

# Friston Parish Council

## FRISTON PARISH COUNCIL



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### OPEN FORUM.

Mr Scott Squirrell of Leiston Sound & Vision gave an informative talk on the forthcoming digital switch over. This is to take place in the area on 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Anyone who has an old style TV set will need to either purchase a digital set top box costing between £20/60.00 or to have Free Sat installed via a satellite dish costing approx. £200.00. The other option is to purchase a new flat screen TV set, these are already set up to accommodate the digital switch over.

Mr Barrett the owner of Myrtle Cottage introduced himself, he is at the meeting to hear the discussion on his planning application later in the meeting.

A member of the public present informed the Parish Council that the extinguishment order on footpath 25 has now been withdrawn, so the Parish Council need do nothing.

The Chair informed that Waitrose is supporting Friston Village Hall this month, so the more green tokens the better!

A member of the public present asked that copies of the Annual Parish Meeting minutes 2011 can be put on each chair at the 2012 APM. The Clerk will ensure that this is done.

**Mr Phillip Dunnett – SCDC** introduced himself to all, he has now taken over from Mr Cyril Fidler since his retirement. Mr Dunnett has been to the recent SCDC planning meeting where they were considering the planning application for the Wind Turbine at Land South of Church Farm, Friston, he supported the Parish Councils decision of no objection. SCDC has received one objection for the application.

Mr Dunnett also reported on the Scrutiny Committee, he put forward that Parish Council's should be listened to on their relevant planning issues.

**Mr Andrew Reid – SCC.** The Chair read out the report.

**PCSO Thora Taylor.** The Chair read out the report.

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 27 June 2011

**PRESENT:** Mrs A Patterson – Acting Chair, Mrs F Cardy and Mr A Simpson.

Also in attendance 15 members of the public and the Clerk.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** These were received from Cllr. B Duncan (holiday), Cllr P Watkiss (health reasons), PCSO Thora Taylor and SCC Mr A Reid.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.** None.

**3. MINUTES** of the Annual General Meeting held on 16 May 2011.

The Chair pointed out that the item under Any Other Business – Cheque Signatories, Mr Watkiss is infact already a cheque signatory so it was agreed that Mrs Patterson will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> cheque signatory.

It was also noted that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2011 should not have been approved and signed until the 2012 Annual Parish Meeting.

The minutes were then approved as a correct record, proposed Mrs Cardy seconded Mr Simpson, signed by the Chair.

**4. MATTERS ARISING. a. War memorial.**

A quote has been received from Mrs Leverett for the 2<sup>nd</sup> lot of damage to the war memorial. Her opinion is that the entire bottom section has reached the end of its life. The cheapest option would be to patch the bad areas costing approx. £500 plus vat. Alternatively grind the base section and encase with Portland coloured cement costing approx. £1200 plus vat. Or to clad with ¾ in. sheets, would cost much more. The Chair informed that grants are available from English Heritage for repair and conservation to war memorials. An expression of interests form needs to be completed in the first instance. A letter should be sent to the church to request permission and inform them of the Parish Council proposals for restoring the war memorial.

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**b. Allotments.** Mr Simpson informed that he has the names of 6 people in the village who are interested in having an allotment. He also has a contact from a land owner in the village who may agree to his land being used for allotments. The Clerk informed that Mr Duncan also knows of 2 parcels of land which might be considered. It would be advisable to choose land that is close to a water main. The land would also need to be fenced in to keep out rabbits.

The Chair recommends that the 6 people interested in having an allotment should write and make a request to the Parish Council.

**c. Village of the Year Competition.** The Chair reported that the judging took place on 22 June. The results of which are not known yet.

**d. Footpath and field adjacent to A1094.** The Clerk informed that a response has been received back from SCC Rights of Way, they will check to see if the footpath is wide enough and to see if the barbed wire is visible.

**e. Parish Council Newsletter.** The Clerk has drafted the June newsletter which will be emailed to the Councillors for their approval. Frances kindly offered to carry out the photocopying.

**f. Localism Bill.** The Councillors have read the bill, after consideration it is felt that many of the clauses do not apply to Parish Councils. The Code of Conduct is to be removed. It was agreed by all that the Parish Council will not take any further action at this stage.

**5. TO FILL THE 2 VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL BY CO-OPTION.** The Clerk informed that the vacancies have been advertised on the notice board, but as yet no one has applied.

**6. PLANNING. a. C/11/1139 Hazelwood Hall Buildings, Friston – Variation of condition 2 of planning permission C03.0165 to read: Each of the units of accommodation hereby permitted shall be used for short term, holiday and business tourism lets. Each of the units shall be vacated between 06 January and 17 February in each year.**

The Chair suggested that the new clause would lose the real tourists and might mean that they will be used for staff accommodation. Some of the lets have already been sold on. It was agreed by all that the Parish Council has no objection to the planning application.

