



Friston Parish Council

Minutes of the Council meeting 17th October 2022 held in Friston Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs M Caplin (in the Chair), P Carlaw, S Jackson, M Mahony, R Brooks, A. Simpson and M. Shipman

In attendance: Cllrs Tom Daly and Russ Rainger (ESC), Phillippa Welby (Clerk), and 6 members of the public

Minutes

74/22 Apologies for absence – Cllrs C Brooks and M Schedrin.

75/22 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations - None

76/22 Minutes of the previous meeting: To minutes of the previous meeting 5th September 2022 were approved and signed by the Chair.

77/22 Open Forum – There were no items raised by the members of the public.

78/22 County and District Councillor Reports – Cllr Reid had given his apologies prior to the meeting. Cllr Daly gave the highlights of the District Council report. The main one being the ‘Ease the Squeeze’ campaign which aims to give residents affected by the cost of living crisis, practical advice and help. There are roadshows taking place around the district for residents to attend, the nearest one to Friston being Saxmundham Fromus Centre on the 16th November between 10am – 2pm.
Both District Cllrs left after their report.

79/22 SASES Update – Naomi Goold (ESC) is still sending updates prior to Parish Council meetings which are a useful round up of energy project news.

NGET are starting their informal consultation regarding the Sea Link project. There is an event being held in the village hall on the 11th November but no other details have been released yet.

SASES had a meeting with Dr Coffey MP, she has confirmed there will be a new team at BEIS but this may not be of any gain.

SCC have met and noted that alternatives to East Anglia Green (power line from Norfolk through Suffolk and Essex) should be looked at but with no more infrastructure in East Suffolk.

The judicial review hearing for SASES will be on the 15th and 16th November in the High Court in London.

SEAS judicial review has been refused. They do have the right to appeal.

80/22 Reclaim the Rain – A drop in session on the 21st November in the village hall for residents is being organised. There will be an advert in the Swift with full details. This will be a chance for residents to understand the project and its goals. There will also be a questionnaire delivered to every house in the village.

Cllr Simpson asked the Clerk to check that the money will not be moved from the project if it overruns.

81/22 Footpaths – The Clerk had reported the dumping of garden rubbish on the footpath behind Grove Rd to SCC. There are currently a few footpaths in Friston that need reinstating. These are footpaths 8, 13, 17, 22 and 26.

The Council agreed that Cllr Simpson will approach the various landowners/agents. If this is not successful, the Clerk will write an open letter to all landowners/agents represented in the village asking them to be mindful of putting these important health and wellbeing resources back for residents.

Clerk to also raise this with SCC Cllr Reid if the problems are not resolved.

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82/22 Highways – SCC Highways are not replacing the reported 30mph signs that are defective. They do not agree they need replacing or fixing.

Clerk to ask for a follow up from the ANPR camera and speed van.

Clerk to ask for meeting with Highways community engineer to discuss village gateways to increase the awareness of the 30mph zone. Cllr Simpson to be lead on this.

83/22 Bus Shelter – the quote from Suffolk Timber Frame buildings came in at £13000 plus VAT. Cllr Shipman agreed to look for other companies. Clerk to send the original drawing to Cllr Carlaw.

Cllr Mahony put forward the idea of Blackheath Estates possibly contributing to the cost.

84/22 Village Green – The litterbin still hasn't been emptied on the Green. Cllr Rainger was escalating this within ESC.

The play equipment passed the annual inspection. Cllr R Brooks has tightened the swing seat. There are two benches that need attention. The Clerk will approach the firm recently used by Halesworth Town Council.

There is also a sign needed on the basketball goal. Clerk to ask EPS for quote.

85/22 Village Hall – LST Construction have completed the works to help alleviate the damp in the Village Hall. A member of the public reported that the contractor had been thorough and had good working practice. He also agreed that he would have the second piece of guttering installed on his shed and pay for this. Cllr Shipman to convey this to LST when the cheque is collected.

86/22 Village Sign – the Clerk has received a map of utilities from BT on the site. Cllr Shipman will ask LST Construction to contact Cllr Simpson regarding moving the pole.

87/22 Allotments – the spare plots have now been seeded with grass.

88/22 Accounts – the accounts were agreed by the Council. The Clerk confirmed that the defibrillator was working now with a new battery. This prompted Cllr Mahony to suggest having a list of jobs/maintenance that need checking in the village. Clerk to compile with help from Cllrs.

89/22 Correspondence – None

90/22 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – 28th November 2022

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