Friston Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Meeting 13th January 2020

There were present: Cllrs Jackson (in the Chair) S. Jackson, J. Burch, C. Brooks, R. Brooks, A Simpson, County Cllr Reid, District Cllrs Haworth-Culf, Bond and P. Welby (Parish Clerk).

There were seven members of the public also present.

01/20 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Caplin and Schedrin

02/20 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations - None.

03/20 Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting 2nd December 2019 were agreed and signed.

04/20 Open Forum.

A member of the public raised the issue of 'inconsiderate farming' in Friston particularly in respect to the pigs. The feed has been delivered as early as 5.20am and as late as 10.20pm. The village is now downwind of the sites. Clerk agreed to contact the Land Agent. It was also suggested the Environmental Health department is copied in.

05/20 County and District Councillor Reports

Cllr Reid will provide a written report after the County Council Cabinet meeting. Cllr Simpson bought item 11/20 forward and Cllr Reid asked him to send a copy of the email originally sent to David Chennery regarding possible speed calming measures for the village.

Cllr Reid also confirmed that SCC will be rejecting Friston as the site for the planned SPR development.

06/20 Play Equipment

Cllr Simpson proposed that the Council accept the quote from Playquip after Cllr R Brooks has visited the company in Colchester. This was seconded by Cllr C Brooks. All agreed.

Cllrs Simpson and R Brooks will inform the resident who had registered an interest that the play equipment refurbishment has been agreed.

The Clerk will begin the application for funding.

07/20 Accounts

Cllrs A Simpson and R Brooks agreed the grass cutting invoice.

The statement of accounts and authorisation to pay had been circulated prior to the meeting. The authorisation to pay was agreed and signed.

08/20 Sizewell C

Cllr Jackson attended the recent Sizewell Stakeholders group meeting. There is a showing of the French film 'The Nuclear Trap' on the 2rd February. Clerk will circulate the details.

09/20 Planning

DC/19/4933/FUL – New chimney flue for biomass boiler – Friston Hall Farm – No objections.

10/20 SALC

Cllr Simpson will attend the area forum this month.

11/20 Speeding

This was dealt with under item 05/20.

12/20 Village Hall

There is a committee meeting on Thursday 16th January 2020. Cllr Burch will attend.

The Clerk will forward the terms of the lease by letter to the Chair of the Committee.

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13/20 Village Green and Mill Rd Dog Bins

The dog bin and new posts are on order.

The Clerk had received a quote for an A4 sign from EPS in Halesworth. The Council discussed the worded and agreed to get a requote for an A3 sign. Clerk to circulate when received.

14/20 Update on Vacancies for Parish Councillors

There are still two vacancies on the Council.

15/20 Allotments

No updates this month.

16/20 Highways & Footpaths

Cllr Jackson has written to SCC regarding the footpaths that have fallen in and those that have not been reinstated. Martin Williams (SCC) had agreed to write to landowners. Cllr Jackson will forward the email to the Clerk and copy in Cllr Reid.

17/20 Report from the SASES group

The briefing sessions in the village were a success, with the briefing notes and presentation available on the SASES website.

Anyone wishing to register as in 'interested party' most do so on the PINS website for each project by the 27th January.

The preliminary meeting is likely to be in March with a six month timescale for examination.

ESC appear to be in support of objecting to the Friston site. There is a cabinet meeting of SCC who also appear to reject the Friston site.

Cllr James Mallinder enters the meeting at 8.20pm

SASES representatives are meeting with Therese Coffey MP on Friday 17th January to follow up the OFGEM meeting and ask for her support. They will also follow up the promised review in the Andrew Leadsom letter. SASES have also reported National Grid to the Information Commissioner's Office for failing to respond to four freedom of information requests.

18/20 Cllr James Mallinder – East Suffolk Council's cabinet member for the environment attended the meeting in order to hear residents' concerns about the proposed Scottish Power site. He assured both the Council and residents that ESC supported Friston. He agreed that the problem lay with SPR's application rather than NIMBYism or opposition to 'clean energy'. He was also concerned about the statistics quoted by SPR regarding jobs and contracts in that they are not a true reflection of those actually available to the local economy. He also agreed with residents that the tourist economy and inward economics would be affected by the development. He reassured residents that the message was getting across to him via our District Cllrs and to keep up the dialogue.

19/20 AOB/Correspondence – The resident who had been involved in the dog incident in the village had written to the Clerk and asked that she update the Council. They had a follow up visit from the police and that the owner of the dog will be issued with a dog incident form and has to abide by the stipulations that the dog is walked on the lead & muzzled when in a public place and that the garden is made secure.

If any further incidents occur, people should contact the police with details via the Suffolk Constabulary website or by calling 101.

20/20 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 10th February 2020