

FLEMPTON CUM HENGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the Flempton cum Hengrave Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th September 2021 at 7.00pm in St Catherine's Church

Present: Councillors Dave Bambury, Jean Lindsay, Andrew Speed, Gill Martin

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

1. Apologies

Cllr Tony Tooth, Cllr Janet Davies, Cllr Pamela Newborough, Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger.

2. Declaration 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 of the meeting

Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th July 2021 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: Main local issues included The Greyhound Pub being put up for auction on 9th September, in the event it does not sell, a bat and a noise assessment survey has been commissioned; with many queries and objections from statutory organisations, a recent outline planning application from Terry Waters for a cottage on his land at West Stow Road has been withdrawn; Ipswich and Great Yarmouth will receive monies from Central Government to spend on accommodation for Afghan refugees.

b) To receive a report from Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger: Report previously emailed to councillors.

5. Public Forum

A concern was raised by a member of the public that residents may be unaware of planning restrictions, including trees within a conservation area. To raise public awareness, it was suggested an article from WSC be put in the Parish magazine or a letter distributed. If concerned trees are being cut down, Cllr Glossop to be contacted to ensure relevant permissions has been granted.

6. Finance

a) To retrospectively approve payments made since the last meeting

Proposed by Cllr Bambury, seconded by Cllr Speed that payments listed on the schedule are retrospectively approved.

b) To receive current bank balances - noted.

7. Village signs

In order to progress the installation of two new village signs, it was proposed by Cllr Bambury, seconded by Cllr Speed that the quotation of £699.17 per sign be approved - unanimously agreed.

8. Suffolk Cloud

Proposed by Cllr Bambury, seconded by Cllr Speed that the quotation of £100 initial cost, annual hosting and support charge £110, uploading content £100 received from Suffolk Cloud to set up a new Parish Council website be approved - unanimously agreed. Uploading content to be reviewed in a year's time.

9. Planning applications

Agreed protocol for planning applications - If councillors consider a planning application requires a meeting, the clerk will call that meeting using Zoom. If no response from councillors or a 'no comment response' is given, the clerk will return the form with the no comment box ticked to show planning the application has been considered.

10. To approve grass cutting payments - The Triangle

Retrospective approval was given for the quotation received from West Suffolk Council for £35 per cut on three occasions.

11. Terry Waters and the land adjacent to the Church

No action until after the auction on the 9th September.

12. Update on the Hengrave bus stop

Proposed by Cllr Bambury, seconded by Cllr Martin that subject to a satisfactory design, approval is given for the purchase of a new bus stop at a cost of £3950 – unanimously agreed.

Post meeting clarification

From Councillor Janet Davis:

Please could it be acknowledged that the bus stop design has already been shared and presented and is not a 'subject to' condition any more. The update was that having approved both design and latest cost to understand WHEN EXACTLY the work would be progressed. This is an issue I will continue to press WSC on behalf of FCH PC. All permissions and notifications to install and build the new bus stop rest with WSC.

From Councillor David Bambury: This is an accurate statement of the progress of the project to reposition the bus stop in Hengrave travelling towards Mildenhall. My comments at the meeting about the design needing to be approved were inaccurate for which I apologise.

13. Any other business

Churchyard: Cllr Speed to arrange a meeting with John Sadler and the new Rector to talk about a medium term plan for the church, including grounds and internal maintenance, wilding area. John Sadler to be approached with regards to the PCC placing an advert in the Parish magazine for a local person to cut the church grass. Cllr Lindsay to be part of any discussions.

The Links: Cllr Bambury to email Cllr Hopfensperger concerning the date of a proposed meeting. An agenda item at the next meeting.

14. Date of next meeting – Monday 8th November 2021 at 7.30pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.17