

**Minutes of the Meeting of Fleggburgh Parish Council held on
Thursday 20th February 2020 at 7:30pm in Fleggburgh Village Hall.**

Present: June Pratt, Chairman
Alan Greenwood, Vice-chairman
Frank Brown
Jonathan Roper
Richard Sewell
Keith Osborne
Shaun Hacon
Fran Dockerty
Andrew Peake
Jimmy Miller, Clerk

Also present: Haydn Thirtle, Adrian Thompson plus sixteen members of the public.

Before the meeting, the Clerk read out the notice informing everyone at the meeting that it was being recorded.

1 Public Forum

Rachel Tait said that a number of the public had turned up to the meeting to express their support for a crossing over the A1064.

Ricky Doyle said that he wanted the crossing to be put in as a proactive measure in that it would prevent accidents rather than a reactive measure in response to a tragedy.

Jonathan Walshe said that the crossing should be raised so that traffic has to slow down.

It was reported that the Give Way sign on Tower Road, just before the Main Road, was down. Also, a sign just before Billockby Farms as you head towards Acle. Clerk will report these two items to Highways.

2 Reports from District and County Councillor and Broads Authority

Haydn Thirtle said that the flooded road junction in Billockby might be being caused by a broken pipe under the road which is preventing the water from draining away.

He also informed the meeting that there would be a 2% increase in council tax from NCC's setting their budget for next year.

Adrian Thompson said that the SAM2 sign had been positioned on Rollesby Road between 27th January and 9th February monitoring incoming traffic from Rollesby. It recorded 11,836 vehicles in that period with an average speed of 26.7mph. 78% of cars were under the speed limit and 22% were over with an average speed of 33mph with one vehicle clocked at 50mph. PC Lucy Evans will be out with the Speedwatch team in the near future.

He informed the meeting that the three dog poo bins plus the litter bin are now in place. They are all being well used. He has purchased another bin for Fleggburgh which he would like to position at Town Road at the top of Royden Way subject to FPC approval.

Regarding busses being re-routed through Fleggburgh, 60 survey forms have been returned and Brandon Lewis MP will be speaking direct to First Bus.

He informed the meeting that there is an application to the National Lottery fund and Norfolk Community Foundation to get a grant for new equipment aimed at children in the 2-7 age range. The cost of the equipment will be roughly £8,000. Old equipment already in situ is to be done up by GYBC.

Regarding a crossing over the A1064, a feasibility study needs to be done first by NCC at a cost of £3,000. With the proposed development of 33 houses in Tower Road, this has given a boost to the crossing scheme since planning have recommended that there should be two flashing 20mph signs outside Fleggburgh School. Adrian suggested that the money for this could be put towards a crossing which wouldn't just be for the School but rather the whole village.

3 Report from local police

Clerk received some information from Norfolk Constabulary the day before the meeting. He will take a look at it and, if anything is pertinent, will post it on the FPC website.

PC Lucy Evans is currently ill.

4 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Gary May.

5 Declarations of interest for items and applications for dispensations

None.

6 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20th January 2020

Clerk said that reference to the B1064 should have been A1064 and had been corrected since draft minutes had been sent out.

Cllr Brown proposed that we approve the minutes for January; Cllr Greenwood seconded. Unanimous decision to approve the minutes.

7 To receive and note the Clerk's monthly report

The Clerk's report had been circulated and was noted.

Clerk had reported that streetlight 17R had been reported to NCC. A parishioner said that it was still faulty. Clerk said he would report it again.

Clerk has contacted both URM and Indigo regarding getting the recycling bins replaced and will contact them again before the next meeting.

Regarding the footpath sign on FP2, NCC said the sign was in the right place.

8 Planning

a) Applications received

06/19/0404/F

Tower Road (Land north of) Fleggburgh GREAT YARMOUTH NR29 3AU

Construction of 33 new mixed dwelling types (including 9 social housing units of different types)

Cllr Dockerty said that this development didn't meet the views of parishioners identified from the questionnaires used in the NDP.

Cllr Brown said that any vote now was only on revisions to the original plan not the actual plan itself.

Cllr Brown said that they had done no drainage test wells on the site where the 33 houses are to be built.

Cllr Osborne said that the eight properties now exiting onto Tower Road was a big change and that the Road was not suitable for that many exits.

