

**Minutes of the Meeting of Fleggburgh Parish Council held remotely on
Thursday 21st January 2021 at 7:30pm.**

Present: June Pratt, Chairman
Frank Brown
Fran Dockerty
Jon Walshe
Richard Sewell
Keith Osborne
Shaun Hacon
Andrew Peake
Jon Roper
Jimmy Miller, Clerk

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

Before the meeting, the Clerk informed everyone at the meeting that it was being recorded.

1 Public forum

A parishioner said that she wanted to object to things that Andrew Peake was putting on his page on Facebook. She read out the latest rant from Cllr Peake: "Dr. Jimmy Miller is a liar, Dr. Jimmy, or James Gordon Miller, clerk to Fleggburgh Parish Council is a dishonest, scheming, devious, threatening liar." She said that this language is obscene and unacceptable for a parish councillor to write. She said that she objected to it strongly and asked for an explanation. She asked what reasons there were for all the allegations that Cllr Peake had been making.

Cllr Peake replied that he had evidence to back up the claims for every post that he had put on Facebook. He said it was a fact that the Clerk had lied.

The Clerk stated the following:

"Andrew, for the most part of about a year has been posting baseless, false allegations about myself and other people. On this particular occasion, I have called the police. I don't know if you had a call from the police today Andrew but you will be getting a call, if not today, tomorrow. I've had enough of this criminal activity that you're involved in and I'd like you to stop it"

Cllr Peake replied that he would welcome a police investigation into the actions of "our dishonest and lying plagiarist clerk".

The Clerk replied that he had nothing to hide. He said that Cllr Peake had a lot more to hide than he had. He said that Cllr Peake's actions were absolutely shameful. The Clerk suggested that Cllr Peake should be a good lad and should try and behave himself.

Cllr Pratt said that she totally agreed with what the parishioner had said. She said that it was not nice to read these things. She said that they were definitely not true and that she had been subjected to the same treatment from Cllr Peake and that this was unacceptable.

Cllr Pratt said that she didn't know why Cllr Peake was continuing doing this when so many parishioners were unhappy about his behaviour. She said that it took away from the good work

of the Parish Council. She said that FPC was very fortunate to have a clerk who works so hard and has to deal with so many things because of Cllr Peake's behaviour.

The parishioner who brought up the subject asked Cllr Peake where the scheming and the devious and the threatening liar come onto all this.

Cllr Peake replied that he had evidence to back up all of his claims. He said that he could provide the parishioner with e-mails and documents to back up all of his claims.

The parishioner replied that she wanted parishioners to see this evidence to back up the allegations that Cllr Peake was throwing about.

Another parishioner said that if this was now part of a police investigation then there should be no more statement made on the subject in this meeting.

The Clerk replied that he had spoken to a police officer at Wymondham Police Station and that they had said that it was okay for the Clerk to mention this subject at this meeting.

Adrian Thompson asked if the meeting could now move on.

A parishioner mentioned about standing water at two places in Fleggburgh. The Clerk said that he would report both instances to Highways by close of business the following day.

Cllr Sewell said that Adrian Thompson was wrong to tell FPC how to run their meetings and that he should be quiet.

Cllr Brown said that Cllr Peake saying that FPC was against Facebook was rubbish. He said that Cllr Peake called councillors unelected members but that you couldn't be elected if there hadn't been an election. He said that Cllr Peake never mentioned anything about his friends Cllrs Dockerty and Osborne being unelected, nor himself. He said that Cllr Peake stood in a small election against one other parishioner for co-option.

Cllr Brown said that he himself had stood for election at least five times at full elections.

Cllr Brown said that he was at a loss as to anything that Cllr Peake had done for this parish.

Cllr Brown said that Cllr Peake had found an AA badge which he said he was going to sell and donate to the Parish. He said that Cllr Peake had sold the badge but that he hadn't seen any money forthcoming.

He also asked Cllr Peake to explain how David and Kevin Shreeve are the Chairman's cousins.

