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 **FRISTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall Friston on the 8th July 2024**

**Present:** Councillors M Mahony, (Chair), C Slack, M Shipman, P Carlaw

**In attendance**: E Thomas (Minute taker), District Councillor Tom Daly, Katy Sargent SCC Head of Public Health, 13 members of the public

**58/24** **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. W Ireland

**59/24** **Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

No declarations or Requests were received.

**60/24 Minutes of the previous meetings**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting on 20 May 2024 were approved as a correct record.

**61/24 Public Forum**

Member of the public formally expressed thanks to the organisers of recent village events and praised the strength of community that exists in the village.

The pavement on the B1121 from the Chequers and the B1094 is overgrown and impassable. Cllr Shipman to contact Highways.

Question on progress of negotiation regarding the Village Green lease.

Cllr Mahony waiting contact from the landlord

Cllr Mahony reiterated parking restrictions as stated in lease .

A concern was expressed by a resident regarding parking in Church Road associated with Church or Village Hall events blocking access to property. Duly noted by Chair.

**62/24** **Wellbeing**

Katie Sargeant SCC made a presentation

Her role is Well Being Officer for Communities in East Suffolk. Particular focus is on the places adversely affected by the energy projects. Data collected will be used to direct support to those areas. A booklet containing contact details of organisations to assist members of the public will be made available in the pub and in the church.

 Cllr. Slack will act as liaison in this matter I will keep the Parish Council updated on progress.

**62/24 County Councillor Reports**

 Apologies from Councillor Reid

**63&64/24 District Councillor Report & Energy Projects update**

 **A report from Councillor Daly**

* Cllr Daly reported on resources available for Well Being initiative and his support for this project.
* Update on Energy Projects sent to Parish Council.
* **Lion Link -** Discussed potential landfall alterations and clarified queries arising from letter sent to parish councils.
* Commented on comparison between historic energy consultations and the present. Current are less robust. Highlights need to be aware and respond
* If, or when the projects go ahead, Councillors to monitor the projects’ progress and adherence to discharge notices.
* Attended Hydrogen Conference at which methods of distributing Hydrogen generated from off shore wind highlighted the need for co-ordinated approach to energy distribution.

**65/24 Energy Projects**

* Letter received re: Solar farms installation – no further information
* Cllr. Mahony reported the SASES DCO challenge has not been successful at Supreme Court.
* Considered unlikely that the SEAS challenge will ultimately be successful given likely response by the incoming government to infrastructure developments.
* SASES involvement has significantly improved the projects
* Consideration on how the Parish Council and takes things forward
* Little benefit will be forthcoming for Friston
* Cllrs to engage with Jenny R Carpenter, new MP for Suffolk Coastal
* Friston Parish Council will be robust in discussions and continue to protect communities’ interests as best it can.
* Outline of the recently received consultation documents from National Grid
* Community must again engage interrogate the documents and respond.
* E Thomas and T French reported on letter compiled at request of residents.

The letter requested removal of ‘Friston’ as the identifier for the substation(s) build as used by local authorities and others. Association of name Friston with an industrial complex has negative impact. This will be considered by the Parish Council.

**66/24 Planning Matters**

 Cllr. Shipman reported on two planning applications. Both are internal applications

 There were no objections to the plans.

 Soil surveys are in progress for SPR.

**67/24 Parish Clerk Recruitment**

 No applications for the post have been received.

Cllr Mahony urged attendees to encourage suitably skilled residents to apply

**68/24 Reports from other meetings**

 Cllr. Mahony attended a SALC AGM

 Agreed that due to shortage of Parish Council funds, a contribution to

CAB (Citizens Advice Bureau) cannot be made this year..

**69/24 D Day Celebrations**

 Cllr. Ireland and her team were thanked for her efforts

 Event funded by grant received by the Parish Council from the District Council

Agreed to pay invoices for expenses incurred in accordance with the document circulated to parish councillors

**70/24 Village Green**

Cllr. Carlaw reported on progress and future visits of Community Payback

Contractor engaged to cut village green

Playground fencing to be installed 22/07/24

Funds ring fenced to make payments

VAT will be reclaimed

CIL money has been secured

**72/24 Highways**

 Lack of clarification from Highways dept on who pays for road markings

Cllr Carlaw obtaining prices for bollard installation and in contact with Highways to establish which contractors Parish Council can engage to carry out works on installation.

Budget for the installation of bollards along B1021 bordering the Village Green approved unanimously by Parish Council

**73/24 Village Hall**

 Cllr. Carlaw reported the letting for Pilates has ceased

 Request for new committee members on Village Hall Committee

 Renewal of Wi-Fi due, Plus Net may be less expensive provider

 Decoration in disabled toilets required after the damage caused by damp

 New cleaner has been appointed

 Lone worker safety assessment completed

**74/24 Allotments**

A Simpson exploring how to increase number of people using the allotments

**75/24 Accounts**

 Payment of £200.00 arising from use of hall for election received.

 Future payments for use of hall by energy companies to be reviewed.

 Mary Shipman had prepared a list of outstanding invoices

 Renewal questionnaire for Village Hall Insurance renewal to be completed.

 A list of invoices to be paid has been circulated by Mary Shipman

**76/24 Correspondence**

 No Correspondence

**Date of Next Meeting:** 2 September 2024

The Meeting closed at 20.35