



# Fakenham Magna Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2021, at Honington & Sapiston Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

## **PRESENT:**

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

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

J O'Brien – *Clerk*  
RFO  
District Cllr. A Smith  
County Cllr. J Spicer  
A Blenkiron – Euston Estate

## **APOLOGIES:**

Apologies were received from: Cllr. M Rozier, Cllr. S Mountford, and E Wortley

## **FMPC67/21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **FMPC68/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2021, were approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr. Johnston, seconded by Cllr. Jones.

## **FMPC69/21 ACTION UPDATES**

- a) Village sign – Cllr. Rozier is awaiting delivery of new wood and bolts. A Blenkiron has teleporter available if needed for lifting the sign.
- b) VAS repairs – Cllr. Johnston has received quotes and advised Council of amounts. Funding will be necessary to replace both signs. Clerk to source funding streams.
- c) Drainage through village – Cllr. Jones reported that the ditch near Jubilee Cottages and the Pightle has been cleared. Cllr. Jones had finished and submitted a report on the flooding issues to County Cllr. J Spicer.
- d) Village gateway – Northern end – the gateway has been made and is still in primer ready to be painted. Clerk contacted County Cllr. Spicer who is attempting to get new signage for the gateway.
- e) Speedwatch scheme – flyers have been delivered to all houses in village, thanks to Cllr. Reay who distributed the majority of these. Cllr. Mountford reported she had received notice of interest from six residents, details to passed to Cllr. Johnston and training will start shortly.

## **FMPC70/21 FINANCIAL REPORT**

RFO presented the Budget to Council for consideration, after discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Johnston that the Budget be accepted, seconded by Cllr. Reay. (A copy is attached to the Minutes held by the Clerk).

Currently £14.46 above budget for the year with a reserve of £2,938.56.

The following payments were considered:

- i. Clerk – Salary - proposed Cllr. Johnston, seconded Cllr. Reay.
- ii. Honington & Sapiston Village Hall Hire £21.00 – proposed Cllr. Johnston, seconded Cllr. Reay.



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- iii. Clerk – 6mths expenses £51.08 – proposed Cllr. Johnston, seconded Cllr. Reay.
- iv. Information Commissioner Office – GDPR registration £40.00 – proposed Cllr. Johnston, seconded Cllr. Reay.

## **FMPC71/21 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported on the speed data which is only available for Southern sign and showed that the traffic volume is up but this is probably due to A1088 being part of a diversion route but that speeds are about the same for period in 2019 at an average of 31.6mph. This report to be sent to Police.

A discussion was held on responsibilities for Councillors, these were agreed. Councillors will report on their areas at each meeting and all Councillors to think about one improvement project that could be worked towards.

## **FMPC72/21 FESTIVAL OF SUFFOLK**

Cllr. Mountford reported that the main celebration weekend will be 2-5<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Euston are lighting a beacon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June and the Red Rooster festival will be running during that weekend. Tree planting – it is hoped to arrange this in the village and the tree warden will be contacted. All updates will be recorded in The Link and on noticeboard.

## **FMPC73/21 CHURCH**

It was discussed and agreed to help tidy the Church, obtain prices for kitchenette, toilets and heating system costs. A consultation with all residents will be undertaken.

## **FMPC74/21 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

County Cllr. Spicer wished to thank the repairer of the Gateway. Thanks also to Cllr. Jones for his excellent report on flooding issues through the village, this had been presented to a senior drainage engineer at Suffolk County Council who has agreed to come for a site visit. Dealing with drainage and flooding issues is not down to cost it is a lack of people to investigate and agree works.

The Bury recycle centre is to remain with a booking system as it has proved most popular.

## **FMPC75/21 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

District Cllr. Smith reported that rough sleepers in West Suffolk in 2018 was 36, during the pandemic the Grange Hotel at Thurston was used and as of Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> this year there were just 9 or 10 sleeping rough and did not want help.

Fly tipping is again a problem, the Cllr. Will get an update and report further as information available.

## **FMPC76/21 CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk reported that Enforcement had been contacted concerning two properties and these are being investigated.

Finger post signs – Risk assessments completed now waiting for delivery date confirmation.

Lorry review – Cllr. Jones will respond. There were no incidents recorded by the Police since last meeting.

There were no updates from RAF Honington liaison.

All correspondence has been circulated including any planning applications, no objections had been raised concerning these.

## **FMPC77/21 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Cllr. Mountford reported that residents near to her are concerned at the number of chickens that have appeared – Cllr. Jones will speak to Mr Wing.

Cllr. Reay wished to thank whoever cleared the pavements, an excellent job – County Cllr. Spicer will try to find out. Volunteers are needed to trim the vegetation along Church Field and feels pavements should be on the Agenda regularly to ensure tidiness is maintained.



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## FMPC78/21 LOCAL HISTORY RECORDERS REPORT

Edward Wortley had sent in a report which was read to the Council by the Clerk, copy attached to these Minutes.

## FMPC79/21 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no matters for discussion.

Date of next meeting to be Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 at Honington & Sapiston Village Hall, commencing at 7:30pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

## Open Actions November 2021

ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	TARGET DATE
Speed report to Suffolk Police	Clerk	ASAP
Further update on village crime	Clerk	Next meeting
Funding opportunities for VAS	Clerk	Next meeting
Village sign	Cllr. Rozier	Next meeting
Village gateway repairs letters of thanks	Clerk	ASAP
Obtain lockbox for RFO	Cllr. Jones	ASAP
Obtain prices for Kitchenette, toilets and heating systems for Church hub project	Cllr. Johnston	ASAP
Consultation for village hub	Cllr. Johnston/Clerk	ASAP
Chickens at Park Ride	Cllr. Jones	ASAP