

Friston Parish Council

FRISTON PARISH COUNCIL



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OPEN FORUM. None.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall after the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 28 March 2011

PRESENT: Mrs F Cardy-Chair, Mr D Smith-Vice Chairman, Mrs A Patterson, Mr B Duncan, Canon P Brett, Mrs C Duncan, Mr P Watkiss.
Also in attendance The Clerk.

1. **APOLOGIES.** None

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

3. **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 28 February 2011.

Canon Brett asked for clarification of item 11b "The Chair informed that the precept has already been set and clarified that any monies not spent are carried over into the next year's accounts/reserves", i.e. The Current Account and the Business Community Account.

The minutes were then approved as a correct record; proposed Mr Duncan seconded Mrs Patterson, signed by the Chair.

4. **MATTERS ARISING.**

a. War memorial, to make a decision regarding the damage.

Two quotes have now been received for the above one from F Masters and another from Valerie Leverett. The Chair read out both quotes for consideration. It was agreed by all to go with Valerie Leverett and her option to supply replacement piece of Portland Stone and reattach other 2 pieces that has detached from memorial and to make good at £450 plus VAT. Proposed Mr Smith seconded Mrs Duncan.

b. Storage of archive materials.

The Chair will ensure all Councillors gets a copy of the archive items which Canon Brett has listed.

Old minute books found in the boxes will be taken to the Ipswich Records Office by the Clerk. Papers relating to footpaths will be kept in the filing cabinet for archive items at the Chair's home, along with any other papers which need to be kept. SALC has given an up to date list of correspondence which needs to be kept or destroyed.

Duplicate and unwanted items will be destroyed by the Clerk. Canon Brett was thanked for undertaking the task of going through the boxes.

c. Grit Bin.

When the PC initially discussed purchasing a grit bin no colour was discussed and the company automatically sent a standard colour, yellow, bin. Canon Brett said that he would prefer that the new bin was green, in keeping with the countryside and he would be happy to supply paint and repaint the bin green. To return the yellow grit bin and replace with a green grit bin would cost £35.00 plus £8.50 delivery. Mr Smith's opinion is that despite a green bin being in keeping with the countryside, it may not stand out and be noticed. Yellow stands out and would be seen instantly in an emergency.

Canon Brett proposed that the Parish Council spends some extra money to replace the yellow bin with a green bin. Nobody was prepared to second. Canon Brett proposed to supply and repaint the bin green. Nobody was prepared to second. Both motions were rejected

d. Glass Recycling Bank at Friston Chequers.

The Clerk has applied to SCC for recycling credits which will be back-dated, and could be shared with the pub. The Chair has not yet been able to speak to the Landlord with the proposal that villagers could use the bottle bank and he could receive half the recycling credit. The existing bottle bank on the pub car park would continue to be used and could be publicised at the next PC meeting. Mr Duncan was concerned that residents living around the vicinity of the bottle bank may object to the noise of glass breaking during anti social hours and suggested that we should consult with houses around the Chequers.

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e. S137 Expenditure.

Canon Brett inquired as to what the Parish Council proposes to do with the £150 Section 137 money which has not been allocated this year? Mr Watkiss mentioned that surrounding parishes give donations of money to Coldfair Green. They are in need of money to purchase new library books.

The Chair informed that this was discussed last year and it had been decided that as the school is funded by government & county council no donation would be given. The PTA also raises money for the school.

Mrs Patterson suggested that in future the PC could consider setting a smaller amount of budget for Section 137 so that the problem does not arise again. Canon Brett then put forward a motion for the Parish Council to consider, 'That any unspent money in the s.137 budget for the current year should be divided equally between those already supported this year and sent to them as an additional donation'. Mr Watkiss seconded the motion but motion was not carried.

f. Village Litter Pick

Mrs Patterson will organise a litter pick with the help of Canon Brett, Mr Duncan and other village residents to take place in April.

5. PLANNING. None.

6. FINANCE.

a. Statement of Accounts. Bank balances as at 28 March 2011, Barclays Community Account £3,012.84 (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 received from the Clerk £111.65

c. Photocopying for Parish Newsletter and Information Sheet – Invoice to pay to Mrs F Cardy, £16.10

d. Suffolk Acre – Invoice to pay, £25 for annual subscription.

The above payments were approved, proposed Mr Smith seconded Mr Watkiss.

7. CIRCULARS & CORRESPONDENCE

a. Village of the Year Competition. Mrs Patterson will complete the application form. The Clerk will look up correspondence used in the past for the competition.

8. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS.

a. Commemorative Mugs. The commemorative mugs purchased to mark the royal wedding have arrived and now need to be distributed to the children in the village. A letter from the Parish Council will also be given out with each mug.

b. Election Procedure. Canon Brett asked when the Parish Council has to stand down. The Clerk informed that all outgoing Councillors will retire 4 days before the election and incoming Councillors will take office 4 days following the election.

c. Ditches. Mrs Patterson informed that in Low Road the ditch from Chases Lane to the pumping station needs to be cleared plus the ditch beyond that to the reservoir. The Clerk will inform the Environment Agency.

d. Matters Arising from the APM. Mr Smith asked that this is on the next agenda.

e. AGM. The Chair informed the PC that if she is elected back onto the Parish Council she does not wish to carry on as Chair. A new Chair person will need to be elected at the AGM. Canon Brett thanked Mrs Cardy on behalf of the PC for all her work as Chair person and for creating a friendly atmosphere, Mr Watkiss seconded.

The meeting ended at 9.45pm.

Dates for future meetings 2011:

Annual General Meeting, Monday 16 May

Monday 27 June

Monday 8 August

Monday 19 September

Monday 31 October

Monday 12 December