

MINUTES OF THE FLEGGBURGH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

17 MAY 2018

Comprising Billockby, Clippesby, Burgh St Margaret

PRESENT: Councillors Andrew Peake (Chairman), Jean Lindsay, Keith Osborne, Shaun Hacon, John Lindsay, June Pratt, Barry Hall, Alan Greenwood, County Councillor Haydn Thirtle, 18 members of the parish electorate.

Also in attendance: Parish Clerk Susan Holland

Prior to the opening of the meeting a parishioner requested that a chairman be elected and proposed Councillor Jean Lindsay. This was seconded and a vote taken. 12 votes in favour, 7 against. Jean Lindsay was duly elected chair for this meeting.

1. **Apologies** had been received from PC Gary May, Councillor John Lindsay, Maureen Burns (Interim Headteacher Fleggburgh Primary School)
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2017** were not available as there was no hard copy on file and no electronic copy had been published on the council website.
3. **The Parish Council Chairman gave a report** of the activities of the council in the year 2017-18.

The Chairman opened his remarks by thanking the Speedwatch group for their work to help improve the safety of the Fleggburgh Roads.

He went on to say that it has been a busy year for the Parish Council which has introduced monthly meetings in order that all planning decisions are made in public.

The Council has adopted and published on the website:

- New standing orders,
- New code of conduct,
- Up to date Financial Regulations
- Adopted the information commissioners model publication scheme to comply with the freedom of information act

The council has also registered with HMRC in order that the obligation to make PAYE payments is met and undergone a competitive tendering process for all maintenance contracts.

Various training has been undertaken:

- The Chairman attended chairmanship training
- Cllr. Forde-Pogson, the Chairman and Clerk have attended GRDP training
- Most of the councillors have attended councillor training

He thanked Cllr Osborne for taking on communications meaning lots of information about the council and village appears in the Great Yarmouth Mercury.

The Chairman ended by thanking those who had contributed to the upkeep of the village.

4. **The Parish Council annual accounts** had been prepared for audit and a summary of the current position was presented. Total income: £12,704 Total expenditure: £9163. A copy of the relevant documents will be published on the council website following audit.

5. **Reports were received from village organisations:**

Village Hall Management Committee: A report was presented by a member of the management committee.

The hall continues to be well used and the committee work hard to maintain the facilities. However, they wished to issue a plea for help and support with fundraising to support the financial commitment necessary.

Fleggburgh Primary School: The Headteacher had sent her apologies and provided a written report which the clerk read out to the meeting.

In summary, the school continues to promote high academic standards but is also committed to providing an enriched education for pupils with many extra-curricular activities. The head expressed her thanks to the Churchwardens, governors and the many organisations and parishioners who give their valuable support to the school. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

A parishioner raised the problem of parking outside the school and requested that something be done to encourage parents to park more responsibly. Two school governors explained that a range of measures have been tried to alleviate the problem but as the school has no power to enforce the no parking on the zig-zag lines on the road there is little more that can be done.

The meeting was advised that the school fete will take place on 9th June between 1 and 3 pm. All welcome.

Community Speedwatch: Two sessions were held in March both at Main Rd Fleggburgh. 6 vehicles were recorded travelling at more than 5mph above the 30 speed limit. The highest was recorded at 47 mph in a 30mph area.

In April 4 sessions were held. 3 at Main Rd, Fleggburgh and 1 at Main Rd, Billockby. 27 vehicles in total were recorded in excess of the speed limit, the highest being 47mph. The highest in one session was 11 - notably the Acle straight was closed due to an accident.

In May 2 sessions had been held to date, 1 at Main Rd, Fleggburgh and 1 at Main Road, Billockby. 10 vehicles were recorded the highest being 59 in a 40mph.

The Speedwatch have a new lighter speed gun.

The co-ordinator thanked the team for their work thus far and Councillor Barry Hall in particular for his starring appearance on Anglia News promoting the work of the team.