Cllr Peake said he was very sorry. He thought it was Cllr Pratt who had described either one of those builders as her cousins. He said that he would retract that assertion and that he was very sorry and would apologise to them.

Cllr Brown said that it was disgusting what was being posted on Facebook. He said that an immediate apology should be forthcoming and in public at this meeting. He said that the Clerk

was an employee of FPC and that if anyone treated their employees like this they would be in front of a tribunal.

Cllr Hacon asked if the meeting could move on. He said that if this needed further discussion, then it would have to be put on the agenda.

2 To receive and approve apologies for absence

None

3 Declarations of interest for items and applications for dispensations

Cllr Brown declared an interest in item 7a and 16 but reserved the right to speak and vote on item 16.

Cllr Roper declared an interest in item 17 regarding the Parish staithe as he was on the Pools Trust and the Trust owns the staithe.

4 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17th December 2020

Cllr Peake said that Mark Dixon, owner of the Kings Arms, had asked to point out that Cllr Brown's statement in the meeting of 17th December was incorrect. He said that there were facilities for staff to park at the rear of the pub car park. Cllr Peake asked for the minutes to be amended.

The Clerk said that he could not amend the minutes. He said that if that was not stated in the meeting, then he could not amend the minutes. The Clerk said that the minutes were being discussed here and that factual inaccuracies, accuracies or anything like that were not being discussed.

Cllr Brown said that if Mark Dixon had a query with what Cllr Brown had said, then he should go back to GYBC.

Cllr Hacon proposed that the minutes be approved; Cllr Brown seconded this. Eight councillors voted in favour of the motion with Cllr Roper abstaining as he had not attended the meeting in question.

5 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th January 2021

Cllr Osborne said that he had asked for the paragraph about the ownership of the playing field and the bowling green to be changed so that it was made clear that the village hall and playing field committee manage and control these facilities but that FPC own them.

Cllr Brown proposed accepting the minutes; seconded by Cllr Hacon. Unanimous decision in support of the motion.

Cllr Dockerty said that she wanted it noted that at this meeting she had said that the NDP was developed with parishioners in mind but that her meaning was that the NDP was created *by* the parishioners.

6 To receive and note the Clerk's monthly report

Cllr Hacon asked if the flooding could be reported. Clerk responded that he'd recently reported four separate incidences of flooding but that, by the time Highways come out to investigate it,

the flooding had gone. The Clerk said that this was an issue and that he would be conveying this to Highways. He also mentioned that the Streetscene Inspector would be visiting the Parish during the week commencing 8th February and he would make them aware of this.

7 Planning

(a)

Applications received

(i) 06/20/0622/F

New House Tretts Lane Fleggburgh GREAT YARMOUTH NR29 3AT
Variation of Conditions 2 of pp 06/20/0274/F - Change to floor plan of dwelling

Cllr Hacon proposed supporting this application; Cllr Walshe seconded it. Clerk said that the motion was to approve the application and Cllr Peake corrected him and said that it was to support the application. Eight councillors voted to support the motion; Cllr Brown did not take part in the vote due to his declaration in item 3.

(ii) FUL/2020/0091

Sewage scheme for Billockby.

Cllr Pratt said that this application had already been informally approved by FPC in September 2020.

Cllr Hacon proposed supporting this application; seconded by Cllr Brown. Unanimous vote in favour of the motion.

(b) Applications received since 16th January 2021

06/20/0673/F

Marsh Road Site off Fleggburgh GREAT YARMOUTH NR29 3DE
Development of site to create a plot for detached 4 bedroom bungalow and detached cart lodge

The Clerk had got an extension to the time for comments so that this could be dealt with in the FPC February meeting.

(c) Planning decisions

(i) 06/20/0558/O

Rose Cottage Rollesby Road Fleggburgh NR29 3AR
Sub division of land to form 2no. proposed dwellings plots including car spaces for new and existing dwellings - Rejected

(ii) 06/20/0543/F

Barley House, 1 Rye Gardens, Main Road, Fleggburgh, NR29 3FJ
Proposed single storey side extension - Approved

(d) Planning Decisions received since 16th January 2021

None

8 Correspondence – To consider and respond to the following correspondence:

Correspondence list was issued

Cllr Osborne asked why in the bits where there were complaints against councillors, two had the councillor named and one didn't. Clerk replied that Cllr Peake had been causing a significant amount of grief.