Cllr Brown said that FPC had approved the original plan for 33 homes and that FPC couldn't go back on themselves.

Cllr Roper said that FPC had approved the original plans but subject to conditions.

Cllr Peake said that planners in the last major development in Fleggburgh, planners don't consider conditions. They only consider whether the Parish Council supports an application or not. FPC are not able to put conditions on a development.

Cllr Pratt said that, on that basis, should FPC not support this application.

Cllr Dockerty proposed not to accept the amendments; Cllr Peake seconded this. The basis for not supporting the application is that flooding has not been dealt with adequately (no drainage test wells had been carried out on the actual site), eight exits onto Tower Road (Tower Road is not suitable for that many exits), and that previously FPC had asked that one-bedroomed dwellings instead be two-bedroomed dwellings. Motion not to accept the amendments was carried unanimously.

BA/2020/0039/FUL

Land Adjacent To West View Marsh Road Fleggburgh Norfolk NR29 3DE
Erection of a grain store

Cllr Brown proposed that FPC support the application; Cllr Osborne seconded. Everyone voted for the motion except Cllr Peake who voted against.

Planning decisions

BA/2019/0359/FUL

Electrical Testing Main Road A1064 Acle Bridge Fleggburgh NR13 3AT
Change of Use of B8 unit to B1 Unit (offices) and installation of mezzanine. Passed by the Broads Authority.

9 Correspondence

GYBC contacted Clerk regarding TPO no. 4 2020 On land at White Gates, Main Road, Fleggburgh

SLCC contacted Clerk regarding Government's Website Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.1), introduced in 2018, with the introduction of measures to ensure that all public sector websites and mobile apps are accessible to all users, particularly those with disabilities. This includes parish councils. FPC website must be compliant by September 2020. Clerk will look into this.

Lewis Treloar (Broads Authority) notified the Clerk that major sheet piling works along the river frontage are to be carried out at Acle Bridge 24-hour moorings starting at the end of February.

Gillian Lee of Little Explorers Nursery contacted the Clerk thanking FPC for donation and showing what had been purchased with the help of the donation.

10 Finance

- a) To note Bank Reconciliation to 31st January 2020
- b) To note Accounts to 31st January 2020
Cllr Pratt proposed to approve the accounts and bank reconciliation; seconded by Cllr Brown. Unanimous vote to approve.
- c) To approve items for payment:

J. Miller	Salary for February 2020	£224.80
J. Miller	Mileage*	£9.00
J. Miller	Home office for February 2020	£10.00

* One twenty-mile round trip for meeting at 45p per mile (February).

Cllr Greenwood proposed to approve the payments (as shown above); Cllr Roper seconded. Unanimous vote in favour.

On the agenda, there had been a payment of £30,000 for investing into a two-year bond with Cambridge & Counties. However, the Clerk informed the meeting that availability of this bond was withdrawn on 7th February 2020. It was therefore decided to investigate alternative investments before next month's meeting.

11 Dog poo bins plus litter bin

Cllr Peake expressed concern about the metal stake that had been put into the ground near the old post office as it was close to a street light and could become dangerous if the cable underneath has been damaged. Clerk will contact GYBC regarding the street light to see where the cable is in relation to the bin.

Adrian Thompson offered FPC another poo bin, at no cost to FPC, which would be sited on a fence on Town Road at the end of Royden Way. Cllr Roper voted to accept this offer; Cllr Greenwood seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

12 Noticeboards

A discussion took place regarding the noticeboard at Billockby. Cllr Brown proposed that FPC make no change to where they post agendas; seconded by Cllr Roper. Everyone voted in favour except Cllr Osborne and Cllr Hacon.

13 Lease on land

Clerk will contact current leaseholder to see if he wishes to renew the lease when it expires at the end of October 2020.

14 Misuse of e-mails

Cllr Sewell asked Cllr Peake why he is sending e-mails to those who have requested no e-mails. Cllr Peake said that it was to keep those councillors up-to-date.

Cllr Pratt said that Cllr Peake's e-mails were abusive and offensive. Cllr Hacon said they were malicious.

Cllr Peake said that this was all mobbing and that he was being bullied.

Cllr Sewell suggested making Cllr Peake's e-mails public so that people could see what rubbish was being sent. Cllr Peake responded that anyone could look at his e-mails.

15 Use of e-mails by councillors

Cllr Hacon proposed that all e-mails between councillors stop and that any e-mail correspondence goes through the Clerk. Cllr Brown seconded.

