

FLORDON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at St Michaels Community Centre on Monday 9 January 2017

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

Attending: District Councillor Phil Hardy; PCSO Darrin Sore; Tree Warden Peter Aspinall;
three parishioners

- **Report: Phil Hardy, District Councillor**

Funding available:

District Councillor (Phil Hardy) £150.00
County Councillor (Colin Foulger) £150.00
From March/April more funding should be available.

Flordon Mushrooms:

Further to my email raising our concerns Martin Burrows visited the site and emailed us the following comments on the 2 December:

Landscaping (2015/2748 condition 3) – the developer is aware the planting has to be completed within the current planting season (November to March) and this has commenced. I have found some discrepancies in the planting which has already been done and I will be bringing this to the attention of the developer and will require remedial works to be done.

A - Surfacing and drainage of parking area, loading and unloading area and tray emptying area – this has been completed

B - The original site access – the developer has ceased the use of this access for commercial use and signs have been erected. However, the barrier has not been erected in the correct position and in a form that we have agreed to. I will be bringing this to the attention of the developer requiring him to submit details and erect the barrier in the correct position.

I discussed condition 11 of planning permission 2015/2748 with the developer, this relates to operational activity and the working hours and he is aware of the date that he is working towards, that being 29th April 2017. There do not seem to be any working hour restrictions on construction work on the site, if you are aware of any please let me know.

Condition 15 of planning permission 2015/2748 relates to improved signage, this has been submitted and approved in writing and has also been installed in the approved place and form so it is visually clear to HGV drivers that vehicles should not turn right into Flordon village.

I will be writing to the developer in the next few days pointing out the above matters and

following them up and monitoring as necessary.

- **PCSO Darrin Sore updated the PC on crime statistics for the Parish 14 Nov – 8 Jan '17:**

Night of 14/15 December Greenways Close involving two cars

car one – theft of sat-nav and sunglasses

car two – nothing taken

Man has been arrested in relation to this crime

Incident at St Michaels View – people reported in field behind bungalows.

Still issues ongoing in St Michaels View.

Public Comments:

- Mrs Cynthia Hill was unhappy that the Mushroom Farm had been allowed to plant lylandi conifers along the driveway splays of their entrance. She pointed out that at her property it had been a requirement of South Norfolk Planning that they remove laurel hedging and plant a native species hedge in its place.
- It was reported that the 'Give Way' sign on Long Lane before The Street is obscured by vegetation.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr David Harrison and Gareth Roderick-Jones Clerk

2. **Declaration of interests:** None

3. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 14 November:** Agreed and signed

4. **Matters arising from previous meeting:**

- The extension of the weight limits to cover the whole village would prevent Mushroom Farm heavy lorries driving through Flordon. County Councillor Colin Foulger was going to make further enquiries. Unfortunately even if this is achieved it will not stop the very large heavy agricultural traffic, i.e. mushroom compost waste, coming through The Street.

5 Finances:

a	latest bank balances as at 30 November 2016 were noted:	
	Community Account	£6827.55
	Savings Account	£892.12
	TOTAL	£7719.67

The following payments were approved and made:

b	invoice from Mr Taplin (churchyard maintenance)	£420.00
c	invoice from Mr Taplin (riverbank and bus stop)	£325.00
d	invoice for travel expenses (clerk's training course)	£13.84
e	invoice for hall rental	£55.00
f	invoice for Community Trust donation	£500.00

g clerk's salary: 2017 pay scales noted

6 2017/18 Budget and Precept:

Agreed not to increase the precept. £4,422.00 (Alternative 1)

7 Planning:

a **Tas Valley Mushrooms:** discharge of conditions 4b, 10 and 13 of 2015/2748/RVC (new barrier to prevent access, external lighting and details of equipment to be used on site).

The Council decided to reject the discharge of these conditions on the grounds that the original plan in 2015 was opposed by the Council.

b **Tas Valley Mushrooms:** 2016/2955 Extension to existing bungalow.

No objection but would like to point out the following:

Under section 10. Site Visit, the applicant indicated that the site could not be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridle way or other public land. In actual fact the site is beside a public road and can also be seen from a public footpath and public land (Flordon Common).

8 Highways

a **Speedwatch:** Cllr Barnes reported that the scheme is successful in slowing traffic and each session normally records on average 2 drivers speeding in excess of 36 mph.

b **SAM2:** Cllr Barnes reported that we should know in March 2017 if we have been successful in our Partnership Bid. It was confirmed that CIL money of £1,569.41 would go towards the purchase.

c **Trod path:** The surface of the footpath is not fit for use and Cllr Harrison will be meeting with Gary Overland, NCC Highways Engineer in March to discuss.

d **Street name plate?**

9 Village Sign

Cllr Lockhart spoke to Peter Lee of Mulbarton PC but unfortunately he wasn't very helpful.

10 Broadwater update

Cllr Harrison has spoken to Helen ? who is on the Community Team at SNC. She confirmed that The Community Assets Team who manage Flordon Common are responsible for the maintenance of the land and trees but not water courses. However we could have Community help trimming back trees. We should arrange a meeting on the common with

other parties to discuss assistance for a small working group. Assess the flood risk with the Environmental Agency and NCC, as water enters the broadwater via road drains in the village and surrounding areas. Also in heavy rain The Street floods. Work will be complex in The Street and behind houses where there are electric cables. Redwings has not been very helpful and though they have said we can spread dredged material on the meadow they want this done by the end of March. Cllr Lockhart can get a reduced cost for the digger but we will need to find a digger driver. The Environment Agency is not keen to remove trees from the stream, which in turn can cause problems with the flow. The estimated cost of the work is in excess of £3000. Cllr Barnes confirmed there is £1020.30 of Broadwater funds held by the PC. Cllr Lockhart asked if the PC would consider paying £500 towards the cost. Add to the Agenda for next meeting.

- 11 **Correspondence:** None
- 12 **Items for next Agenda:** As above
- 13 **Date of next Meeting:** Monday 13 March 2017 at 8.00 pm

Meeting closed at 10.16pm