

FLORDON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held at St. Michaels Community Centre at 8pm 11 January 2016 2015.

Members Present Chairman Tim Webster, Cllr John Dyer [vice-chair], Cllr Pam Harvey, Cllr David Harrison, Cllr Janice Holmes, Cllr Ann Barnes, Cllr Jimmy Lockhart.

Also in attendance: County Councillor Colin Foulger, District Councillor Phil Hardy, PCSO Darren Sore, Tree Warden Peter Aspinall, Clerk Gareth Roderick-Jones and 9 members of the public.

Prior to the meeting:

The Tree Warden had nothing to report.

The PCSO reported that no crimes had been recorded in the parish. In response to a question from a member of the public, he reminded residents that suspicious vehicles or behaviour should be reported as quickly as possible by dialling 101.

District Councillor's Report:

- a) a request has been submitted for the Mushroom Farm planning application be taken to the Planning Committee on the grounds of potential noise and disruption, particularly on weekends and public holidays.
- b) the District Cllr has some money in his member's fund and would appreciate feedback on tangible, ongoing community-based projects which would be eligible.

Public questions:

There is a perception that conditions agreed with the Mushroom Farm are not being enforced even several months after infringements have been pointed out (working outside permitted hours, heavy vehicles using the entrance/exit which was supposed to have been discontinued).

Residents are asked to email the District Councillor with details of dates and times of infringements to build up a pattern of breaches of conditions which can be passed on to enforcement officers.

Residents are also asked to make individual representations to SNDC via their online portal regarding complaints on planning grounds (including breaches of planning consent, noise pollution and adverse effects on amenities), as a number of individual comments have more weight than a single complaint, even if that is in the form of a petition with numerous signatures.

County Councillor's Report:

The Trod Path application has been approved and the grant has now been applied for.

230 Apologies for absence: none

231 Declarations of Interest: none

232 Minutes of previous meeting:

Agreed and signed (proposed Cllr Barnes, seconded Cllr Dyer)

233 Matters Arising from Minutes:

Peter Aspinall has cleared the drain discussed in the last meeting.

234 Finance

a) clerk will clarify the position vis a vis income tax and pension

b) Cllr Webster will obtain an invoice from former clerk Cynthia Hills

c) We await an invoice for the hire of the Community Centre (will be £114.00)

d) Cllr Lockhart will obtain an invoice for £20.00 for the newsletter

e) CiL money will amount to £1500.00. Discussion ensued as to the best way to spend this for the benefit of the whole community. One suggestion, in response to the number of complaints and concerns about traffic management issues through the village, is to use this money plus a further £250 from the District Council for an electronic speed sign (SAM). It might be possible to share this with a neighbouring community, perhaps Tasburgh. Concerns were raised about the management of a SAM as they have to be moved at regular intervals, and about the unknown cost of maintaining and managing them. Cllr Barnes will speak to Newton Flotman about their SAMs and will find out the cost, if any, of (i) insurance, (ii) management, (iii) annual calibration and (iv) data recording - if there is a cost associated with the software.

f) The 2015/16 spend has been calculated and passed around by Cllr Harrison.

Points to note: (i) cost of clerk training can be absorbed as it will be shared by other PCs the clerk works for;

(ii) more verge cutting will be required in 2016/17 in view of the proposed Trod Path and as the County Council now do no more than one cutting per year;

The clerk will prepare the precept paperwork based on the figures agreed in this meeting and will circulate the 2016/17 estimates to all councillors for their feedback.

235 Planning

- a) Mrs London's proposed development - deferred to next meeting
- b) Mushroom Farm development - as discussed previously (see above)

236 Crime Report:

nil (see above)

237 Highways

Cllr Barnes will circulate information about the recent traffic survey

238 Trod Path Loan

As discussed earlier; work will start on Phase 1 once funds have been received

239 Meeting Dates 2016

Meetings will take place on the second Monday every other month:

14 March, 9 May, 11 July, 12 September, 14 November

240 Next Meeting

8pm, 14 March 2016