

FRECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 13 September 2016  
at Freckenham Village Hall, Fordham Road at 7.30 p.m.

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Present: Cllrs. Wheeler (Chairman), Barton (Vice Chairman) & Cornell.

In Attendance: Mrs HA Gurner (Clerk), Cllr. Brian Harvey FHDC

The following documents will be appended to the signed Minutes:-

- Agenda
- Clerk's Report

46.	<u>Apologies</u>	<u>Action</u>
	Cllr. Gibbs, Cllr. Pearson – both accepted.	
47.	<u>Declaration of Interest</u>	
	None.	
48.	<u>To receive reports from the Police, County &amp; District Councillors</u>	
	<p><u>48.1. The Police</u> The SNT Newsletter is now up and running. This was circulated to all Councillors by the Clerk prior to the Meeting.</p> <p><u>48.2. Suffolk County Council</u> Cllr. James Waters was not present and no report was given.</p> <p><u>48.3. Forest Heath District Council</u> Cllr. Brian Harvey gave his report, explaining changes to the Planning system, upfront fee now for discussion with the planners prior to submitting plans, came into force on 1 August. Planning changes for private properties now should get a decision in 6 weeks. More community involvement with District &amp; Parish Councillors. An Outline Planning application is the only planning that can take Section 106 monies – this cannot be agreed at full planning. Meetings are to be held to discuss the RAF Mildenhall Airbase closing but until the USAF finally advise their leaving date, nothing is confirmed at present. MOD will then make a decision as to its future. The Police &amp; Crime Commissioner is due to give three meetings in the area as open public meetings to inform the public and councillors of all changes within the Police. Insp. Shipton will be there and taking questions. 21 September at The Jubilee Centre in Mildenhall, 18 October at Brandon &amp; 6 December at The Severals Sports Pavilion. Cllr. Harvey reported the solar farm has produced 130% of expected power during August / September and if it continues on at the same rate will pay off the capital one year earlier than expected.</p>	
49.	<u>The Minutes of the meetings held on 4 July &amp; 19 August 2016 previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</u>	
50.	<u>There were no matters arising from the Minutes.</u>	
51.	<u>Planning –</u>	
	<p><u>51.1. To consider any planning applications:-</u> None Received.</p> <p><u>51.2. To note applications determined:-</u> None Received</p> <p><u>51.3. Single Issue Review (SIR)</u> As a direct result of the rejection of the planning application for Hatchfield Farm by</p>	

	the Secretary of State, there will be other land now required for building. The Forest Heath Local Plan has been put back to end of December as a result of this.	
52.	<p><u>Recreation Ground and other assets:-</u></p> <p>52.1. Update on hand rail – Cllr. Barton now has possession of the hand rail which has been painted yellow. The Clerk to obtain two quotations for the installation of the rail and report back at the November meeting.</p> <p>52.2. Update on bags of gravel left on Recreation Ground – Cllr. Barton reported that these have been removed.</p> <p>52.3. Playground Report – Report mentioned that the bolts need tightening on the swinging basket, but Cllr. Wheeler reported that the bolts are fractionally too short against the self-locking nuts on the other end. Cllr. Wheeler to visit Playground to see if these bolts have slackened off.</p> <p>52.4. Update from Cllr. Barton on re-surfacing of Recreation Ground – the person did not turn up to look at providing a quotation, Cllr. Barton to chase.</p> <p>52.5. Any other matters – Cllr. Barton reported that we have never received instructions on how to use the new adult equipment. Initially we had been quoted a high price and so it was never taken up. Cllr. Barton to investigate - Cllr. Harvey suggested a good contact would be Lesley-Ann Keogh at FHDC. Grass cutting is working well at the moment with the new belts, but the new goal posts have been put in which make it very difficult to cut the grass.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr. Wheeler</p> <p>Cllr. Barton</p>
53.	<p><u>Highways and Public Transport changes:-</u></p> <p>53.1. Meeting takes place at Forest Heath on Friday 16 September – mainly to do with the Fiveways roundabout and the closure of the right turns off the A11. Cllr. Cornell brought up about the McDonalds just off the roundabout, people are turning towards Mildenhall and then turning right into the services, which they should not be doing – the correct entry to the services is from the A1065 Brandon road.</p> <p>53.2. Car wrecked the front fencing of The Hives, Fordham Road, Cllr. Wheeler brought along photographs of the damage. A man had driven through the red traffic lights, sighted a car on the opposite carriageway and turned into the garden of The Hives, destroying the fence and plants.</p>	
54.	<p><u>SALC:-</u></p> <p>54.1. To confirm the date of the next area meeting as Tuesday 6 December – venue to be confirmed, but possibly at West Suffolk Headquarters in Bury St Edmunds.</p> <p>54.2. SALC AGM Monday 14 November 2016 to be held at Elmswell – open to all. Usually there will be a buffet prior to the AGM which will be payable.</p> <p>54.3. To confirm Councillor training courses &amp; Clerk Networking Days. The Clerk confirmed Councillor training. Cllr. Cornell queried whether Cllr. Gibbs has been booked onto the Planning Workshop on 26/9/2016. The Clerk to confirm with SALC as soon as possible.</p>	The Clerk
55.	<p><u>Town &amp; Parish Forum:-</u></p> <p>55.1. Minutes of the previous meeting have been circulated to all Councillors.</p> <p>55.2. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14 September 2016 at Red Lodge Sports Pavilion. Cllr. Wheeler is intending to attend.</p>	
56.	<p><u>Financial Matters:-</u></p> <p>56.1. Approval was given to the following payments:-</p> <p>(a) The Clerk, two months salary being August &amp; September 2016 at £583.34, cheque no. 831.</p> <p>(b) The Clerk's expenses for July &amp; August 2016 at £30.22, cheque no. 832.</p>	

