

FLEMPTON CUM HENGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Of the Flempton cum Hengrave Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th March 2024 at The Stables, Bury Road, IP28 6EG.

Present: Councillors Andrew Speed, Dave Bambury, David Hudson, Janet Davies, Gill Martin.

In attendance: District Cllr Susan Glossop.

1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies from Cllr Ken Borrow, Christine Mason, Clerk and County Cllr Rebecca Hopfenspurger who were unable to attend.

3. Declarations of Interest

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

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

4. Minutes

Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 29th January 2024 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Reports from County & District Councillors

Cllr Glossop agreed to raise concerns that the public were very dissatisfied in the state of the local roads and the slow progress in fixing the potholes.

Regarding the Caravan parked on Mill Road she advised that SCC had closed the case. Cllr Bambury asked that the decision be challenged as Mill Road is not an upadoted road and the caravan is not parked in the verge.

The Bowls Club had received £2500 from the Community Chest to rebuild the club house.

Cllr Glossop advised that the SCC Devolution Consultation was commencing May 2025.

A meeting has been arranged for the Links.

6. Public Forum

The were no members of the public in attendance

7. Finance

All were in favour of approving the two outstanding cheques

The balance for next year stands at £12,820.29

The amount of £850 from the Council was not shown separately on the spreadsheet so it not clear if it is included. This needs to be clarified by the clerk.

8. Church Grounds

Mark Prina mentioned in the previous meeting that as he is retiring and wishes to continue maintenance of the churchyard, as the tools he uses need to be returned. It was suggested that Mark submit a grant payment for tools needed and the tools remain Parish property.

Cllr Speed said he would donate the cost of a gatepost so that the gates be fixed. Cllr Lindsey to check that this has not already been addressed by the church.

- Cllrs Glossop and Bambury attended a meeting with Mill Road residents and Bedford Estate Agents to put the cottages on the market, and Martin Tiller will be the liaison for the group. Cllr Speed will contact Bedford's for an update.
- Scaffolding is being removed from the Bury Road cottages. Sean Pickering to be asked to be point of contact for the group. Currently not delisted, will be up to the purchasers.
- Pruning of the Cherry trees on the Green need to be done in May. Quotes are required shortly. Cllr Speed will get a quote.
- Grass cutting for the Green, Flempton. Contract with Adam Rushworth TBC.
- Cllr Speed asked if the new village gates were to be in addition to existing road furniture or replacing – it was agreed in addition.
- Track around the Green. Two quotes have been obtained and it was resolved to award the contract to Timber Force Ltd at £1325.
- Cllr Hudson said the capsule engraving will not clean up so it was suggested to have a brass plaque.
- Cllr Davies contacted Mark Prina, content editor of the Parish Magazine and submitted an article about the bench on the green and the new bus stops.
- Cllr Hudson updated everyone regarding the water pollution in the River Lark. It was suggested that all the Parish Councils along the Lark Valley should work together on issues related to the River Lark and footpaths in the Lark Valley. Cllr Hudson to investigate.

9. Any Other Business

*Bus Timetables. Cllr Speed found the timetable online and is now trying to work out how to print it to fit the bus stop board. It seems odd that the bus stop is fitted with a timetable notice board but we are unable to get one supplied and fitted.

* Hengrave Hall letter has never been confirmed so Cllr Davies will write and ask that the trees overhanging the verges could be pruned back to enable motorist to see road signs once Cllr Speed supplies her with the letterhead template.

* Update on Website. Cllr Davies has tidied up the website and posted the Clerk Vacancy and Parish Council Vacancies. She will maintain ad hoc copy on the website but it is still the Clerks responsibility to have Suffolk Cloud add minutes and agendas in the required timescale.

* The Clerks email address is on the Job Vacancies advert. The Chairman should also be able to access the emails.

*Cllr Speed said that he still needs to check the insurance at the Stables but is happy for the Parish Council to continue to meet at the Stables after his resignation.

Date of Next Meeting to be held at the church.

AGM 20th May 2024 @ 6pm.

Parish Council 20th May 2024 6.30pm.