

# FRISTON PARISH COUNCIL



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## OPEN FORUM.

A member of the public present informed that there is a problem in the village with overgrown hedges, could this be discussed later in the meeting.

**Mr Andrew Reid – SCC.** Consultations have begun for the SCC budget with Parish/Town Councils & stakeholders inviting feedback and views on how best to deliver services.

The mobile library service costs SCC £60,000 a year, there are 8000 users countywide and 6 are registered users in Friston. The mobile service may be moved to monthly service.

Suffolk has been selected by the government for fast tracking for its broadband project/bid. £40 million funding has been received and this will help to give faster broadband in the county.

The Chairman suggests that it would be a good idea to get more volunteers involved with delivering books to homes on behalf of the library service.

**Mr Phillip Dunnett - SCDC.** It is unlikely that this area will be affected by the Dale Farm eviction. He also reported on the Scrutiny Committee.

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

## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 19 September 2011

**PRESENT:** Cllr Peter Watkiss - Acting Chairman, Cllr Bryan Duncan, Cllr Ann Patterson, Cllr Frances Cardy, Cllr Alan Simpson, Cllr Peter Pledger.

Also in attendance, 1 member of the public, SCC Mr Andrew Reid, SCDC Mr Phillip Dunnett and the Clerk.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** These were received from Cllr M Caplin (business), PCSO Thora Taylor.

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

**3. MINUTES** of the last meeting held on 8 August 2011.

The minutes were approved as a correct record; proposed Mr Duncan seconded Mrs Cardy, signed by the Chairman.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING.

**a. Allotments.** Mr Heald has responded and said that he will be coming to Suffolk soon and will meet up to discuss the allotments, Mr Simpson said that he is willing to meet up and to suggest that some spoil samples are carried out. A positive response has not yet been received back from Mr Wentworth.

It would be best for the Chairman of the allotments association to be invited to attend the December meeting, as the October meeting is mainly to discuss budgets.

**b. Flooding on the Main Road.** Mrs Cardy reported that Highways had done the drains, the hedging and ditches have also been cleared so will now drain well.

### c. Storage of Archive Documents.

Mrs Cardy brought the box of 3 minute books for the Clerk to take to the Ipswich Records Office.

## 5. PLANNING. b. Permissions etc.

SCDC has granted planning permission to 4 Mariners View, Low Road. Outline planning permission to Friston Business Centre, Aldeburgh Road. Refusal of planning permission to Hazelwood Hall Buildings, Aldeburgh Road.

## 6. FINANCE

### a. Statement of Accounts

a. Statement of Accounts. Bank balances as at 19 September 2011, Barclays Community Account £4,891.

Barclays Business Saver £5,005.72, Ipswich Building Society Village Green Account £5,018.59.

The Chairman brought to the attention of the Parish Council that the Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group subscriptions will need to be renewed next year.

**b. Clerks Pay and Expenses – Invoice's to pay.** The Clerk presented 2 invoices to the PC, expenses £20.10 and salary £132.75.

**c. Came & Company – Parish Council Insurance Renewal.** Invoice received £451.74.

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The above invoices were approved for payment; proposed Mrs Cardy seconded Mr Duncan.

## **8. CIRCULARS & CORRESPONDENCE.**

**a. SCDC – Draft National Planning Policy Briefing.** A parish briefing is to take place at the Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew, 28 September.

**b. SCDC – Consultation on Updated Sustainability Assessment Documents.** Consultation on updated sustainability appraisal & appropriate assessment document (August 2011). Final deadline for responses to the consultation are invited by 14 October 2011.

**c. SALC – Dale Farm Eviction.** Already covered by Mr Dunnett SCDC.

**d. SCC – Mobile Libraries Consultation.** The Chairman passed on the consultation document to Mrs Patterson.

**e. Friston Village Hall.** A letter has been received from the management committee to remind the Parish Council that the lease for the village hall runs out July 2016. This will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting, in the mean time a letter will be sent to Mr Wentworth asking for his consideration to renew the lease in 5 years time. A letter will also be sent to the Village Hall Management Committee to let them know that we have this in hand.

**f. SALC AGM.** This is to take place at Henley Community Centre on 7 November.

**g. The Queens Diamond Jubilee.** A letter has been received from NALC encouraging communities to mark the occasion on 4 June 2012 by lighting a beacon. It was agreed that Friston should take part, the Clerk will register an interest. Mr Duncan will check that the beacon on the village green is in working order.

## **9. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS. a. Potential flooding within Low Road.**

Mr Duncan informed that the flood alleviation scheme which had been installed at the far end of Low Road has no chance of working at the present time if there was a lot of rain, as the ditches leading to it need to be cleared. Who claims responsibility? The ditch from church path to the culvert is also blocked.

Mr Wentworth should be responsible for clearing the ditch from the pumping station to the entrance of the reservoir. It was agreed by all that Mr Wentworth should be asked to clear the ditch beyond the pumping station and a letter to be sent to the Environment Agency asking them to clear the culvert from Church Road all the way through.

**b. Caravan parking.** The Parish Council is aware that a small wooden caravan has been placed by the side of the road opposite the playing field on the Aldeburgh Road with a For Sale sign. The Parish Council should not allow anything to be placed for sale by the side of main road.

**c. Newsletter.** The latest newsletter is still awaiting completion. The mobile library service should be mentioned in it and also asking everyone to cut back their over hanging hedges within the village.

Mrs Cardy informed that there is a severe problem with the state of the pavement from Friston House to Church Road, brambles and hedges over hang onto the footpath making it impassable and pedestrians have to walk in the road.

**d. Litter Pick.** Mrs Patterson informed that this will take place in October.

**e. Contingency Funds.** The Chairman would like a contingency fund to be started for long term maintenance projects such as the War Memorial and the Jubilee Shelter. This will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting when the finances are being considered.

Mrs Cardy to Chair the October meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.

### **Dates for future meetings 2011:**

Monday 17 October

Monday 12 December