

Meeting Date: Thursday 14th July 2023 **Location:** The Village Hall, Stibbard

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the above date and venue.

Present:	Also present:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Bill Aldridge (BA) • Cllr Colin Clayton (CC) • Cllr Stephen Coomber (SC) • Cllr Tony Hender (TH) • Cllr Steve Mayes (SM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nea Horsford – Clerk (NH) • County Cllr Steffan Aquarone • District Cllr Mike Hankins

1. Apologies and reasons for absence none

2. Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensations none.

3. Minutes the minutes from 11th May 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chair

4. Progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting (Clerk's report)

a) VAT from previous year has been claimed and transferred into the reserve bank account.

b) Still waiting for the HMRC log on details from the previous clerk who has proved to be most unhelpful.

The clerk has now sent a letter via Royal Mail to request all the log on details are put in her name.

c) Wildfires – a member of the public who expressed concerns about the wild fires was contacted by Jimmy

Rothwell Chief Fire Officer at Fakenham and said procedures have been put in place. The Parish Council

has decided not to pursue the Emergency Committee any further as it will prove to be very time

consuming and costly.

5. Update from District and County Councillors

a) County Cllr Aquarone spoke to the Council about the concerns of closing bank branches and the

difficulties booking Doctors and Dentist appointments. He would be interested to hear resident's

personal experiences (good and bad) of Doctors, Dentists and banking. Cllr Aquarone has offered 50% of

our payment for the speed gates out of his budget. The Parish Council are very grateful as this should

mean all three gates can be purchased and installed in this financial year.

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b) District Cllr Mike Hankins spoke to us about the Fulmodeston fly infestation problem which he has been involved with and the issue is currently being deal with Banham Poultry. He also mentioned the lack of Police presence within rural communities and the clerk said she will contact the Police to see if they will attend a meeting in the future as they used to regularly attend. Cllr Hankins is also going to chase up the broken public footpath sign in Guist Bottom Road.

6. Public Participation none

7. To discuss / respond to correspondence received none received

8. Planning applications none received

9. Set meeting dates next meeting will be on WEDNESDAY 13th September. 2024 dates: 9th January, 12th March, 14th May, 9th July, 10th September, 12th November

10. Insurance and Fixed Assets the insurance is up for renewal in September and the clerk has noted that the PC have been under insured and is therefore giving the insurance and Fixed Asset register a complete overhaul.

11. Civility and Respect Pledge the council unanimously agreed to sign up for the pledge

12. 80th D Day Celebrations 6th June 2024 Cllr Stephen Coomber agreed to represent the PC with any planning committees. Cllr Aldridge to make enquires regarding getting a beacon made as one has to be lit at 9.30pm.

13. Playground update a ROSPA inspection has been completed and the clerk is waiting for the report. It was noted that the trees will need cutting back in the Autumn and possibly the up and over may need to be replaced. Recently, there was an incident with teenage boys on bikes using anti-social behaviour towards a member of the public on a Saturday afternoon.

14. To receive updates on the following:

a) **Village Sign** Cllr Coomber and Don Seed have collated all the drawings from the school and drawn up some possible designs. The whole Council were so pleased with the results and the location of the sign was discussed for District Council approval.

b) **Playground fencing** we are still waiting for the Diocese to confirm they are dealing. Clerk to chase again

c) **Field by the church** Cllr Hender will be heading this project up. Keep the field tidy for the moment and no bonfires are to be lit in the field by neighbouring properties.

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- d) **Village Speed Gates** Cllr Mayes to work on this with the clerk. The email for grants has been received along with a generous grant from Cllr Aquarone. All three locations will be applied for.

15. Financial Matters

- a) Bank balance was agreed
- b) Payments for website of £230.40 agreed

16. Any other business

- a) The grass bank on the Fulmodeston Road needs a trim

17. Items for next agenda

- a) War memorial
- b) Tree trim in playground and bus stop

18. Next meeting Wednesday 13th September 2023

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