

FLEMPTON CUM HENGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the Flempton cum Hengrave Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th July 2021 at 7.30pm in St Catherine's Church

Present: Councillors Tony Tooth (Acting Chairman), Jean Lindsay, Janet Davies, Andrew Speed, Pamela Newborough, Gill Martin

In attendance: Cllr Rebecca Hofensperger, Cllr Susan Glossop, Christine Mason (Clerk).

1. Apologies

Cllr Dave Bambury

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.

Cllr Tooth and Cllr Newborough declared an interest in agenda item 7: Village Green Track.

3. Minutes of the meeting

Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th April 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

Report previously circulated and noted. Additional information, the fence put up outside a property in Hengrave is now with the enforcement officer, owner has been given the opportunity to submit a planning application or reduce the height of the fence; due to adverse comments by Heritage England, the Conservation Officer and others, the planning application submitted by Terry Waters has been withdrawn; owner of the pub and architect have been contacted but no response received. Cllr Speed suggested the Parish Council ought to consider supporting one house on the plot with a proviso the remaining land is available for other use to the wider village. A potential future agenda item? It was further recommended a formal letter is sent to the owner to verify his intentions for the pub - agreed. Cllr Glossop to provide contact details. Questions raised included the West Suffolk boundary changes that are currently at consultation stage. Cllr Tooth to put together a document summarising the changes for discussion at the next meeting. Cllr Davies asked why the Tut Hill parish poll was solely for Fornham All Saints residents – part of a legally binding agreement within the Rural Vision 2031 documentation for Marham Parkway.

b) To receive a report from Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger

Report previously circulated and noted. Due to communication issues, it was agreed to postpone further discussion on the replacement boundary sign/gateway signs until all

information is available. An agenda item at the next meeting.

Dates for a speed survey outside Grange Farm still to be agreed. Confirmed Flempton cum Hengrave has been approved for an ANPR camera.

Quotation received for bus stops - Hengrave in the Mildenhall direction £6000 and Flempton in the Mildenhall direction £4000. With costs being approximate, it was proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Martin that approval be given for the Hengrave bus stop at a cost of £6000, subject to written confirmation of that price. The motion was carried 5 in favour with 1 abstention.

Dog bins – land ownership to be determined prior to an order being accepted. RH to forward on information to Cllr Davies.

5. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

6. Finance

a) To retrospectively approve payments made since the last meeting

Unanimously approved.

b) To approve the Annual Governance & Accountability Return for 2020/2021

Unanimously approved.

7. To receive updates on:-

a) Bus shelters discussed previously in the agenda.

b) Speeding and road signage deferred to the next meeting.

c) Churchyard and grass cutting

Cllr Speed to contact the Church Treasurer regarding the sum to be contributed by the PCC. A vote to be taken at the next meeting.

d) Village Green Track / Anglian Water repairs – track reinstated as before.

f) Dog bins discussed previously in the agenda.

g. To receive a quotation for a Gateway sign at the northern end of Hengrave – deferred to the next meeting.

Any other business - With areas of grass not being maintained, in particular the Triangle, WSC and SCC to be contacted to establish which grass cutting areas they are responsible for.

A query was raised as to the number of meetings missed by Cllr Iris Evans. Once new bank signatories are in place, Cllr Evans will be stepping down. Currently being progressed by the Chairman.

9. Date of next meeting agreed as Monday 6th September at 7.00pm in the Church.