

FLEMPTON CUM HENGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the Flempton cum Hengrave Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2022 at 7.00pm at The Stables, Bury Road, Flempton, Bury Road, IP28 6EG

Present: Councillors Andrew Speed, Dave Bambury, Gill Martin, Janet Davies, Tony Tooth, Jean Lindsay.

In attendance: Cllr Susan Glossop, Christine Mason (Clerk), two members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. Carols on The Green proposed for Monday 5th December, a grant of E200 towards the event was approved in principle. A wide ranging fact finding conversation has been had with the Rector and his wife relating to the church and churchyard and its future challenges; further dialogue to be continued. As churchwarden, Cllr Lindsey asked to be involved in future discussions - agreed. A point of concern was raised by Cllr Glossop that with income less than outgoings (identified in a meeting in 2019) an ongoing plan is essential to deal with repairs to the church/tree work. As a starting point, a formal invitation to be sent to the Rector and Ali to attend the next parish council meeting. An agenda item for December.

Apologies

1. Cllr David Hudson, Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger.

2. Declaration of Interests

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

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

3. Minutes of the meeting

Proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th August 2022 and the Planning meeting held on Monday 22nd August 2022 were a true record and the Chair authorised to sign them as such on behalf of the Council – agreed.

4. To receive reports from District Councillor Susan Glossop, County Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger

To assist in receiving reports from the District and County Councillor ahead of time, a calendar of meetings to be diarised. An agenda item at the next meeting. A general report and a second on updates relating to specific parish issues to be requested from Cllr Hopfensperger. Cllr Speed to action.

District Councillor Susan Glossop's report

Matters included the cost of living crisis and what Suffolk is doing to support individuals as well as ensuring community and other groups are able to support and have help to meet their own costs; Parish Conference to go ahead on 19th November opening at 5.45pm for a 6pm start. To be held virtually through Microsoft Teams; to vote in the next election a valid

driving licence or passport will be required, for those without the relevant ID, Central Government are looking at alternative options.

As yet, no planning application has been submitted for the Hengrave cottages, construction not envisaged until next February. Still waiting for reports from the Heritage and Conservation Officers, but going the right way.

5. Public Forum

A resident asked why the minutes of the March 2022 meeting are not on the website. The Clerk to contact Suffolk Cloud for an explanation. Current 2022 minutes to be renamed to show 'PC meeting – Minutes - Date'. A further advisory leaflet drop on how to access these documents to be considered next year.

6. Planning application

Proposal: Householder planning application - a. front porch b. two storey side extension c. double garage

Location: 2 Park Cottages Stanchils Farm Lane Hengrave Suffolk IP28 6NA

Parish Council's response: No comment.

7. Finance

a) The financial report ending 9th August 2022 was unanimously approved, bank balance over the two accounts stands at £20,600.65.

b) After discussion, it was proposed reserves are deemed to be twelve months' worth of parish council's outgoings with a marginal 25%, to be reviewed at each January meeting.

8. To receive updates from the previous meeting

a) Old VAS

With no second hand value, it was suggested the old VAS be positioned at Flempton Bridge, West Stow Road. Cost to re-calibrate, including new batteries in the region of £350. An advert to be placed in the village newsletter asking for a volunteer to change the batteries, as and when needed. Cllrs Tooth, Speed to look at the proposed location.

Agenda item 9 was now heard.

9. To discuss the quotation received from Harry Stebbing Workshop for a village sign in Flempton

Information was previously circulated to councillors by Cllr Davies. Prices for a cast iron aluminium sign start from £5000, a metal sign from £6000 and a wooden sign approximately £8000. Prior to a decision being made, further exploratory work to be carried out, such as a possible Heritage Grant, community involvement for design concepts, historical references. Support from the parish council for the removal of the Greyhound Pub sign was approved.

c) Commemorative bench on The Green

Subject to confirmation of the final cost, it was unanimously agreed a 3-4 seater bench with wooden engraved plaque be purchased.

d) Tree(s) on The Green

No further action regarding planting a commemorative tree on The Green.

g) Tree pruning on The Green

Cllr Speed to contact Urban Forestry to carry out a survey plus any actions required.

d) The Links

No update at present. Cllr Speed suggested this could be a project for next year.

e) Flempton bus stop

Previously approved. No further update.

f) 'Slow signage' on The Green

Cost of £87.15 including vat was previously approved. Cllr Tooth to action.

10. To adopt the New Model Code of Conduct

Councillors unanimously approved the New Model Code of Conduct.

11. Street furniture scheme update

To move this forward, the Chairman and clerk to put together a grant application for a more formal barrier to the entrance of each village. Proposed 'Welcome to Hengrave/Flempton. Please slow down'. The Chairman and clerk to liaise.

ANPR: No interim data available.

12. Footpaths & River Pollution

a) River pollution monitoring, please see the Save Our Lark Group Report.

b) Reference the proposed footpath from Flempton Bridge to Hengrave Bridge. SCC Public Rights of Way and Footpaths manager reports negotiations with landowners remain ongoing.

13. Date of next meeting

Subject to the attendance of the Rector, the date for the next Parish Council meeting was agreed as either Monday 12th December or Tuesday 13th December 2022.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

