



Fakenham Magna Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday 27th August, 2020, at St Peter's Church, Fakenham Magna commencing at 7:30pm.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

J O'Brien – Clerk
RFO

Four residents attended, they were welcomed by Chairman, Cllr. Jones and asked if they had any questions, suggestions, or concerns. They did – sheep, flooding, and speeding. These topics were covered by Chairman's Report (FMPC30/20) below.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from: County Cllr. J Spicer, District Cllr. A Smith, A Blenkiron – Euston Estate, E Wortley

FMPC26/20 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

FMPC27/20 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2020, were approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr. Johnston, seconded by Cllr. Rozier.

FMPC28/20 ACTION UPDATES

All Action updates deferred to next meeting.

FMPC29/20 Financial Report

RFO presented the accounts, copy attached.

Cllr. Johnston proposed acceptance of accounts, seconded by Cllr. Jones. A vote of thanks was given to Malcolm Bayly for his internal audit.

Cllr. Johnston proposed that the Parish Council again wishes to certify themselves as exempt from a Limited Assurance review under sec. 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Reg 2015, seconded by Cllr. Rozier. The RFO next read out, explained, and completed the Governance Statement, it was then proposed by Cllr. Jones to approve this statement, seconded by Cllr. Johnston. The RFO went through and explained the Accounting Statement, Cllr. Johnston then proposed the Accounting Statement also be approved as true and correct, seconded by Cllr. Rozier.

The following payments were considered:

- i. Clerks salary - £169.35 x 2 - proposed Cllr. Johnston, seconded Cllr. Reay.
- ii. Donation to Church for meeting use - £21.00 – proposed Cllr. Rozier, seconded Cllr. Johnston
- iii. Insurance for 2020/2021 - £301.84 – proposed Cllr. Johnston, seconded Cllr. Jones.

Retrospective approval was granted for cheques issued since last meeting

- i. Clerks salary £169.35 – proposed Cllr. Rozier, seconded Cllr. Johnston
- ii. Clerks Broadband – proposed Cllr. Jones, seconded Cllr. Johnston
- iii. A Leys £350.00 – Village Gateway refurbishment – proposed Cllr. Johnston, seconded Cllr. Rozier



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iv. SALC £140.98 – membership – proposed Cllr. Johnston, seconded Cllr. Rozier
Precept of £3,644.00 had been received.

FMPC30/20 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported on the issue of flooding during the recent bad weather and gave a history of similar issues throughout the parish to the residents in attendance. The main issue in the parish appeared to centre around Broom Hill. The drains and gullies were unable to cope with the deluge as they were blocked with sand etc. Clerk to discuss with Highways to get gullies emptied. Euston Estate have already been spoken to and are willing to create/dig out further drainage gullies in both Broom Hill Lane and at end of layby.

Speeding – this ongoing issue was explained to the residents. Latest speed data had been sent to all councillors prior to the meeting – Clerk to forward to Highways.

There had been a recent accident at the bottom of Broom Hill which had destroyed the 30mph sign and damaged the village gateway. Cllr. Johnston was able to report a new 'speed watch' coordinator was in post and suggested restart this scheme in village with new volunteers.

Clerk to contact Highways about pavements not being cleared, roots lifting pavement surface, and tree overhanging and blocking pavement halfway through village. Contact Cllr. Spicer to see if an engineer could again come out to survey. Obtain statistics/records of accidents in village in recent years.

Sheep – this is an issue best addressed by Euston Estate – contact A Blenkiron to discuss concerns. He is aware there is an issue and has arranged for the bank of the river to be altered in some way to allow for sheep to be able to get out of the water more easily.

FMPC31/20 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr. Johnston reported and thanked Westcotec for repairing the VAS to the South end of village at no cost to the Council. He will also look into other items that may be added to the signs. He asked if any progress on land next to Old Rectory – No, Land Registry search would now be conducted. Would like to see the NHW scheme restarted in the village.

Cllr. Reay was concerned that perhaps not enough residents are informed when planning applications issued.

Cllr. Rozier again raised concern about the root damage to pavements.

FMPC32/20 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Report not available for this meeting

FMPC33/20 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

No report as the Council was updated regularly by District Council during the Covid-19 pandemic lock-down.

FMPC34/20 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported that had received a letter from Clare, Countess of Euston, Lord Lieutenant for Suffolk thanking for help given during pandemic. Copy to be sent to all councillors and attached to these Minutes.

FMPC35/20 LOCAL HISTORY RECORDERS REPORT

Edward Wortley had sent a report which was read out by the Clerk (Copy attached).



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FMPC36/20 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

No matters for discussion.

FMPC37/20 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

All correspondence had already been circulated to Councillors.

Date of next meeting to be confirmed.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

Open Actions August 2020

ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	TARGET DATE
Highways – report issues Village Gateways, speed sign, flooding, pavements etc	Clerk	asap
Contact Cllr. Spicer – Engineers visit?	Clerk	asap
Speed report to Suffolk Police	Clerk	asap
Defibrillator – contact BT again for help	Clerk	Next meeting
Check if VAS can have any other add-ons	Cllr. Johnston	Next meeting
GDPR Policy Statement – amend and circulate for discussion at next meeting	Cllr. Jones	Next meeting
Land between bungalows and The Old Rectory – contact owners	Clerk	asap
Report trees in power lines – chase up	Clerk	asap
Check if hedges to be cut by Estate	Clerk	Should be cut during October