

FLEMPTON CUM HENGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of a Meeting held at Flempton House, Bury Road, Flempton

Monday 2nd March 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors Tony Tooth as Chair, Iris Evans, Pamela Newborough, Andrew Speed.

In attendance: Cllr Rebecca Hofensperger, Cllr Susan Glossop, Christine Mason (Clerk) and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Dave Bambury due to holiday, Cllr Janet Davies due to work commitments.

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.

Cllr Tooth declared an interest in agenda item 7 - The Green.

3. Minutes

Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th January 2020 were a true record and the Chair authorised to sign them as such on behalf of the Council.

4. County & District Council Reports

a) To receive a report from Cllr Susan Glossop - Council tax setting for 2020/21 and future years is based on the option to harmonise the two predecessor areas (St Eds & Forest Heath); Band D Forest Heath District Council 7.70% increase; St Edmundsbury 0.9% increase; Suffolk Police Authority 4.7% increase; Suffolk County Council 4.0% increase including 2% increase in Adult Social Care; Town & Parishes an average increase of 6.8%; civil parking enforcement will be taken over in April, with eighteen additional staff to cover the whole of WSC; increase in car parking fees, first in four years.

Grants for bird, bat, and bee boxes, as in Risby to be pursued. Grass triangle in Hengrave could have planters around it using a self-help scheme for maintenance. An advertisement inviting a volunteer to undertake the Chapter 8 Working on the Highway training to be placed in the Parish magazine (TT to provide text to CM). Once a community group is set up, both Cllr Glossop and Cllr Hofensperger may possibly provide funding.

b) To receive a report from Cllr Rebecca Hopfesperger - To reduce its carbon footprint, SCC are to invest 9.8m in street lighting by upgrading to new energy saving LED lanterns,

the project will be completed in the autumn of 2022; SCC has approved its budget to increase spending to £556m for vulnerable residents; £500m Highways investment fund to focus on improving safety of pupils and parents travelling to and from school by refreshing lines, cleaning and repairing signs in and around school zones; Suffolk Highways are to waive road closure application fees for VE and VJ Day; planned improvements to the Tollgate junction in Bury St Edmunds is out for public consultation; refills are being offered in a number of shops in Suffolk in a bid to cut down on plastic and packaging use. Additional topics covered included the 50mph speed limit signage, an additional VAS, parking on pavements, bus stops at Hengrave and Flempton; prospect of allowing parking on The Links (RH to chase).

5. Public Forum

A member of the public raised two matters i) a planning application discussed at the Parish Council meeting in June 2018 and ii) the accumulation of water trapped on the road at the Hengrave bus stop.

6. Finance

To approve payments to be paid.

C Mason – reimbursement of One Suffolk invoice	£60.00
West Suffolk Council – grass cutting	£18.00
C Mason salary x 2 months	£209.00
D Bambury – reimbursement of new set of notice board keys	£18.00

Unanimously agreed that the payments and bank reconciliation be approved.

7. Maintenance update for the track around The Green

One quotation has been received 'to fill in the pot holes with road planings then using existing stone rake out over the road way'. All agreed a more substantial fix is required for the maintenance of the track. Cllr Tooth to send contact details of a Groundworks contractor to CM. An agenda item for the next meeting.

8. Parking for Hengrave

Deferred pending the outcome of the traffic enforcement scheme.

9. Location of future speed limit signage

Location not fixed. Ideally, one in Hengrave facing traffic from Bury and one in Flempton facing traffic from Mildenhall. Cllr Tooth to liaise with Cllr Bambury regarding suitable sites.

10. Project development for the bus shelters

In the first instance, and to resolve current visibility problems, hedges to be trimmed back, Jean Lindsay to be contacted regarding the Flempton bus shelter. Bus stop signage necessary on the other side of the road, Cllr Hofensperger to advise. An unsatisfactory platform contributing to poor drainage is equally an ongoing problem. Highways would carry out the work, but a Parish Council contribution would be appropriate.

11. Website

Cllr Davies has volunteered to take over the website – unanimously approved. JD to be asked to come to the next meeting with her ideas going forward.

12. Venue for Parish Council meetings

Approved, the offices at Larkbridge Mortgages be used as the venue for Parish Council meetings throughout the winter months and St Catherine Church during summer months.

13. Date of next meeting agreed as 4th May 2020

Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm followed by the Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm.
Venue: St Catherine Church, Flempton.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.