to be sold as housing and archaeologists had returned some of the finds made while metal detecting on the Euston Estate, a variety of spear heads and axe heads circa 2000BC and a Neolithic bronze age axe head were displayed for the Council to look at.



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## **FMPC12/16 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

There were no matters for discussion.

## **FMPC13/16 CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter had been received from SALC concerning the use of Beacons for the Queen's upcoming celebrations. Age UK had also sent a letter requesting a poster for open gardens be placed on Notice Board.

## **FMPC14/16 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL –**

There were no matters brought forward.

## **FMPC15/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date of next meeting to be held on Tues 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, commencing at 7:30pm, at Honington & Sapiston Village Hall, in the committee room.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

## **Open Actions January 2016**

| <b>ACTION</b>   | <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> | <b>TARGET DATE</b> |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Rights of Way (Footpath) signs  | Clerk                 | Next meeting       |
| St Edmundsbury Borough Council – Election costs – why have these been levied? | Clerk                 | Next meeting       |
| Transparency Code – to update website and Notice Board                        | Clerk                 | Next meeting       |
| Smaller Council funding for Transparency Code                                 | Clerk                 | Next Meeting       |
| Notice Board – check condensation problem                                     | Clerk                 | Next meeting       |