Cllr Roper asked about the high numbers of e-mails and said that the Clerk was being bombarded with e-mails.

Cllr Walshe said that his e-mails were probably due to being a new councillor and asking questions. Clerk confirmed this

Cllr Walshe asked whether the complaints against Cllr Peake were referred to GYBC. Clerk replied that they were not and that he only gives further information on how to complain if the parishioner asks.

Cllr Pratt said that she was frustrated that she would receive comments from parishioners who were asking why FPC allowed the behaviour to continue. She said that she told parishioners that she couldn't stop it. She said that she felt that just a 40-minute meeting dealing with urgent business was sufficient for the time being whilst the country is in lockdown.

Cllr Sewell said that he agreed with Cllr Roper that the number of e-mails was ridiculous.

Cllr Hacon said that everything should be discussed in public.

Cllr Osborne said that he apologised for asking questions but that he would continue to ask questions. He asked the Clerk whether he agreed. The Clerk replied that Cllr Osborne was often asking questions within about fifteen minutes of Cllr Peake and it made him wonder what was going on.

The Clerk said that FPC should be taking care of business in meetings but that it seemed that some councillors seemed to think that FPC should be doing business outside of meetings.

Cllr Brown said that all that is got from Cllr Osborne is rules, standing orders, and blah, blah, blah.

9 Finance

- a) To note Bank Reconciliations
- b) To note Accounts

Cllr Brown proposed that the bank reconciliation and accounts be approved; seconded by Cllr Sewell. Unanimous vote in favour.

- c) To approve items for payment:

J. Miller	Salary for January 2021	£236.04
J. Miller	Home office for January 2021	£10.00
URM	Recycling	£12.60

Cllr Walshe proposed approving the above payments; seconded by Cllr Hacon. The motion was carried 6-1 in favour with Cllr Peake voting against and Cllrs Brown and Roper being unable to vote due to issues with Zoom.

- d) To approve payment of invoices received since 16th January 2021
None received.
- e) Re-investment of money into a higher interest account

There was nothing to say on this.

10 Footpath cutting

Cllr Pratt said that the parish councillors have been sent the correspondence between Simon Crook and the Clerk. She added that they had also previously been sent the quotes which were received from all those who bid for the contract.

At the last meeting there was talk of spraying and Cllr Osborne said that FPC should include spraying in the contract. FPC had already voted on a contract based on the specifications sent out. FPC could look at adding spraying to the contract in two years' time when the contract offered would expire. The contract for the next two years would be based on what was in the specifications.

Cllr Pratt said that when something is proposed and seconded, it is that which is being voted on not something that has been added during voting.

The Clerk would go back to Simon Crook and offer the contract without any spraying.

11 Procurement training

Cllr Pratt said that Tina Bunn from GYBC had contacted her regarding procurement training.

Cllr Peake proposed that all councillors attend procurement training and that only those councillors who have passed Norfolk ALC approved training on procurement be allowed to vote on spending decisions.

Cllr Brown said that no one councillor could dictate whether any councillor should take training or not.

It was agreed that the Clerk would send out information regarding NALC training to all parish councillors.

12 Crossing

Cllr Pratt said that all councillors had been sent the e-mail from Justin Le-May of NCC. She said that it was a disappointment that NCC didn't see the need for a crossing in Fleggburgh. She read out the price of various types of crossing:

Zebra crossing, £60,000

Pedestrian central refuge, £60,000

Puffin signalised crossing, £150,000

Adrian Thompson said that Fleggburgh has SAM2, it has a Speedwatch team, there are flashing signs outside the School. He said that there was very little more Fleggburgh could do apart from have a crossing. He said that a project like this needs PC backing, Borough Council backing, and County Council backing. He said he wanted FPC to organise a Zoom meeting with Justin Le-May to explain the ways forward.

