

FLEMPTON CUM HENGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

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

Monday 15th October 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors Dave Bambury (Chair). Iris Evans, Christopher Large, Jean Lindsay, Pamela Newborough, Nigel Salmon.

1. Apologies for absent were received from Cllr Tony Tooth.

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.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 21st May and Tuesday 12th June 2018 were agreed as a true record and the Chair was authorised to sign them as such on behalf of the Council.

4. County & Borough Council Reports

a) To receive a report from County Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger - no report available.

b) To receive a report from Borough Councillor Susan Glossop. Key points of the report: The Boundary Review consultation has finished, and final recommendations will be made available on the 23rd October; the number of councillors in the new West Suffolk Council will be reduced from 72 to 63; St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Forest Heath District Council will both be operating until March 2019 then cease as councils. The Shadow Council (combined St Edmundsbury/Forest Heath) will work from April until the elections in May; a vote will be taken on the 20th November to ascertain whether Borough status is applied for. Borough status is mandatory if the Mayoral role is to be maintained. If voted against, Bury Town Council will be asked whether they would be in favour of taking on this function; dog bin was not ordered from the Borough Council but dog fouling on the field remains an issue; meetings have been taking place between the owners of the Greyhound Public House, the planning department and the Conservation Officer. A new architect has been appointed and plans drawn up. A meeting with the Parish Council will be arranged prior to submission; the Local Plan is currently being updated and land will be put forward; a need for affordable homes within the village ought to be a consideration.

5. Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

6. Finance

One Suffolk Website hosting: £60.00 - approved.

7. Carols on the Green/Christmas Tree

Cllr Glossop had provided £440 from her Locality budget for the 2017 event. The underspend, as previously agreed, to be put towards the cost for this year. No further locality funding can be applied for. It was suggested a Community Group be set up enabling other pots of money to be accessed.

It was therefore proposed and seconded, that the Parish Council fund Carols on the Green up to the sum of £300. Cllr Tooth to be advised of this decision.

8. To discuss and agree new banking arrangements

Proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Newborough that the Parish Council set up Internet Banking for future financial transactions. – all agreed.

9. Staffing Matters

To confirm the clerk's employment contract.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Large that Christine Mason be appointed the new Parish Clerk for FlemptoncumHengrave, with the salary level as the previous Clerk. An employment contract to be signed at the next meeting.

Items for the next agenda:

Parking at The Links.

Mill Road – lorries and their use of Satnav.

Grant for upkeep of the churchyard.

Date of next meeting 3rd December 2018 at 7.30pm.

With no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 8.10pm.