Norfolk Day Organising Group – This is the inaugural year for the event on Friday 27th July being promoted by the EDP and Radio Norfolk. Cllr Forde-Pogson explained the plan to hold a picnic at the Village Hall for Fleggburgh residents to join in this celebration of Norfolk. Representatives from the parish council and village hall committee have

combined to organise and co-ordinate the event and welcome offers of help. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

The Poor's Trust: The Chairman of the Board of Trustees presented the report.

The trust had distributed a total of £5120 to 64 local residents, a reduction on previous years. Following questions related to the governance of the trust, advice had been sought from solicitors which had a major impact on the charity.

The common had been managed in line with the contractual agreements with governmental agencies. The trust works closely with its agent to maintain the various agreements in place.

Any questions in relation to the activities of the Charity should be directed to the Charity by letter addressed to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

A full copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

A parishioner asked about the qualification for receipt of monies from the trust. The Trust Chairman replied that applications could be made by residents over the age of 65 who had lived in the village for more than three years. One payment is made per household.

Another question was asked about activities on the common. The chairman explained that there had been a reduction in payment 2-3 years previously but that the problems had been rectified.

Some discussion took place regarding clearance of gorse which had been cut on the common and the fact that the area is a SSSI site where consent must be sought for certain activities.

Councillor Haydn Thirtle reported from the County and Borough Councils:

Broadband – The County Council has noted that there is a problem in some areas of the county with inadequate broadband provision/speeds. By 2020 95% of houses should be able to access super-fast broadband and the council has allocated £13m in their budget to achieve the last 5%.

Mobile phone coverage – The Digital Innovation and Efficiency Committee is working on plans to improve coverage countywide.

Transport:

- The A47 Alliance has been set up to work towards improvements and dualling.
- £9m is to be spend to improve transport and flow of traffic through Yarmouth.
- £600,000 is allocated to refurbishing the front of the railway station.
- £98m has been allocated from central government for the proposed 3rd river crossing with the remaining £23m to be funded by Norfolk County Council.

Education – For the first time, Norfolk children exceeded the national average attainment levels.

Health - An additional 62 members of staff were appointed to cater for the ageing population and 80 new staff for reablement centres. These measures should help to reduce the pressure on local hospitals.

Trading Standards – Norfolk County Council, in partnership with National Trading Standards, aims to raise awareness of scams. The website offers advice. Councillor Barry Hall alerted the meeting to a recent incident in the area and passed on the advice that parishioners should call 999 if they see any suspicious activity.

Highways:

- The Norse contracts for verge and grass cutting are being considered for updating.
- The highways engineer will be undertaking a survey of local junctions following white lining requests. Councillor Thirtle has agreed a contribution to the cost from his budget allocation.
- Alterations to the Acle straight are being considered for investigation but this will be some years away.

In response to a question regarding cutting of the footpath behind Fleggburgh Church, Councillor Thirtle asked for clarification of ownership and said that he would investigate and ask for it to be cut if it was NCC responsibility.

A parishioner asked about litter at the side of the B1152 and said that on a 20-minute walk they had encountered 60 items of rubbish. They would like to take part in any group who would be prepared to work on a litter picking project. Councillor Thirtle offered fluorescent jackets for use and explained that the main road was the responsibility of Highways England.

Clippesby Church – A report was presented on behalf of Clippesby Church. There is at present an interregnum however, there continues to be a service held for the small congregation. The church contributed its Parish Share to the Diocese. The Churchwardens expressed thanks to the parish council for the funding of the grass cutting.

6. Open Forum

- The Chairman of the Poor's Trust was asked whether the minutes were published and available and whether public meetings were held. He replied that he would check the status of the minutes and confirmed that the Trustees meetings were not public meetings.

The Chairman of the Parish Meeting requested that further issues relating to the Poor's Trust be taken up outside this meeting in accordance with the procedure outlined in their report.

- A parishioner asked about improvements to the play area as there are some items requiring repair or replacement. As this is the property of Great Yarmouth Borough Council, the Parish Council has begun a discussion with the Borough Council on the subject and further information will be available in due course.

Councillor Keith Osborne explained that he had taken on the task of sending information to the Yarmouth Mercury for inclusion in the publication. He welcomed contributions.

There being no further questions, the Chairman expressed her thanks to the Clerk for her work and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting adding that it was particularly pleasing to see some young people present.