	<p>(c) Cllr. Cornell being reimbursement for payments she made to Brian Circuit Tractors for two belts for mower on 7/7/16 &amp; two more belts on 12/8/16 at £152.16, cheque no 833</p> <p>(d) £50 each under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to the following charities:</p> <p>East Anglian Childrens' Hospice, cheque no 834  St Nicholas Hospice, cheque no 835  East Anglian Air Ambulance, cheque no 836  Royal British Legion, cheque no 837  West Suffolk Samaritans, cheque no 838  Alzheimers' Society, cheque no 839</p> <p>56.2. To consider any invoices received after the Agenda was issued – to be tabled on the night. None received.</p> <p>56.3. The Clerk gave a brief update on the finances / Accounts / Bank Accounts. The last bank statement received was dated 12 August and very little finance has changed since then. The Clerk has yet to reconcile this statement, but there are only two transactions on it!</p>	
57.	<p><u>Working Groups Report:-</u></p> <p>57.1. Rights of Way Improvement – Cllr. Barton has walked this, it looks quite overgrown but people are walking through it which is helping. An email has been sent to Highways &amp; Byways requesting them to cut it once more.</p> <p>57.2. Emergency Plan - Cllr. Pearson was absent so an update will be given at the next meeting.</p> <p>57.3. Defibrillator monthly check – The check is being done monthly by a local person and Cllr. Barton will check on this. Cllr. Barton reported on the VETS proposal from Community Heartbeat for lone people requiring the defibrillator. This system uses up to 10 neighbours to aid the lone person. Suggest an article goes into the Parish Pump next edition in November requesting volunteers for this scheme.</p> <p>57.4. Community Speedwatch – Cllr. Cornell had problems with the camera when she last undertook a speedwatch along with Cllr. Pearson. PC Holly Allen came out to assist. Found out that it needs re-calibrating, Cllr. Cornell emailed the company, ordered a new battery and sent the speedgun away for re-calibration which will take 4-6 weeks. However, Cllr. Cornell found four cars doing over 40mph in the 30minutes she was on duty. Six people now signed up to help out with this.</p>	
58.	<p><u>BT Telephone Box Procurement</u></p> <p>This has now been approved with no public objections registered. Cllr. Barton has emailed BT to let them know.</p>	
59.	<p>Clerk's Report – attached.</p> <p>This was discussed.</p>	
60.	<p><u>Correspondence received</u></p> <p>60.1. Letter from Sue Dampier from Worlington received on 12/8/2016 which was a reply to our letter regarding the speedgun. Cllr. Wheeler and the Clerk to chase up and report back.</p>	
61.	<p><u>Urgent Business</u></p> <p>Cllr. Barton reported that the wasp nest found recently on the childrens' Playground at the Recreation Ground was eliminated the same day by a Professional Pest Control Company at a cost of £50 + VAT. This payment has been approved this evening, but the Clerk has not yet received the invoice. Cllr. Cornell reported that there was also a wasp nest in the Tractor Shed on the Allotments and so requested that the same company be called in for this. Cllr. Barton to deal</p>	

	<p>with this.  Community Chest funding – communication received from Mark Beaumont regarding this funding of £470,000 available. The deadline for applications is Friday 30 September 2016. Cllr. Barton suggested the VETS project detailed earlier may be suitable for this.  Various overgrown hedges within the village, particularly Chippenham Road are causing a problem. Cllr. Wheeler and the Clerk to agree a written letter to be sent out to the residents concerned.</p>	<p>Cllr. Barton   Cllr. Wheeler &amp; the Clerk</p>
62.	To confirm the date and time of next meeting as Tuesday 1 November 2016 at 7.30pm.	

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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