



Fakenham Magna Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12th January, 2021, via Zoom online meeting platform commencing at 7:30pm.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

J O'Brien – Clerk
RFO
County Cllr. J Spicer
District Cllr. A Smith
A Blenkiron - Euston Estate
Sq Ldr M Fixter – RAF Honington

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from: E Wortley

FMPC01/21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

FMPC02/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th December, 2020, were approved and signed.
Proposed by Cllr. Johnston, seconded by Cllr. Reay.

FMPC03/21 Financial Report

Although approved Budget at previous meeting there had been new information through from West Suffolk Council; the Council were able to give a one-off grant to help councils during Covid-19 pandemic and the banding of houses had changed.

It is now proposed (copy attached) using £235.00 from reserves making changes to Clerk's wages, admin and training giving an increase per household of £2.68 per year. Proposed acceptance of this Budget by Cllr. Johnston, seconded by Cllr. Rozier.

RFO then reported if all payments budgeted paid will close financial year with £3,318.00.

Annual payment towards Churchyard maintenance has not yet been requested – Cllr. Johnston will contact PCC so payment can be made before end of financial year. This payment is high and Cllr. Jones asked if this could be reduced, and Cllr. Reay expressed concern about spending 1/3 budget on Church maintenance – Cllr. Johnston will also request a review of costings with PCC. This matter to be discussed further at next meeting.

The following payments were considered:

- i. Clerk – Salary £192.75 (includes pay rise back ay to April 2020) - proposed Cllr. Johnston, seconded Cllr. Rozier.
- ii. Clerk – Repair of laptop – new hard drive £25.89 – proposed Cllr. Johnston, seconded Cllr. Rozier
- iii. Clerk – ALCC membership £40.00 – proposed Cllr. Rozier, seconded Cllr. Johnston.

Financial Regulations have been reviewed and there are no changes, the Risk Assessment is being reviewed and both documents will be discussed and approved next meeting.

FMPC04/21 ACTION UPDATES

- a) Village sign – awaiting third quotation for refurbishment
- b) Land between bungalows and Old Rectory – ongoing



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- c) Trees in power lines – still awaiting response from UK Power Network
- d) Co-opting update – Formal notice given to West Suffolk Council and Notice of Vacancy is on noticeboard and website with notes.

FMPC05/20 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that speed data reports showed that the North end volume of traffic entering the village was lower due to pandemic and it showed an decrease in speed. The South end volume was lower and again speed was lower – this reduction in speed was probably due to the road being under traffic light control

Chairman wished to thank A Blenkiron personally for his assistance during the flooding, if not for his timely help his home would have flooded completely, and he looks forward to the new bund being created in the field to hopefully ensure against the risk of flooding again.

FMPC06/21 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr. Johnston had reported Speed Watch and NHW were both on hold due to pandemic but as soon as restrictions lifted will hope to progress both these projects.

Cllr. Reay asked for update on portable speed indicator signs – Cllr. Johnston is awaiting costings confirmation. Cllr. Reay also asked if the sign indicating bend with junction could have the addition of 30mph sign added or could countdown markers be installed – Chairman noted these suggestions have been raised before and that until can get an engineer from Highways to come for a face-to-face site visit to discuss a package of measures, nothing will be possible to progress.

FMPC07/21 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT County Cllr. Spicer wished all a Happy New Year and was able to report that the immediate help following the flooding had been dealt with by Euston Estate and asked A Blenkiron to report:

Due to extreme rain event in December 2020 with highest ever recording of 9" in the month most falling on 23rd December it had highlighted problems at both ends of the village – at the South end, Broom Hill remedial works had been successful with water running into the field rather than down the lane but that the bund, which holds 2-3000lts, behind White Cottage had overflowed into the cottage, the digging of a further bund should solve this problem. At the North end of the village the rain water had run down Butt Lane onto the A1088, both down and across with nowhere to go. A culvert is needed to divert the water to the river. The ditch near the telephone kiosk has no natural drainage so when it is full it overflows adding to the problems.