Cllr Osborne said that this was not required as e-mails can be blocked.

A vote was taken and was a majority decision in favour with Cllrs Osborne, Peake and Dockerty voting against.

16 Complaint to the Information Commissioner against the Parish Council

Clerk informed the meeting that a complaint had been made against FPC and that he had ten working days to respond to the complaint. The complaint was about the Clerk not responding to a request to review FPC's policy on FOI. However, according to FPC's standing orders, a motion carried at council meeting cannot be reviewed within six months.

Cllr Sewell asked who had made the complaint; Cllr Peake responded that it was himself.

17 Time limit on meetings and timing of meetings

It was agreed to leave things as they are.

18 Neighbourhood development plan

GYBC are still reviewing FPC's draft neighbourhood Development Plan.

19 King's Arms' rubbish bins in Town Road

Mark Dixon at the King's Arms asked the Clerk for clarification of what the issue was. The Clerk sent an e-mail stating "The two issues were rubbish being blown around as well as cars having to go over to the other side of the road as a result of the bins. It may be the case that the dustmen are not putting the bins back enough onto the King's Arms property when emptying them."

Mark's response was as follows:

"Nobody should have to ever go round the bin even if it was the road side of the fence, as I own the land that it sits on the other side of fence so that shouldn't be a problem as they shouldn't be driving on it anyway.

The bins being on the road when windy I can't do much about and it's the same for everybody's bins that sit out on a Thursday evening. Would love to know how they would think it's my rubbish? And couldn't be anybody else's?

And again like the first email if the binman/council used any sense and just walked an extra 3 seconds none of this would be any issue."

20 X1 bus service via Fleggburgh/Filby – update

This had already been covered earlier in the meeting.

21 Speedwatch and SAM2

This had already been covered earlier in the meeting.

22 Highways – including signage and crossing

Cllr Pratt said that the Council needed to consider whether the initial survey and feasibility study was to go forward at a cost of approximately £3,000.

Cllr Pratt said that the survey needed to be done in the summer months when traffic is busier. Cllr Hacon questioned whether NCC already had traffic information already.

Cllr Peake asked Haydn Thirtle about the fact that he had said previously that he may be able to allocate some money towards the crossing. Rachel Tait also said that NCC had said that Haydn Thirtle might have funds he could use to help with a feasibility study. Haydn Thirtle said that he would contribute towards the study but that it would need to be after April as he would be receiving a new grant then. Cllr Brown offered to top up any amount that Haydn Thirtle agreed to put in. Haydn agreed to put £1,500 in and Cllr Brown agreed to put in a further £1,500. Unanimous decision to accept these offers and get a feasibility study started some time after April. Clerk will contact Justin Le-May to get more information and get the ball rolling. Adrian Thompson said that if the SAM2 sign was needed more in Fleggburgh to help the survey, he would be willing for that to happen by reducing its presence in Filby.

Rachel Tait, on behalf of the Friends of Fleggburgh School, thanked Haydn and Cllr Brown for their offers.

23 Footpaths

Since the last FPC meeting, the Clerk again contacted Lewis Treloar of the Broads Authority about the possibility of a bike lane / footpath between Billockby and Acle Bridge and between Billockby and Clippesby Hall. Between Billockby and Acle Bridge is looking unlikely but Lewis Treloar said that he would be willing to meet the landowner(s) and a representative from FPC to see if it's possible to get anything between Billockby and Clippesby Hall.

Cllr Hacon expressed an interest in representing FPC. Clerk will contact the landowner to see if they would consider in principle the idea of a permissive footpath.

24 AOB (anything in this section cannot be actioned upon)

Cllr Dockerty asked if a barrier could be put up at the end of the footpath along the side of the church going on to the Main Road. This will be put on the agenda for next month's meeting. Ricky Doyle suggested that stippled pavement might be an option when the footpath reaches the Main Road.

Cllr Brown said that the white lines at post office corner hadn't been done yet. Clerk will contact Highways to see what is happening.

25 Items for the next agenda

Village hall AGM - feedback

Before the meeting was closed, Cllr Pratt thanked both councillors and the public for their interest and participation in the meeting and in getting things done for Fleggburgh.

Date of next Parish Council meeting: Thursday 19th March 2020

Meeting closed at 21:30