

FLORDON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at St Michaels Community Centre on Monday 11 July 2016

Present: Cllrs Tim Webster, Ann Barnes, Pam Harvey, Jimmy Lockhart, John Dyer

Attending: Gareth Roderick-Jones, Parish Clerk; District Councillor Phil Hardy; PCSO Darrin Sore

- Tree Warden Peter Aspinall will investigate reports of a dead tree outside the mushroom farm which might need to be removed.
- District Councillor Phil Hardy reported on a meeting he attended recently with the Director of Planning at SNDC. The Planning Committee were minded to approve the application from Tas Valley Mushrooms on the basis that the use (ie the impact on highways and the local community) is already established (as reported to the PC by Cllr Lockhart in the May meeting). Cllr Hardy will continue to report infringements and issues to the Director of Planning as they are reported to him. Members of the community are logging instances of apparent violation of opening hours including early Sunday mornings and the details of dates and times will be forwarded to Cllr Hardy so that he can keep the Enforcement officers informed.
- PCSO D Sore updated the PC on crime statistics for the parish as follows:
 - 19 May 2015 to 8 May 2016:
 - 1 x theft of battery (powering a remote electric fence)
 - 1 x theft of a vehicle
 - 1 x burglary involving the property of 2 different owners
 - 9 May 2016 to 29 June 2016
 - 1 x Racially Aggravated Assault on the afternoon of 17 May 2016
 - 30 June 2016 to 10 July 2016
 - 1 x public order offence
- PCSO Sore also reported on speeding issues, saying that the Beat Manager for this area was visiting different locations with a speed gun, and the PCSO sometimes parks his marked police vehicle in a prominent position in the village.
- A member of the public commented on two vehicles which frequently speed through the village; they are a BMW estate and an Audi, and both have blacked-out front driver and passenger windows. PCSO Sore will report this to his Beat Manager.

Public Comment:

- Verges are not being cut often enough and the cut they receive is insufficient in width; The Clerk has recently received the news from NCC that they are starting a campaign of cutting verges through villages starting today, 11 July. Several residents confirmed that the cutting had started in Flordon.

1 Apologies for absence: Cllr Janice Holmes, County Councillor Colin Foulger

2 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Barnes declared a family connection in regards to Item 6a (Mrs London's planning application)

3 Minutes of meetings held on 9 May 2016 and 30 June 2016:

This had been deferred from the short meeting held on 30 June. After correcting the date of the next meeting, the minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

4 Matters arising from previous minutes:

The Clerk has written to SNDC regarding the choice of venue of the Polling Station for the recent referendum but as yet has not received a response.

5 Finances

a The internal auditor in an informal meeting has suggested that the PC pay closer attention to financial regs - making sure that payment follows receipt of an invoice or (in the case of a donation) a request & that cheque book stubs are correctly initialled to create a clear audit trail.

b Latest bank balances were noted:

current	£6,952.08
savings	£892.01
TOTAL	£7,884.09

c The following payments were approved unanimously and the cheques signed:

Playsafely Limited	chq 100322	£88.20	RoSPA inspection
Jenny Robson	chq 100323	£40.00	internal audit

6 Planning

a update on Mrs London's application

Cllr Lockhart with Cllr Harrison attended a meeting to receive an update on plans for the site. Environmental inspections have been carried out and have revealed no significant impediments. Mrs London has been in discussion with District Cllr Hardy and with village organisations. The site is now configured differently from the original plans and the house designs are different, though the number and mix of dwellings is unchanged. As the site is adjacent to the church, Historic England have become one of the consultees. A revised plan will be published soon.

b no new applications in the system

7 Highways

a Flordon Speedwatch Report

Speed watch has been put into practice for the first time: a motorist was caught doing 37mph and reported to the Speedwatch coordinator.

Speed watch teams have been set up to operate approximately once a week. When Cllr Barnes is away on holiday, Belinda James will take over.

b There is no new information on the SAM2 speed sign. Clerk will locate a downloadable Parish Partnership form so the PC can investigate the possibility of a grant towards the cost of a SAM2.

c Overgrown verges: as discussed in Matters Arising above, NCC appear to have started work on this issue.

Norse have been asked for a quote to supplement the council's cutting programme but have not yet responded (Clerk to follow up).

d Trod path update: latest start date for the work is early September.

8 Correspondence

Previously circulated to all councillors and noted:

Parish Partnership Scheme
Electoral Review of South Norfolk
Play Area Inspection report
NCC Total Transport Project
Greater Norwich Local Plan
Trod Path Loan Repayment Notice
Royal Town Planning Institute conference
Anglian Water Private Pumping Stations Campaign team
Safety Advisory Workshop for remembrance parades

9 Items for Next Agenda/AOB

- a Broadwater - update on dredging/cleaning
- b Village website - invoice (Clerk to check previous records)
- c Flower Festival Donation of £50.00

10 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 12 September 2016 at 8.00pm