

FLEMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the Flempton cum Hengrave Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th March 2023 at The Stables, Bury Road, IP28 6EG

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

In attendance: Councillor Susan Glossop, Christine Mason (Clerk)

1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the final meeting before the elections on 4th May. Deadline to submit nomination papers is Tuesday 4th April 2023. It is, however, likely there will still be a need to co-opt to get up to the required number of councillors. An update on the damaged church wall was given by Cllr Glossop - incident caused by a car hitting the wall, occurred early morning, police were in attendance and a crime number issued for insurance purposes. No further update at present.

2. Apologies

County Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger

3. Declarations of Interest

a) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in the items on the agenda and their nature - none.

b) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature - none

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Hudson, seconded by Cllr Tooth that the revised minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. To receive reports from Cllr Susan Glossop and Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger. RH to be advised her report does, on occasions go into recipient's spam folders.

County Cllr Rebecca's General Report was received earlier and circulated to councillors.

Cllr Glossop reported all nine of her villages are organising an event for the King's Coronation celebrations; the planning application for the burnt out cottages in Hengrave has been approved, presently waiting for approval from the loss adjuster prior to going out to tender, anticipating a six to eight week lead, expected on site mid-June; in relation to the second row of cottages, a meeting with the owners has been arranged for 29th March; to assist in future decisions, debris can now be cleared to determine what is left and what the conditions are; the end cottage at Mill Road has scaffolding up as their insurers are involved, the rest of the cottages are more complex, as together they need to agree how they go

forward. The demolition of the pub at Flempton is moving on, sign and post have been removed, netting has been put over the fence to stop dust when windy. Questions to Cllr Glossop included how will the rebuilding of the cottages in Mill Road be financed if insurance is not in place, possibility of a developer buying the whole row? No progress with the footpath along the river, Cllr Glossop to contact Cllr Hopfensperger with a view of setting up a Zoom meeting to discuss the issue, Rights of Way Officer to be included.

6. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

7. Finance

Payments as per the schedule were approved. Balances to date stand at £18,801.97.

8. King's Coronation Celebrations

With email traffic relating to the decision not to organise an event on The Green, it was agreed to respond as follows 'As a Parish, it was felt the PC could not organise something on The Green, but please note there are several other events in neighbouring villages that residents, if they wished, could attend'.

With various suggestions on the type of gift to purchase, it was proposed at a cost of approximately £1800, a commemorative tin of biscuits for every household (165) be purchased from the online retailer Not on the High Street. Delivery to Cllr Speed. A letter from the Parish Council to be included, to be progressed by Cllr Davies. Final costs, delivery details to be finalised outside the meeting – all in favour.

9. Election communication to residents

Following a proposal to send out an information letter regarding standing in the local election, it was decided not to progress this but to ensure the Notice of Election is posted on the website and the two notice boards.

10. An update on the Flempton bus stop

For accessibility purposes, the Chairman has been informed a mandatory dropped kerb is required on the opposite side of the road prior to the siting of the bus stop. With little choice, it was agreed to go ahead with the project. Cllr Speed to contact SCC, Cllr Bambury to be copied in.

11. A motion to approve recycling the old VAS device by Westotec

Proposed by Cllr Bambury, seconded by Cllr Tooth that the old VAS device be recycled by Westotec– unanimous.

12. Speed limits in the village update

No change since the previous meeting.

13. Entrance gates to both villages update

Awaiting the quotation from Clarkes of Walsham. To make a difference to the visual approach to the village, Cllr Hopfensperger to be contacted about the possibility of having traffic calming chicanes.

14. Planned pruning of the trees on The Green

With minor wording issues, planning has sent back the application form three times. Cllr Glossop to speak directly to planning on the matter. Copy of paperwork to be sent by TT to SG.

15. Ongoing responsibility for VAS device in Flempton

Cllr Glossop to contact two residents who may possibly take on the responsibility for the Flempton VAS. Insurance paperwork to be completed if working at the side of the road. As a default, Cllrs Bambury/Speed to take on the task. To download data, TT to forward the link to the app to DB.

16 & 17 were heard together

To approve a request from Cllr Tooth to continue running Carols on the Green as a community event / Future provision and consideration for equipment for Carols on the Green

It was proposed that the Council agree to consider a written request from Tony Tooth to deliver Carols on the Green in December and submitted for the September 2023 meeting. Additionally, each year to submit costings for the consumables, tree, and lights for that year - all in favour. For insurance purposes, a list of items paid for by the Parish Council to be collated (please refer to the attached schedule).

18. Footpaths & River Pollution

Meeting with Charlie Browne to be arranged. Owing to a lot of surface soil, the field at the end of the drive is continually flooding and is in need of a ditch.

For noting only, Cllr Hudson has been co-opted to the committee for 'Water for Resources for the River Lark'.

Any other business

The purchase of two defibrillators, location and costs to be considered at the next meeting.

Contact details for Suffolk Cloud to be forwarded to the Chairman.

Cllr Lindsey to keep in touch about the wall.

Mark Prina to be chased regarding his report.

Cllr Glossop to highlight which information items are to be posted on the website.

19. Date of next meeting

Annual meeting followed by the Parish Meeting: May 15th 2023 at 6.30pm.