



# Fakenham Magna Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, at the Honington & Sapiston Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

## **PRESENT:**

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

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

## **APOLOGIES:**

Apologies were received from: Cllr. D Reay, Cllr. P Morgan, A Blenkiron – Euston Estate, E Wortley, D Coller – RFO

## **FMPC16/16 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **FMPC17/16MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 were approved and signed.  
Proposed by Cllr. Johnston, seconded by Cllr. Jones.

## **FMPC18/16ACTION UPDATES**

- a) Footpath sign – still ongoing – Cllr Johnston and Cllr. Rozier will erect.
- b) Election Costs – Clerk written to Election department but has received nothing back to explain the invoice.
- c) Smaller Council funding for Transparency Code, the date for applications has passed for this financial year
- d) Transparency Code – website and noticeboard both updated as required.
- e) Clerk checked noticeboard for condensation but could find no problems.

## **FMPC19/16 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The RFO reported there is a reserve of £3,398.95. This is £600.00 under budget for the year and leaves £3,603.98 in the bank. The Council discussed the merits or otherwise of opting into Audit changes or not – It was proposed by Cllr. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Johnston that the Council should opt into Audit changes.

The Clerk is happy to opt out of the Clerks Pension scheme. The Clerk is on the correct pay scale and PAYE is still to be sorted.

Approval for payment sought for the following:

- i. Clerk's salary £155.03 – for March 2016 -proposed Cllr. Rozier and seconded by Cllr. Johnston.
- ii. H&SVH Meeting Room Hire for meeting £18.00 – proposed Cllr. Johnston, seconded by Cllr. Rozier.

## **FMPC20/16 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman had nothing to report this month.



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## **FMPC21/16 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

County Cllr. J Spicer asked if the grit bins had been refilled – they had not. The gritting of the roads had been completed well this winter. 2% extra has been allocated to Social Care.

## **FMPC22/16 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The Brown Bin withdrawal goes ahead on 1<sup>st</sup> April, so far only a 9% uptake from residents to keep their brown bin. Council Tax will be going up 1.99% in next financial year.

## **FMPC23/16 RAF HONINGTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS REPORT**

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

## **FMPC24/16 POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS REPORT**

A report had been received and the Clerk reported no crimes had been reported since the last meeting.

## **FMPC25/16 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cllr. Johnston reported that it would cost £180 per cut of the Churchyard and field. The Green Team will be told only to cut when asked to. Cllr. Rozier to obtain other quotes for this operation.

## **FMPC26/16 LOCAL HISTORY RECORDERS REPORT**

Edward Wortley reported that a soil analysis had been completed and stones, shells and other items had been discovered dating back to ice-age glacial changes and that the samples are typical of Breck soil.

## **FMPC27/16 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

Governance Review – changes to these do not affect this Council.

## **FMPC28/16 CORRESPONDENCE**

An email had been received from a resident of the Parish expressing concerns about the lack of clearing of the pavements through the village and asking about the cutting of grass verges. County Cllr. Spicer asked for the email to be forwarded to her and she would check with Highways to see about sorting and that she would contact the resident herself.

A sample commemorative coin had been received for the Queen's birthday, the Council discussed and decided they were not suitable.

EACH had written asking for a donation; this prompted a discussion on whether or not to donate to any charities. It was proposed not to donate to any charities by Cllr. Johnston and seconded by Cllr. Jones.

Clerk reported that she was no longer receiving notifications of planning application decisions.

## **FMPC29/16 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL –**

The Clerk had reported the street light and 30m.p.h. sign light at the bottom of Broom Hill to Highways, again. Cllr. Rozier asked if the 30m.p.h. sign could be moved further out of the village – this is not an option.

## **FMPC30/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date of next meeting to be held on Tues 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, commencing at 7:30pm, at Honington & Sapiston Village Hall, in the committee room.

The AGM was also set for Tues 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, commencing at 7:00pm, at Honington & Sapiston Village Hall, in the committee room.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:



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## Open Actions March 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       |
| Quote for the grass cutting in Churchyard and field                           | Cllr. Rozier          | Next meeting       |