

FLEMPTON CUM HENGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of a Meeting held Virtually on Monday 29th March 2021 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors Dave Bambury, Jean Lindsay, Andrew Speed (7.19pm), Janet Davies, Tony Tooth and one member of the public.
In attendance: Cllr Rebecca Hofensperger, Cllr Susan Glossop.

1. Co-option

Two applications for co-option had been received.

Proposed by Cllr Janet Davies, seconded by Cllr Tony Tooth that Gill Martin be co-opted to Flempton cum Hengrave Parish Council – unanimous.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Pam Newborough

3. Declarations of Interest

a) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda, and their nature. Cllr Tony Tooth declared an interest in agenda item 12, The Green.

b) To declare any other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda, and their nature.

None declared.

4. Minutes

Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meetings held on 26th January 2021 and 18th February 2021 were a true record and the Chair authorised to sign them as such on behalf of the Council.

5. County & District Council Reports

a) Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger's report: To cut down on rogue traders, ANPR cameras are in operation at the waste recycling centre; budget meeting middle of February, general council tax increased by 1.99% plus 2% increase for Adult Social Care; an increased budget for flooding repairs such as collapsed drains and cleansing equipment; flood manager recruited to manage the works programme; a working party being put together with Lackford relating to issues from flooding of the River Lark, various agencies are involved; working with Highways on final designs for improved signage; active Travel Charter linking the villages being progressed.

Questions raised included whether appointments will continue at the recycling centre - presently under review; fly tipping to be reported to WSC, or if in woods the Forestry Commission; drainage management at bottom of Tut Hill – on capital programme for some work to be done; collapsed signage coming into Hengrave from Flempton; details of contractors that could be used for replacing signs (at the PC's expense) to be forwarded from Highways; grass cutting on the footpath on the A1101-within SCC rolling

programme.

b) Cllr Susan Glossop's report: Due to Easter, brown bins will be collected one day later; suspended during the last year, renewal for the brown bin to be extended to 31st May; by-elections, County and PCC elections to be held on 6th May; email previously sent to councillors concerning actions on The Green by Anglian Water; in relation to the Greyhound Pub, bat survey and noise assessment report yet to be submitted to planning; confirmed dog waste can go into normal bins; suggested by Cllr Janet Davies that a bin should be located up by the weir at the start of the St Edmunds walk. Cost for WSC to get it emptied, £3 per week. Cost of bin approximately £300. To be discussed and voted on at the next meeting. Concerning litter, Parish Councils are organising local volunteers to litter pick. Equipment and advise on which roads are safe is available from WSC.

6. Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

7. Finance

a) To approve payments paid or to be paid.

Clerk's salary x 2	214.12
D Haygreen – bus shelter cleaning	80.00

It was unanimously agreed the payments as per the schedule be approved.

8. Update on bus shelters

Report by Cllr Davies was previously calculated. Highest priority is a bus stop in Hengrave going towards Mildenhall - owing to a narrow pavement, road kerb markings/raised kerb best compromise, school children could use entrance to Hengrave Hall gates to safely cross the road. Flempton bus stop outside Cllr Speed's house - post to be moved fifteen feet nearer the pedestrian area, for DDA compliancy, a raised kerb will be required. Poor visibility due to overgrown hedges for both bus stops needs addressing. Firm costings for the two west bound stops to be obtained. Cllr Davies to action for the next meeting.

9. Speeding and road signage

Signage already covered. The village is on the list for ANPR cameras. Two more posts to be applied for. Cllr Bambury and Tooth to look at suitable locations. Rather than white gates to the entrances to the village, it has been suggested by Highway's speed and safety officer that a more effective way to reduce speeding is by signage and road markings.

10. Gates

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

11. Churchyard and Wilding

Renewable on an annual basis, a tri-part arrangement concerning an additional wildflower area within the churchyard to be discussed with the Church Treasurer and Church Warden. Cllr Bambury to pursue and bring back costings to the next meeting.

12. Village Green

Two quotations have been received. To assist with costs, an amicable arrangement may be possible with Anglian Water to carry out their work to no more than a sub-base preparation. A question may arise on the ten year guarantee offered within the contractor's quotation. Cllr Tony Tooth and Cllr Susan Glossop to work together.

13. Track barrier

Proposed by Cllr Dave Bambury, seconded by Cllr Tony Tooth that the quotation submitted by Adam Rushworth for the repairs to the track barrier be accepted – unanimous.

14. Dog waste bins

To be discussed at the next meeting.

15. Bus shelter cleaning

The person responsible for cleaning the shelters has moved out of the area, and will no longer be carrying out the work. Cllr Andrew Speed offered to take on this responsibility for Flempton on a six weekly rota. An advert for Hengrave bus shelter to be put in the Parish magazine. In the interim, Cllr Dave Bambury to be responsible for the Hengrave bus shelter.

16. Clerk's salary/expenses

Guidance to be sought from SALC. Cllr Dave Bambury and the Clerk to liaise.

17. Planning applications

DC/21/0354/HH

Front porch, Flempton Barns, Beadles Barn, Bury Road, Flempton – No objections.

DC/21/0341/VAR

Variation of condition 2 of DC/19/0656/FUK. Proposal changes detached cart lodge and office removed, office extension, reposition of staircase additional roof window. The Bull Barn, Sir Johns, Stanchils Farm Lane , Hengrave – No objections.

DC/21/0345/LB

Listed Building Consent a. Internal & External alterations in association of conversion of redundant, agricultural building to residential b. single storey front extension.

Sir John's' The Bull Barn, Stanchils, Farm Lane, Hengrave – No objections.

DC/21/0564/TCA

Trees in a conservation area – one Oak, one Ash, one common Ivy, and four Goat willow. Grange Farm, Keepers Cottage, Bury Road, Hengrave – No objections.

18. Annual Parish Meeting / Annual General Meeting

Agreed for Monday April 26th at 7.00pm for the APM and 7.30pm for the AGM. To be advertised on the notice boards, website, Next Door.

19. Any other business

A welcome was given to new councillor Gill Martin.

20. Date of next meeting – as above.

With no further business the meeting closed at 20.33pm