Adrian Thompson said that there is s106 money coming from two developments in Fleggburgh. He said that he'd like this money diverted to the crossing and the same with the open space money if that could be diverted to the crossing.

Cllr Peake suggested that parish councillors attend training on s106 and CIL grants that are available to the PC so that large projects like the crossing could be completed on behalf of

parishioners.

Cllr Brown asked if the survey that was done was the final survey.

Cllr Osborne asked whether FPC could do their own survey. He said that Speedwatch and a survey could be done at the same time.

Cllr Pratt said that Cllr Osborne's idea was a really positive idea but she questioned whether NCC would accept FPC's figures.

Cllr Walshe said that, where he used to live, they did a petition for a crossing. The petition was a very powerful tool and could be used in Fleggburgh.

Jackie Payne, Speedwatch co-ordinator for Fleggburgh, said that Speedwatch was in lockdown at the moment but that, once lockdown is lifted, she'd be very happy to organise it.

Cllr Dockerty said FPC should speak to Justin Le-May about another survey when everything is open again.

The Clerk will contact Justin Le-May about getting a meeting.

13 Footpath in front of the nine houses on Rollesby Road and the pond

Cllr Brown asked for this to be put on the agenda. He said that he believed that the footpath needs to be done after six houses have been occupied, which is now.

Josh Brooks said that Cllr Brown was correct in what he said. He said that there had been issues with the route of the end of the path with the access around the pond. He said that GYBC are fully aware of that and that he intended to finish the path as soon as possible.

Cllr Pratt said that it was very steep from the path down to the pond. She asked if it was going to be fenced off. Josh Brooks replied that there will be a metre high barrier by the path.

14 FPC Financial Regulations

Cllr Pratt said that all councillors have access to the financial regulations via the FPC website.

Cllr Osborne questioned whether the regulations needed reviewing. He said that this topic ties in with delegated authority. He said that the only delegated authority he could see was that the Clerk in conjunction with the Chair could spend up to £100 without full PC approval but that this spending would need to be ratified at the next full PC meeting. He questioned whether these documents need reviewing.

Cllr Pratt said that this is something to look at in the future, possibly when delegated authority is sorted out.

15 Dogs on playing field

Cllr Osborne said he didn't see any problem with people exercising their dogs on the playing field.

Cllr Hacon said that children play on the playing field and that dogs shouldn't be allowed on the playing field.

Cllr Brown said that it was pointless having a rule that you cannot police.

Cllr Osborne proposed allowing dogs to exercise on the playing field but that anyone using the playing field for this purpose must clear up after their dogs and use the dog poo bins provided.

Cllr Hacon said that there were plenty of footpaths locally and that dogs shouldn't be allowed on the playing field. Cllr Roper agreed.

Cllr Peake seconded Cllr Osborne's proposal. A vote took place and was defeated by 5-3 with Cllrs Pratt, Hacon, Sewell, Walshe and Roper voting against and Cllr Brown abstaining.

16 Village Hall car park

Cllr Pratt said the following:

The village hall car park is a permissive car park.

The village hall is a public building but is locked every night.

Common land is public land but this does not mean that cars have the right to go on common land.

Last summer, travellers stayed overnight at the car park. Contrary to what is being said on social media, there were three caravans on the car park, not one. They left a considerable amount of mess, including human excrement, which had to be cleaned up. The Police were contacted regarding these travellers and, because the country was in lockdown, there were specific Covid-19 rules forbidding them from staying on the car park overnight. A few days later, these Covid-19 rules were relaxed and it could have cost us thousands to remove these travellers from the village hall car park. Surely it is common sense to prevent a situation from occurring rather than allow it to happen and then have to respond to it in a costly manner both in terms of court fees and the cost to the Parish in terms of disruption of the village?

Cllr Brown started to speak but was cut off as the Zoom meeting timed out.

As the Zoom meeting was cut off at this point, no further agenda items were discussed.

Date of next Parish Council meeting: 18th February 2021