The repairs to Fakenham Bridge are scheduled for mid-March. Despite letters sent the Boundary Commission have decided Fakenham Magna, Euston and Barnham will move from Bardwell Ward to Brandon from 2025. Report on this was issued in November.

County Cllr. Spicer explained Suffolk County Council Highways will prioritise works where flooding has affected houses, in the meantime she would see if the drains can be cleared and investigated with cameras. Cllr. Jones informed that Dairy Cottage, Horseshoe Cottage, Long Barn and Jubilee Cottages were all affected by water. Clerk to find out if other properties affected and report to C Cllr. Spicer.

Cllr. Jones informed that the work carried out to clear the pavement had been good but that since the flooding all the dirt removed and placed on the verge had been washed back down onto the pavement, this now needs clearing again. C Cllr. Spicer will look and report.

Cllr. Reay also reported that the pavements from the Church to Chalk Farm are now very overgrown and it is difficult to walk along.

FMPC08/21 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

District Cllr. Smith reported that he was pleased the query raised by the Clerk concerning fly-tipping is now resolved as was the question concerning land ownership. Cllr. Jones asked



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who owned the land in front of this site. C. Cllr. Spicer suggested it was possibly Highways but if a picture could be taken and sent to her she would get advice.

A gentleman from Park Ride had made a request for help as he was shielding and had run out of food, this situation was resolved by collaboration of Clerk, himself, Chairman of Honington & Sapiston PC and Sally Fogden. As far as is known the gentleman has had no more problems. Cllr. Jones wished to thank all involved in resolving the problem.

Cllr. Reay asked if there was any information concerning transport for people to enable them to attend for their Covid-19 vaccination – C.Cllr. Spicer said this information and the chance to request transport was on the letters of invitation to have vaccine. However, if people were having trouble accessing transport, they should let her know.

FMPC09/2 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported there had been no incidents recorded by the Police since last meeting. Sqn. Ldr. Mark Fixter reported that all in the RAF were working with only essential staff on station, all those that could were ordered to work from home. Training of personnel continues with regular graduations taking place. 30 members of personnel were helping with the lateral flo-testing in Derbyshire at this time. He station had seen visits from various V.I.Ps recognising the achievements of various personnel and groups on Station. It is planned that in June the Annual Formal Reception and in July Families Day should go ahead. The Honington Herald is still being produced – Clerk has copies if anyone would like them.

RAF Honington has a new Station Commander – Group Cpt. Holland who takes over from Group Cpt. Radnall is moving to a position in the MoD.

Clerk asked if the Station was keeping the ditches which take water from the run-way to the river clear. A Blenkiron will provide map to Sq. Ldr. Fixter indicating ditches and this will be raised on Station.

FMPC09/21 LOCAL HISTORY RECORDERS REPORT

Edward Wortley had sent a report which was read out by the Clerk – Nothing new to report since last meeting but that he was looking forward to arranging another walk with BTO and Cllr. Johnston. Edward wished everyone well and hoped to see all at next meeting.

Clerk was asked to forward thanks to Edward for his work.

FMPC10/21 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

No matters for discussion.

FMPC11/21 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

All other correspondence had already been circulated to Councillors.

Date of next meeting to be Tuesday 9th March, 2021 via Zoom.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:



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Open Actions January 2021

ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	TARGET DATE
Speed report to Suffolk Police	Clerk	ASAP
Land between bungalows and Old Rectory	Cllr. Jones	ASAP
Village sign	Clerk	Next meeting
Investigate flooded properties since December and report to C. Cllr. Spicer	Clerk	Asap
Send picture of land near bungalows to C. Cllr. Spicer	Cllr. Jones	ASAP
Report trees in power lines Chalk Farm	Clerk	ASAP
Email thanks to E Wortley	Clerk	ASAP