



# Fakenham Magna Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting held at Honington & Sapiston Village Hall, at 7:30pm on  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. A Jones  
Cllr. R Johnston  
Cllr. S Mountford  
Cllr. J Duckett-Brown

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Clerk  
County Cllr. J Spicer  
District Cllr. A Smith

**FMPC15/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations.

**FMPC16/24 APOLOGIES:**

Apologies were received from Cllr. M Rozier, RFO, E Wortley, A Blenkiron, RAF Liaison (no one currently in post) and Police.

**FMPC17/24 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was proposed by Cllr. Mountford, and seconded by Cllr. Duckett-Brown that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 be approved.

**FMPC18/24 OPEN ACTIONS**

All open actions completed or discussed during other points below.

**FMPC19/24 CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair reported that the Risk Assessment and Standing Orders had been reviewed with changes needed advised previous to meeting. Cllr. Jones proposed the Risk Assessment be adopted, seconded by Cllr. Johnston. Cllr. S Mountford proposed the Standing Orders be adopted, seconded by Cllr. Duckett-Brown.

ANPR – previous wish for positioning not viable but will now suggest a road sign post closer to the bungalows may be better.

The Parish Meeting was discussed and date agreed for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 at Honington & Sapiston Village Hall. Format very similar to last year but councillors to give short reports on projects they have taken on. Promoting the event key, clerk to enter in The Link.

Flooding – Amanda Mays had given update, the project for new pipeline under the A1088 is active but at present no time scale available.

The speed report had been circulated prior to the meeting – Clerk to send to Police.

Pavement clearing project has begun with seven volunteers attending on 23<sup>rd</sup> February to clear pavement behind hedges from Chalk Farm to the church. Special mention to the Wilson's of Chalk Farm for allowing swept leaves to be deposited under their hedge. The group will be joining the Suffolk County Council's Community Self Help Scheme, this gives extra insurance and access to free PPE. They will also reimburse for signage and tools bought (subject to discussion).

The Litter Pick took place with 10 volunteers spending 90 minutes going round village collecting a lot of bags of rubbish which were removed by West Suffolk Council.

This year a calendar of Fakenham Magna will be produced and resident, Jackie Jones has volunteered to take this project forward.

(full report attached to the Minutes held by the Clerk)



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## **FMPC20/24 FINANCIAL REPORT**

RFO was unable to attend or send report.

Payments were considered and made to:

Clerk – salary – proposed Cllr. Duckett-Brown, seconded Cllr. Mountford

Clerk – Broadband charges - £135.66 – proposed Cllr. Johnston, seconded Cllr.

Mountford

Honington & Sapiston Village Hall – meeting room hire £25.00 – proposed Cllr.

Johnston, seconded Cllr. Duckett-Brown

A request for donation to H&S Village Hall had been received, after discussion it was agreed unable to send this financial year - clerk to contact.

## **FMPC21/24 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Road markings and signage will be inspected shortly but roundels and white lines still outstanding.

Bridge signage – no help available but could ask for 'SLOW' sign – Cllr. Jones will take this further.

Norfolk County Council may contribute towards cost of the bus route from Euston to Thetford.

## **FMPC22/24 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

District Cllr. Smith reported that he attended the recent Forum meeting where SCC Highways gave a very informative presentation. Emergency Planning was also discussed.

A consultation on housing and rough sleeping is currently under way.

Cllr. Mountford reported that the Hub project was progressing well, and will soon be able to hand this project over to a committee from the village to take forward.

Havebury have set up a project to enhance the area by the bungalows. Further details to follow.

## **FMPC23/24 PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

Cllr. Duckett-Brown reported that a Social Committee meeting was to meet for first time this Thursday (21<sup>st</sup> March) – five residents expressed interest. Hoped to discuss D-Day on 6<sup>th</sup> June or mix with Parish Meeting.

Speedwatch - A team of eight have been approved and training starts soon, once this is complete a new kit will be issued to the village.

The Welcome Leaflet will be delivered to new residents with the next edition of Magnatudes.

Cllr. Mountford reported Magnatudes progressing well and next edition will be out in next two weeks.

The land next to the Old Rectory has now been sold.

Cllr. Johnston – traffic measures – refer to FMPC21/24.

## **FMPC24/24 CLERKS REPORT**

There had been one incident reported – burglary - reported by the Police since last meeting.

RAF Honington liaison has now retired from post and at present there is no replacement.

The Precept was submitted and funds should be received shortly.

The Thermal Imaging project was deferred to the Autumn.

Several reports of faults on the highway have been made but repairs not yet completed.

The SALC subs are to go up by 3% in April.

New Financial Regulations will be issued in April by NALC. The updates will be presented to Council for adoption at the AGM.



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Funding of £100 +VAT is available for initial cost to councils wishing to change to .gov.uk email and domain name.

A copy of the Parish Council Diary and schedule of meeting dates were distributed. All other correspondence had already been circulated and no further planning applications had been received.

## **FMPC25/24 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Already reported during the meeting.

## **FMPC26/24 LOCAL HISTORY RECORDER'S REPORT**

Edward Wortley was unable to attend but the clerk read out that he had completed a feasibility study of the history of all the houses in the village, which has meant a lot of time has been spent in the Records Office in Bury St Edmunds before it is moved to Ipswich.

## **FMPC27/24 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

There were no matters for discussion.

## **FMPC28/24 DATE OF NEXT**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 commencing at 7:30pm at HSVH committee room. This will be the Annual General Meeting.

CHAIR:

DATE:

## **Open Actions March 2024**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>TARGET DATE</b>
Entry in The Link – Parish Meeting details	Clerk	25/03/2024
Contact H&S VH donation	Clerk	09/04/2024
Bridge sign SLOW	Cllr. Jones	07/05/2024
Speed Report to Police	Clerk	29/03/2024
Welcome Leaflet to new residents	Deliverer of Magnatudes	05/04/2024