



Fakenham Magna Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 20th July, 2021, at Honington & Sapiston Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

J O'Brien – *Clerk*
RFO
District Cllr. A Smith
E Wortley

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from: County Cllr. J Spicer, Sqn Ldr M Fixter, A Blenkiron – Euston Estate

FMPC42/21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

FMPC43/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th May 2021, were approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr. Johnston, seconded by Cllr. Mountford.

FMPC44/21 ACTION UPDATES

- a) Village sign – Cllr. Rozier - ongoing
- b) VAS repairs – Cllr. Johnston is awaiting quote from another company
- c) Drainage through village – Cllr. Jones no further progress made to resolve problem but County Cllr. Spicer is still trying to get more done on this. Clerk to contact Euston Estate concerning possibility of dredging the river and digging out ditch near phone box.
- d) Village gateway – Northern end – a resident is happy to complete the work with wood being supplied by Euston Estate, cost will be for materials. Southern end gateway will also get new coat of paint.

FMPC45/21 ADOPTION OF GDPR POLICY & PROCEDURES

These documents were presented to the Council by Cllr. Jones. After consideration it was proposed they be approved with small change to wording in one section of the Policy by Cllr. Mountford, seconded by Cllr. Johnston.

RFO will be supplied with a lock-box to keep current accounts secure, all other financial documents which must be kept for seven years will be deposited with the Clerk and held in secure filing cabinet.

FMPC46/21 FINANCIAL REPORT

Currently £13.72 above budget for the year with a reserve of £2,939.29.

Have received notice from Auditors that all financials were good.

The following payments were considered:

- i. Clerk – Salary £240.96 - proposed Cllr. Johnston, seconded Cllr. Reay.



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- ii. Honington & Sapiston Village Hall Hire £21.00 – proposed Cllr. Johnston, seconded Cllr. Rozier.

FMPC47/20 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that he has applied for the ANPR scheme and is awaiting further updates concerning this. Speed data reports only available for Southern sign and showed that the traffic volumes are back to pre-pandemic numbers and speeds are slightly higher than 2019. This report to be sent to Police. Cllr. Johnston asked if the issue of obscured/bleached road signs and markings could be raised with County Cllr. Spicer – Cllr. Jones will speak with her.

Speedwatch has four members but more needed. The equipment is currently with Bardwell but it is hoped to have it back soon. Flyer to be produced by Cllr. Jones for distribution round village, on website, noticeboard and in The Link. Clerk to contact CEO to discuss speeding issues and ideas for help.

Chairman Cllr. Jones had written to Boundary Commission thanking them for reconsidering boundary changes and await final outcome.

FMPC48/21 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report was available for this meeting

FMPC49/21 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

District Cllr. Smith wished to learn of thoughts on the 322-bus service – he will represent villages of Honington & Sapiston, Fakenham Magna and Euston in trying to find a solution to difficulty in getting to Thetford. Possible solution if 322 could go through to Barnham where connections are possible throughout the day.

Cllr. Johnston asked why Tetrapaks cannot be recycled – Cllr. Smith responded that at present, as far as he understood, there is no market for them at present to recycle to but that they go to the 'Energy from Waste' plant and are burned, they do not go into landfill.

Cllr. Johnston asked that it be noted with Planning that the process for TPOs (recent one issued then withdrawn after actual consultation with householder) seemed not to be cost effective or a good use of resources for the Council. District Cllr. Smith noted this and will report back.

FMPC50/21 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported there had been no incidents recorded by the Police since last meeting. Sqn. Ldr. Mark Fixter reported that with restrictions easing it is hoped that the Station will soon be able to engage with the local community again.

All correspondence has been circulated including a letter concerning Jubilee celebrations next year. This will be further discussed at next meeting.

The Parish Council have been offered the chance to participate in a project to install finger post plaques promoting the Discover Suffolk website and the Country Code – now awaiting further information on this.

FMPC51/21 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr. Reay asked about the grass cutting donation – RFO confirmed this is a grant given to the Church. Cllr. Reay has also asked for a quote for cutting the verges of the pavement between the Church and the Bardwell Road junction and is still awaiting this quote. This section is now impassable for wheelchair/buggy users.

A review of the grass cutting grant and maintenance of pavements through the village to be considered, the importance of keeping these clear for all to use must be decided. A village meeting would be useful to find out what the residents want.

Trees overhanging the pavement alongside Chalk Farm are again causing a problem – Cllr. Jones will speak to the owners.

Commented [AJ1]: Can you reword this so it makes sense?



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The Clerk will check and again report the street lights not working.

FMPC52/21 LOCAL HISTORY RECORDERS REPORT

Edward Wortley again nothing new to report since last meeting but has had over 12 enquiries which he will be able to deal with once Record Office is open properly again. During the pandemic Edward has had the opportunity to sort through and add files etc to the archives with copies ready to go to the Records Office. Completed a course on Strata and has found that some of the soil in Fakenham Magna is 800,000 years old. It is hoped to start walks and talks again soon.

FMPC53/21 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Following on from Clerks Report a discussion was held concerning the Festival of Suffolk 2022 – a champion is needed to coordinate with the rest of Suffolk - Cllr. Mountford has volunteered to be the champion and will report back to the Council when more information available.

Date of next meeting to be Tuesday 21st September, 2021 at Honington & Sapiston Village Hall, commencing at 7:30pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

Open Actions July 2021

ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	TARGET DATE
Speed report to Suffolk Police	Clerk	ASAP
Contact Euston Estate dredging of river	Clerk	ASAP
Village sign	Cllr. Rozier	Next meeting
Village gateway repairs	Cllr. Johnston	Next meeting
Obtain lockbox for RFO	Cllr. Jones	ASAP
Speed Watch assistance from Police	Clerk	ASAP
Prepare and distribute flyer for Speed Watch	Cllr. Jones, Cllr. Reay, Clerk	ASAP
Check and report faulty street lights	Clerk	ASAP