

FLORDON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held at St. Michaels Community Centre at 8pm 14 March 2016

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

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

Prior to the meeting:

PCSO's Report

- There had been a theft of 2 batteries and energisers between 9 and 20 January from Long Lane, and recommended security marking these items which are obviously vulnerable because of the types of location.
- In response to requests from members of the public, the PCSO has recently increased the frequency of foot patrols in the village.
- PCSO Sore will be able to have the use of a traffic speed indicator which shows actual speed and records data. The PCSO will be in attendance whenever the machine is available for use in Flordon.
- PCSO Sore will attempt to get on loan a speed gun for occasional use in Flordon; this will have to be operated by a police constable.

County Councillor's Report

- The contract between Norfolk County Council and BT has been extended with the aim of achieving 95% broadband coverage by the end of 2017. Cllr Foulger will keep us informed of progress.
- From 1 April recycling centres will change to summer hours (see NCC website for details).
- Cycleways in Norwich and area were surfaced using faulty tarmac and these surfaces will have to be replaced. Disruption will include Postwick Junction.

District Councillor's Report:

- District Councillor Hardy is dealing with the Director of the Planning Department in regard to residents' ongoing concerns over the Mushroom Farm, including the amount and timing of heavy traffic, the use of the old entrance, Sunday traffic, and the absence of improvements to drainage which had been promised. The Planning Department have no knowledge of the rumoured withdrawal of the current planning application; the consultation period has been extended and this is expected to go to Committee at the

end of April. Cllr Webster and Cllr Hardy will attend an informal meeting with the Director of the Planning Department (to be arranged).

Public Comment

There was discussion of issues raised in the County and District Councillors' Reports. In addition, there was a request for road signs in the Long Lane/The Street area which are overgrown and/or badly weathered to be improved or replaced: Clerk will inform SNDC.

241 Apologies for absence: Cllr Ann Barnes

242 Declarations of Interest: none

243 Minutes of previous meeting:

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

244 Matters Arising from Minutes:

none

245 Finance

The following payments were agreed:

a	A Taplin	grasscutting around village	£325.00
b	PCC	newsletter	£20.00
c	Mrs Hills	salary	£640.00
d	Community Hall	hire	£114.00

246 Planning

- a Mrs London's proposed development - deferred to next meeting
- b 2015/2747 | Retention of temporary siting of a residential mobile home
Tree Haven Cotton Brooks Station Road Flordon Norfolk NR15 1RH
expired - application approved with conditions

247 Crime Report:

1 reported (see above)

248 Highways

- a Flordon Speed Watch: volunteers are in place and planning is ongoing
- b Update on SAM2 - deferred to next meeting

- c Trod Path: Cllr Harrison reported a start date of 11 April which will involve a road closure. Both Cllr Foulger and the Clerk should receive notification of the road closure which they will circulate.
- d Additional Highways issues (which Clerk will contact Norfolk CC about)
 - i) pothole in Long Lane outside Lane's End
 - ii) pothole on Long Lane outside Chengde
 - iii) blocked drainage in Station Road outside Brambles

249 Hedgecutting

Cllr Barnes has spoken to the contractor but so far there has been no action; Cllr Webster will follow up.

250 Annual Parish Meeting

The APM and AGM will be held immediately before the next normal Parish Council meeting, starting earlier than usual, at 7.30pm (see below)

251 Items for next agenda

Mushroom Farm, SAM2, Trod Path, Speed Watch, Results of Litterpick (and other items by email to the clerk by 1 May 2016)

252 Next Meeting

Annual Parish Meeting 7.30 pm 9 May followed by Parish Council AGM and Ordinary Parish Council Meeting