**b. C/11/1303 Myrtle Cottage, Church Path, Friston – Retention of single storey rear extension.**

The Chair read out a letter of objection received from a village resident. The main issues that are brought to the Parish Councils attention are the lead flashing on the party wall, the height of the glass roof on the conservatory and the party wall. Neighbouring properties are not happy with the amount of exaggerated light which the glass roof causes and the light pollution.

(8.45pm) The Chair closed the meeting and opened it to the public. Mr Barrett the owner of Myrtle Cottage outlined the reasons for adding a new conservatory as this would help to accommodate his family. His architect had said that he would not need planning permission for the conservatory. He regrets that the large area of the conservatory domed roof is a couple of inches above the original eaves of the cottage, this had been mistakenly done. He is happy to try to minimise light pollution and will consider any steps for this. The planning application and the Party Wall Act are 2 separate issues and he has done a great deal of research into the party wall. It is within the cartilage of Myrtle Cottage, the south side is very much in disrepair, he informed that he is happy to maintain the wall. His builder has specifically looked at the lead flashing and this point has not been overlooked, water does not instantly flow onto the wall.

Mr Barrett has apologised to all his neighbours for not having applied before for the retrospective planning permission. A member of the public/neighbour present informs that he can only see the construction from his property if he climbs up onto scaffolding. Could blinds be placed in the roof? The owner is happy to consider this.

(9.05pm) The Chair closed the meeting to the public and reopened the Parish Council meeting.

The Chair informed that the party wall is not an issue that the Parish Council can get involved in. However a letter will be sent to SCDC informing the concerns relating to the amount of glass in the conservatory roof and the light pollution.

**The Chair brought to the attention of the Parish Council that the 9.30pm deadline is approaching, it was agreed by all to extend the meeting an extra 10 minutes to end at 9.40pm.**

**c. GalloperWind Farm – Off the coast at Sizewell.**

The Parish Council would like to know the line of pylons which will be taking the electricity north.

No objection to the planning application.

**d. Permissions etc.** SCDC has given planning permission to 7 Aldeburgh Rd, Friston.

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## **7. FINANCE a. Statement of Accounts**

a. Statement of Accounts. Bank balances as at 27 June 2011, Barclays Community Account £5,888.78 (includes £320 election money). Barclays Business Saver £5,004.48. Ipswich Building Society Village Green Account £4,921.20.

**b. Clerks Pay and Expenses** – Invoice's to pay. The Clerk presented 2 cheques to the PC, expenses £28.24 and salary £272.88. The Clerk will inform SALC of the salary figure so that they can calculate the PAYE.

Proposed Mrs Cardy, seconded Mr Simpson.

**c. Donation towards Knodishall School Crossing Patrol** – letter received from Knodishall Parish Council.

Having read out the report received from SCC informing that they will be funding school crossing patrols, it was agreed to wait and discuss this again at the November meeting.

## **8. CIRCULARS & CORRESPONDENCE a. Footpath 25 – Part, Footpath Extinguishment Order 2010.**

No need for the Parish Council to act.

## **9. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS. a. Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group.**

Mr Watkiss had informed the Clerk that he had attended the recent meeting where new officers had been elected. EDF are no longer involved. SCC & SCDC are to form a task force within the group.

**b. Storage of Archive Documents.** Mrs Cardy informed that the archive documents which she has at her house still need to be taken to the records office, where is the office in Ipswich? It was agreed that the footpath files should not be sent to the records office. The Clerk will look up the original list of archive documents compiled by Canon Brett.

**c. Rabbits on Village Green.** The Chair reported that there is a problem on the village green with rabbits, there are large burrows and warrens and they are leading into the garden at Hillcrest. It was agreed that Mr Wentworth should be informed. Also inform him that there is Elm growing on the verge beside the ditch and Church path, could he consider getting rid of it.

**d. Cheque Signatories.** The Chair reiterated to the PC that in the minutes of the AGM, AOB, item g, Cheque Signatories, a mistake had been made. Therefore Mrs Patterson is to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> cheque signatory as Mr Watkiss already is a cheque signatory. Proposed Mrs Cardy seconded Mr Simpson.

**e. SCDC Playspace Funding.** The Chair asked that the Clerk contacts SCDC to find out how much is in the pot for Friston.

**f. Parking on Village Green.** The Chair asked the Clerk to contact Mr Wentworth to ask permission for the Mrs Tattersalls family to park on the village green on 3 July.

**g. Seat on the Village Green.** The Chair informed that Mr Duncan will be sorting out the seat on the village green when he gets back from his holiday.

**h. I Trust.** Mrs Cardy informed the PC that she had written to Rachel Farr at I Trust informing her that the PC had been very disappointed that she had let us down.

The meeting ended at 9.38pm

### Dates for future meetings 2011:

**Monday 8 August**

**Monday 19 September**

**Monday 31 October**

**Monday 12 December**