FRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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OPEN FORUM.
Mr Andrew Reid – SCC, introduced himself to the meeting and invites any topics which the Parish Council wishes to be covered. He went on to report that SCC are maintaining front line services and are working with local government bodies to make the most of assets rather than duplicating. Some libraries and services are to be saved in Suffolk provided a separate body runs the service. Their will be some changes to the mobile service which will now be providing a monthly service instead of fortnightly. SCC are seeking a new Chief Executive. Mr Reid also reported on Energy from waste sites, Broadband and Suffolks fire & rescue service.
PCSO Thora Taylor. The Chair read out the report.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the
Village Hall on Monday 8 August 2011

PRESENT: Cllr B Duncan - Acting Chairman, Cllr A Patterson, Cllr F Cardy and Cllr A Simpson.
Also in attendance 2 members of the public, SCC Mr A Reid and the Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. These were received from Cllr P Watkiss (holiday), PCSO Thora Taylor.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST. None.

3. MINUTES of the last meeting held on 27 June 2011.
Mrs Patterson brought to the attention of the PC that in the last minutes the Open Forum should read Mr Scott Squirrell of STV not Leiston Sound and vision. An apology will be put into the next village news letter.
The minutes were then approved as a correct record, proposed Mrs Cardy seconded Mrs Patterson, signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING. a. War memorial.
Mrs Patterson has completed the Expression on Interest form which will now be sent to the War Memorial Trust in the hope that some funding can be allocated for the repairs.
b. Allotments.
The Clerk has received 7 letters expressing an interest in having an allotment. As there is sufficient interest, land will be needed. As the Parish Council does not own any land, however, the Parish Council are prepared to help facilitate the usage of private land for allotments. The Clerk will write to the owners of the 2 parcels of land which could be considered, the Glebe Land and the Flood Alleviation land and request their consideration for use of their land for allotments. The Chairman clarified that the Parish Council is not obliged to supply in the way of water (including bore holes), fencing, car parks, signage or anything that would imply or infer ownership or responsibility for upkeep or anything that would affect or impact on the Precept.
Mr Simpson has recently spoken to the Chair of the National Allotments Association, she informed that there are grants available and that she would be willing to speak at a Parish Council meeting to explain.
c. Storage of Archive Documents.
Mrs Cardy informed that there are 3 minute books to be stored in the Archives, she has removed the Sub-Committee Book which she has placed in the filing cabinet.
d. Rabbits on Village Green.
The land owner has been contacted regarding the problem with rabbits on the village green, he is not interested in dealing with this natural phenomena. The Chairman suggests that the PC keeps an eye on the situation and if it gets worse then a pest controller may be needed. He also informed that the Elm tree beside the ditch and church path is no longer a concern.
e. SCDC Playspace Funding.
The Clerk informed that Friston has £349.84 in the play space funding budget. £14,000 is in the sports equipment budget which has to be shared with Snape & Iken.

5. TO FILL THE 2 VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL BY CO-OPTION.
Mr Reid SCC left the meeting, members of the public were asked to leave the room. The Parish Councillors considered the 2 candidates who have applied for the vacancies, Mr P Pledger and Mr M Caplin. It was agreed by all to co-opt then both onto the Parish Council, proposed Mrs Cardy seconded Mr Simpson.

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Members of the public were invited back into the room.

6. PLANNING. a. C11/1612 4 Mariners View, Low Road, Friston – Erection of 1st floor extension & provision of carparking area & vehicular access.
Mr Simpson brought to the attention of the Parish Council that on the plans the ground floor and the 1st floor are incorrectly labelled and that SCDC are insisting that the weather boarding is painted black. Mrs Patterson pointed out that not all of the buildings are shown on the plans.
It was agreed that a letter will be sent to SCDC informing that the Parish Council has no objection to the planning application however it should be noted that not all the outbuildings are marked on the plans and does the weather boarding have to be black.

b. Permissions etc.
SCDC has granted planning permission to the land south east of Church Farm, Grove Road for the installation of a wind turbine. Planning permission also granted to Myrtle Cottage, Church Path.

7. FINANCE a. Statement of Accounts
a. Statement of Accounts. Bank balances as at 8 August 2011, Barclays Community Account £5,283.66 (includes £320 election money). Barclays Business Saver £5,005.72. Ipswich Building Society Village Green Account £5,018.59.
b. Clerks Pay and Expenses – Invoice's to pay. The Clerk presented 2 invoices to the PC, expenses £33.16 and salary £117.00
c. **Friston Village Hall Management Committee** – Invoice to pay, for hire of the village hall May to June, £12.00.
d. **SCDC** – Uncontested Election Expenses, £100.00.
e. **SALC** – Councillor Training Course, outstanding VAT still to pay, £19.60. Travel Expenses for Mr Simpson to attend the course, £55.44
f. **Heelis & Lodge –** Invoice & Internal Audit Report.
This has been carried out by Heelis & Lodge, the Clerk has now sent the accounts to be audited. Invoice received for payment to Heelis & Lodge £55.00. The Parish Council also completed the "Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit".
All of the above invoices were proposed Mrs Cardy seconded Mrs Patterson.

8. CIRCULARS & CORRESPONDENCE
a. Suffolk Age UK. The Chairman has read the correspondence which is intended to make villages aware of its elderly residents.

9. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS.
a. Flooding on the main road. Mrs Cardy informed that this is a problem on the B1121 past her property towards the village just before the Church Road turning. Mud has been carried along the road and flowed into the drains, causing the drains to become blocked and therefore flooding onto the road. Mrs Patterson will inform SCC Highways.
b. October Meeting. As the Clerk will be on holiday from 26 October it was agreed to change the date of the October meeting from 24 October to 17 October. Mrs Cardy to Chair the meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.27pm.

Dates for future meetings 2011:
Monday 19 September
Monday 17 October
Monday 12 December