

# FREISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE DANNY FLEAR COMMUNITY CENTRE ON Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm

(These minutes will be checked at the next meeting before the council amends/approves them as a correct record)

### PRESENT

Councillors: Nigel Marshall (Chairman), Cllr Judith Godwin, Cllr Peter Bedford, Cllr Shaun Pearson, Cllr Amy Pearson, Cllr Roy Pearson, Cllr Amy Marshall & Cllr Judy Welbourn & The Clerk Mrs V Austin.

The meeting was called to order at 19.25pm

Public Forum: No residents attended the meeting.

1. **Chairman to open the meeting:** Welcome to all.
2. **Apologies:** To receive & accept apologies where valid reasons for absence have been given to the Clerk prior to the meeting:
  - Cllr B Posey – Due to holiday
  - Cllr Simon Pearson – Due to holiday
3. **Police Matters:** Stats & incidents are available to view on the police website. Local Crime information website [www.streetcheck.co.uk](http://www.streetcheck.co.uk) Crime data – Clerk to check the street check website.
  1. **Nov 2022 Data -**
    - PE22 OLD Near Bull Pastures – Theft / Burglary – No Suspect identified
    - PE22 OLA Near Bull Pastures – Theft / Burglary – No Suspect identified
    - PE22 OLB Near Bull Pastures – Theft / Burglary – Investigation complete
  2. **Dec 2022 Data -**
    - PE22 OLD -Near Bull Pastures – Anti Social Behaviour
    - PE22 OLA -Near Bull Pastures – Anti Social Behaviour
    - PE22 OLB - Near Stanley Close – Anti Social Behaviour
4. **Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023. To resolve as a correct record & to authorise the Chairman to sign the official minutes, with no objections. All councillors agreed for the chairman Cllr Nigel Marshall to sign the minutes.
5. **Declarations of interest** (if any): To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members' Register of Interests: None received.
6. **Planning update:** No planning matters received for February 2023 – Application received in between meetings:
  - 1 Planning application received on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023, B/23/0031 – Bakers Lane.
    - The councillors have no objections to this application. The Clerk advised Boston Borough Council Planning department.

## 7 Parish Matters / Matters Arising /Updates

7.1 – **Street Lights** – Update: The clerk received a credit note from Boston Borough Council for £11. Inc VAT. The credit is for an overcharge on the original invoice. The Clerk has been in touch with North Sea Camp, but no further update.

- 2 Cllr Peter Bedford to speak to Nigel Hall at Boston Borough Council.
- 3 Cllr Shaun Pearson mentioned that Butterwick Road lights no's 6 & 7 are out of action,
- 4 The clerk to contact Boston Borough Council to report the problem.

7.2 – **Parish Magazine** – Update.

The clerk has been in touch with Tucann magazine, still awaiting a price from them. Ongoing with email communication for information.

- The councillors at all villages request a price from Tucann before making any decisions.
- Cllr Judy Welbourn advised The Clerk of another company that supplies printing for magazines, The clerk to contact to gain prices.

7.3 – **Highways & Roads** – Update

- There are plenty of potholes still to be filled
- Continue to report repairs to FIXMYSTREET

7.4 – **Defibrillator** – Update: After some problems with serial numbers, The Clerk got in touch with a company for a new battery & pads.

Cllr N Marshall has removed the defibrillator from The Kings Head, & to be installed at The Castle.

The Clerk has been informed that once the defibrillator has been installed then can be registered online with The Circuit.

- Battery & Pads have been received by Cllr N Marshall, the cost of the battery is more expensive due to the defibrillator being a different make & model from the defibrillator at Danny Flear Community centre.
- Cllr N Marshall suggested a note to the person that tried to use the defibrillator at The Kings Head, to advise where the defibrillator is now located.
- Cllr Judy Welbourn to advise on training for the defibrillator.

7.5- **Poppies around the village** – Update-

7.5.1 The Clerk has ordered 10 lamp post poppies at £5 per poppy.

- The Clerk has received the 10 poppies & showed the councillors.

7.5.2 Do the councillors want to purchase more lamp post poppies?

- All councillors agreed to purchase 10 more lamp post poppies.

7.5.3 The clerk has ordered & paid for the Unknown Solider.

- Chairman Nigel Marshall showed the councillors the Unknown soldier
- All councillors agreed to purchase another soldier, facing left.
- All councillors agreed to purchase Lest we Forget Flag for the flag pole.

7.5.4 Any knitting groups interested in knitting poppies for the village?

- This item was not discussed

7.5.5 Many Parish Councils are embarking on a Poppy Campaign by asking members of the public/ residents to donate to the poppy purchases & have a dedication / message to be displayed on the website / noticeboard.

- This item was not discussed

## 7.6 - Christmas in Freiston – To discuss & resolve

From the January 2023 meeting: Further discussions:

7.6.1 - Christmas Tree in the village – Can be purchased at Woodcock Kindling, for a 7-8ft non shredding Christmas tree. Alternatively, could a company donate to the village.

- Cllr N Marshall to speak to the village shop to see if they would be happy to have the Christmas tree at their shop, as it will be more secure place.
- Cllr N Marshall also mentioned having the event advertised in the village / community magazine, when it is up & running.

7.6.2 – Resident Christmas lights competition, best decorated property, prizes from donations?

- This item was not discussed.

## 7.7 - Play Equipment – Playing Field - To discuss & Resolve

From the January 2023 meeting: Further discussions

7.7.1 - Cllr N Marshall mentioned new play equipment at the playing field.

- An update at the March meeting.
- Councillors asked about the cost of the new equipment, depending on what company used, the cost would be approx. £20-£25K.
- Cllr P Bedford mentioned the levelling up fund, that Freiston Parish Council can apply to for help on this project.
- Cllr A Marshall & The Clerk to complete the form for the levelling up fund.
- Update at next meeting.

7.7.2. - Cllr N Marshall to get site inspections & quotes.

- Update at next meeting.

## 8: Finance

8.1: Bank Account – Statement of accounts as at 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023

- Treasures Account - £6,265.37
- Business Instant Account - £72,293.76

8.2: To approve Accounts for payment

- Payments for January 2023 - £1,196.94
- Payments made December 2022 - £1,502.50
- Receipts received Feb 2023 - £

**9: Date of Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm**  
**Please note new meeting day.**

**10: Any Other Business by leave of the Chairman – For March 2023 Agenda.**

- Cllr N Marshall has been approached by the Bowls club for help with funding for a new wheelchair ramp, the ramp will cost approx. £970.00
- Cllr J Godwin asked if the poppy wreaths should be removed from the War memorial as they are becoming tatty, all councillors agreed to remove the poppy wreaths. Cllr J Godwin to deal.
- Cllr S Pearson mentioned about the oil drums, Cllr P Bedford to speak to Boston Borough Council Flyswat team.

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With no other business the meeting closed 20.14pm

Signed:

Dated: