

# FLEMPTON CUM HENGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

Of a Meeting held at St Catherine's Church, Flempton on

Monday 3rd December 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors Dave Bambury (Chair), Iris Evans, Christopher Large, Jean Lindsay, Pamela Newborough, Nigel Salmon, Tony Tooth and four members of the public.

### 1. Apologies for absence

All present.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

a) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda, and their nature.  
None declared.

b) To declare any other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda, and their nature.  
None declared.

### 2. Minutes

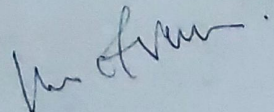
Amendment to minutes: Under Borough Councillor's report, the wording ...will be reduced from 72 to 63 should read **64** and ...a new architect has been appointed and plans drawn up should read **are being** drawn up.

Proposed by Cllr Bambury and seconded by Cllr Newborough that the amended minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were agreed as a true record and the Chair authorised to sign them as such on behalf of the Council.

### 4. County & Borough Council Reports

a) To receive a report from Borough Councillor Susan Glossop. At the last Full Council meeting of St Edmundsbury/Forest Heath, the question of whether the new Council should have a Mayor or Chairman was debated. After discussion, it was agreed to defer the decision to the new Council in May. For the first year it will be a District Council with a Chair. With no monies coming from SCC, the charge for the brown bin will be increased by three pounds to forty-three pounds as from April 2019. Owing to weather conditions, the A1101 diversion has been put off until January. Owing to two back to back meetings, apologies were given for not being able to attend the Carols on the Green on the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

b) To receive a report from County Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger. With regard to the A1101 diversion, a meeting is trying to be arranged with Kier and Highways England, as routes proposed will not work. Tut Hill presently closed but depending on the approval of engineering works and the weather, it is due to open at the end of December. Traffic movements will then be monitored and following consultation, options considered.



## 5. Public Forum

It was pointed out that there were several inaccuracies within the Kier Diversion Routes documentation, in particular the Risk Assessments tables. A complaint to be made.

A question relating to the works at the Barton Mills roundabout was raised. Signalling now complete but still some engineering works to be finished. Traffic flow improved.

A thank you was given for the recently refurbished bus shelter.

Item 10 was now heard.

## 10. The use of the A1101 as a diversion route

Councillors felt both the Safety and Risk Assessment Reports were flawed, with errors made on numerous sections within the documentation. Proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Tooth that a letter of complaint be made on the use of this road as a diversion route for works on the A11/A14. Other Parishes to be encouraged to write likewise. Contact names and addresses to be given to the Clerk (SG to action).

## 6. Finance

Tony Tooth Christmas Tree/Tesco	£206.00
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Grass cutting for triangle	£182.69
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Proposed by Cllr Bambury and seconded by Cllr Salmon that the payments be approved.

## 7. Mill Road – HGV's getting stuck due to postcode confusion on Satnav systems

It was suggested contact be made with the organisation that determines postcodes. Agreed, this possibility was not a feasible option. Following further discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Salmon and seconded by Cllr Tooth that a) Volkerts be contacted to advise their suppliers/contractors/operators to be aware of the problem b) clearer signage to be also considered - unanimous. Cllr Glossop offered to liaise with Highways as part of an ongoing signage commitment.

## 8. Grant for grass cutting for St Catherine's, Flempton

Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Newborough that a one-off grant of £200 be given for the grass cutting at St Catherine's Church – unanimous. To be reviewed annually.

## 9. Carols on The Green – Finance

Tree has been delivered at a cost of £160 (same price as last year). Marquee, tree, lights to be erected on Saturday, ready for Monday. Keyboard and player organised. A wireless speaker is not available; not crucial but an alternative to be sought if possible. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Tooth for arranging the event and to Dan and his family for leafleting both villages.

11. Speed & Safety on the A1101 in the light of the safety review and funding for improvements to the A1101

Road Safety Partnership Report: speed limits are to be reviewed with a universal speed of 30mph through every village and 40mph leading up to the villages. VAS equipment also under review, with one additional VAS for both Lackford & Flempton. Likewise, signage from Fornham to the Five Ways Roundabout is being assessed. If funding is available, entry gates for each parish will be considered. Issues raised from members of the public included overgrown shrubbery affecting road width, poor road surfaces (whole of the road will be resurfaced in the Spring), erosion of road edges (diversion has contributed to the problem), 'No turn' warning signs at The Links. Prior to any works being carried out, councillors were assured there would be a consultation period with all taking part.

12. Parking at the Links

With vehicles parking on The Links, the grass is in an extremely poor condition. A site visit was planned but never materialised. Owned by the Borough but responsibility for its upkeep lies with SCC.

To allow a member of the public to speak the meeting was adjourned.

The comment made was there are too many cars for very few parking spaces. The only option available is for residents to park at The Links.

The meeting was reconvened.

Following discussion, it was agreed to request a visit from an engineer to ascertain how best to facilitate parking in that area. (RB to action).

Agenda item for the next meeting: The piece of land behind the pub/church.

Date for the next meeting: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.22pm.