

# FREISTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE DANNY FLEAR COMMUNITY CENTRE ON Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024, at 7:30pm Minutes taken by The Clerk: Mrs 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 Peter Bedford, Cllr Judith Godwin, Cllr Shaun Pearson, Cllr Amy Marshall, Cllr Roy Pearson, and The Clerk Val Austin.

**Also Present:** County Councillor, Paul Skinner

The meeting was called to order at 19:28pm

- 1. Chairman to open the meeting:** Good evening and Welcome to you all on this cold evening.
- 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 Bridgett Posey – Prior Commitment
  - Cllr Simon Pearson – Prior Commitment
  - Cllr Tony Wheeler – Absent
- 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](http://www.streetcheck.co.uk).

Shore Road	PE22 ONH	Anti-Social Behaviour - On or near Butterwick Road
Shore Road	PE22 ONH	Anti-Social Behaviour - On or near Sports/recreation Area
Shore Road	PE22 ONH	Burglary - On or near Church Road - Under Investigation
Shore Road	PE22 ONH	Criminal damage and arson - On or near Bull Pasture - Awaiting court outcome
Shore Road	PE22 ONH	Violence and Sexual Offences - On or near Bull Pasture - 1 - Under Investigation. 2 - Awaiting Court Outcome
Church Road	PE22 ONX	Burglary - On or near Oak House Lane - Investigation Complete no suspect identified
Church Road	PE22 OLA	Anti-Social Behaviour - On or near St Andrews Road
Church Road	PE22 OLA	Anti-Social Behaviour - On or near Wainfleet Road
Church Road	PE22 OLA	Violence and Sexual Offences - On or near Homers Lane - Under Investigation

- 5. Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024. 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
  - None 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. –
  - No planning received.

## 8. Updates / Discuss and resolve the following items

### 8.1. Highway & Roads – Update

- Cllr Roy Pearson mentioned the many pot holes around the village
- Cllr Paul Skinner advised to report pot holes on Fix my street
- Cllr Judith Godwin mentioned the white road marking lines, that the lines need to be made straight.
- Cllr Paul Skinner will be having a walk around with Highways in January 2025 and will report back with further information on the lines and conditions of the roads.
- Cllr Nigel Marshall mentioned that a resident complained about the lack of speed signs along Church Road.
- Cllr Nigel Marshall suggested purchasing Correx 40MPH lamp post signs for Church Road.
- All Councillors in favour
- The clerk to sort.

### 8.2 Churchyard – Nettles / Rubbish in Churchyard Grounds. – Cllr Simon Pearson – Update

- Decision on the general waste bins for the area
- Cllr Simon Pearson reported by email before the meeting, that the PCC had a further meeting and are happy to accept the offer of help with paying for general waste bins.
- All Councillors agreed for The Clerk to arrange for the general waste bins.
- Update on the maintenance, offered by the Parish Council
- As mentioned above Cllr Simon Pearson reported by email before the meeting, that the PCC would be happy to accept the offer of grass cutting in the churchyard.
- Cllr Nigel Marshall to get further quotes from T A Blackamore's.
- Cllr Judith Godwin asked about adding more posts along the grass verge to stop the parking.
- All Councillors agreed for the work to go ahead and Thank Cllr Judith Godwin for the help in the regeneration project.

### 8.3 Interactive Speed Signs for Village

- The clerk contacted LRSP and ordered the poles for the locations advised. LRSP have advised that the installation of the poles could take up to 3 months. The Clerk advised the councillors.
- No further update, waiting for the poles to be installed.
- The clerk ordered the 6 solar speed radar signs from Elan City.
- Cllr Nigel Marshall advised that the solar radar signs have arrived and now waiting for the poles to be installed before erecting the signs.

### 8.4: Christmas in Freiston

- Let's light up Freiston, Christmas outside decorations / lights competition.
- To decide on prize categories and the prizes for winners.
- Councillors to send their nominations with photos to The Clerk before the next meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024.
- Three prizes, 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and Best Tree – Best Outside Lights, Best Small Decorations.
- The clerk to arrange the prizes.
- Cllr Nigel Marshall advised the Christmas Tree will be donated by T A Blackamore, Thank you.
- The clerk purchased baubles for the Christmas Tree and Cllr Nigel Marshall has these stored until needed.

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## 9. Finance:

### 9.1 Bank Account: Statement of accounts as at 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024

- Treasurers Account Balance - £4,181.90
- Business Bank Instant Balance - £37,410.21
- Fixed Term deposit account - £40,000.00 – Mature date December 2024

### 9.2 To approve the accounts for payments

- Payments due November 2024 - £18,409.46
- Payments made in between meetings - £792.69
- Receipts received November 2024 - £1,006.29

### 9.3 Draft Budget for 2025 – 2026

- All Councillors resolved for The Precept to be increased by 2.90% from the previous year to £36,000.
- The Clerk to send the request to the Boston Borough Council.

## 10. Date of next parish council meeting: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## 11. Any other business to go forward to the December 19<sup>th</sup> 2024 – Agenda. / Note for information

- Cllr Paul Skinner mentioned that he spoke to Fishtoft Parish Council regarding the litter pick on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024
- Cllr Shaun Pearson reported white goods in a dyke along Oak House Lane to Cllr Dale Broughton.
- All Councillors agreed for the meeting with Richard Tice MP, The Clerk to respond and report back
- All Councillors agreed for Richard Tice MP to advertise in the newsletter, The Clerk to deal
- Cllr Nigel Marshall mentioned that The Remembrance Service was well attended and 8 wreaths were laid at the war memorial and two more boxes would be required for 2025.
- Cllr Roy Pearson will sort a box out for next year.
- Cllr Judith Godwin mentioned the litter pick on the 1<sup>st</sup> December. The clerk to advertise on Facebook and to mention weather permitting.

With no other business to go forward to the December 2024 meeting, the parish council meeting closed at 20:04pm

Chairman Signature:

Date: