

FREISTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE DANNY FLEAR COMMUNITY CENTRE ON Thursday 16th November at 7:30pm Minutes taken by The Clerk: Val Austin

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

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr Nigel Marshall (Chair), Cllr Bridgett Posey, Cllr Peter Bedford, Cllr Roy Pearson, Cllr Amy Marshall, Cllr Judith Godwin and The Clerk Val Austin.

Also Present:

Lincolnshire County Councillor: Paul Skinner

The meeting was called to order at 19:33pm

- 1. Chairman to open the meeting:** Hello & Welcome.
- 2. Apologies:** To receive and accept apologies where a valid reason for the absence has been given to the clerk prior to the meeting.
 - Cllr Simon Pearson – No apologies received.
 - Cllr Tony Wheeler – No apologies received
 - Cllr Shaun Pearson – Absent due to illness – Advised by email
- 3. Public Forum:** No members of the public were present
- 4. Police Matters:** Stats and incidents are available to view on the police website. Local Crime information website www.streetcheck.co.uk.
 - September 23 – No update
- 5. Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 19th October 2023. To resolve as a correct record and to authorise the Chairman to sign the official minutes
 - All councillors resolved for the chairman Cllr Nigel Marshall to sign the minutes.
- 6. 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
 - No declarations received
- 7. Planning update:** Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - To consider and make observations on all planning applications received and to note planning approvals, refusals, enforcement complaints and appeal decisions advised by Boston Borough Council.

To Note: - **B/23/0356** – Former Village Hall – New plans received, reply required before the next parish council meeting, the clerk contacted councillors via email for their observations. Majority of councillors replied with no objections. (noted)

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8. Parish Matters / Matters Arising / Updates

- 8.1. Street Lights – Ongoing.** – Received an invoice for £4, 500.for some of the repairs to the street lights, which has been paid. – Noted by Councillors
- 8.2. Highway & Roads – Update**
- Cllr Roy Pearson advised that there are many potholes all over, Church Road especially
 - Cllr Paul Skinner advised that he is dealing with the 30 mph sign along Church Road. No update.
- 8.3. Levelling up fund - Update:** Received email notification of £10,000 grant awarded for the playground refurbishment. The next stage of the process to be notified when received.
- The clerk to ask for updated quotes from the play equipment companies
 - A decision to be made in January 2024 meeting.
- 8.4. Christmas in Freiston – To discuss and resolve**
- 8.4.1 Cllr N Marshall – Update on Christmas Tree via T A Blackamore.
- Cllr Nigel Marshall has confirmed that TA Blackamore is donating the Christmas Tree to Freiston. Thank you to TA Blackamore.
 - The clerk has not been able to purchase the agreed lights as they are out of stock, but will continue to look for lights elsewhere.
- 8.4.2 Cllr B Posey – Update on items purchased for prizes
- Cllr Bridgett Posey purchased 3 boxes of biscuits, for 1st 2nd & 3rd prize.
- 8.5. Adoption of Policies required – To Agree and Resolve:** The clerk sent various policies to the councillors for adoption. To agree and to sign off.
- All councillors agreed to the signing off on the following policies (Adoption)
 - Freedom of Information / Data Breach Policy / Complaints Procedure / social media Policy
 - All policies to be added to the website.
- 8.6. Defibrillator positioning – To Discuss & Resolve:** Cllr Nigel Marshall reported that a resident was not happy with the new positioning of the defibrillator at the Castle Pub, Wainfleet Road.
- All councillors agreed that moving the defibrillator was the correct thing to do.
 - No further action to be taken.
- 8.7. The Big Borough Clean up – Update** – Sunday 29th October 23, Councillors and residents took part in the borough clean up, collecting 20 plus bags of rubbish. Cllr Judith Godwin would like to do this again in 6 months' time.
Date to be confirmed, and to be added to the March newsletter.
- Cllr Judith Godwin would like to do this event every three months and hopefully get more of the village involved, further details nearer the time.

9. Finance:

- 9.1 Bank Account:** Statement of accounts as at 16th November 2023
- Treasurers Account Balance - £5,999.73
 - Business Bank Instant Balance - £77,831.42
- 9.2 To approve the accounts for payments**
- Payments due November - £982.72
 - Payments made Oct / Nov - £5,103.99
 - Receipts received Nov - £81.53
- 9.3 Savings Account – Update** – The clerk contacted the bank, without success of getting a savings account, As the clerk made a complaint regarding the poor service received, the bank rewarded FPC with £25.00 for the complaint. - Noted

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- 9.3.1** The clerk to continue trying to set up savings account.
- The clerk advised that the savings account was set up on 16th November 2023.
- 9.4** Draft budget – To Discuss and resolve. The clerk sent an updated budget sheet to all councillors for consideration.
- All councillors resolved the budget for the 2024-2025 year
 - All councillors resolved for the precept amount to be increased to £35k from the previous year.
- 10. Date of next parish council meeting:** Thursday 21st December 2023 at 7:30pm
- All councillors agreed that there would not be a meeting in December 2023, the next meeting to be held 18th January 2024.
- 11. Any other business by leave of the chairman: For January 18th 2024 Agenda.**
- Cllr Bridgett Posey mentioned the parking along Church View and the state of the verge along the side of the road by the bus stop and along that verge.
 - Cllr Nigel Marshall advised to keep under review and for any ideas to be brought to the January agenda.
- To Note –As these items were not on the November 2023 agenda, they will go forward to the January 2024 agenda for discussion and decision making.**
- Cllr Roy Pearson mentioned the horses along Butterwick Road, being loose.
 - Cllr Bridgett Posey mentioned that the flag should not be flying all year round.

With no other business the meeting closed at 20:23pm

Chairman Signature:

Date: