

FLORDON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely at 8pm on Tuesday 12 January 2021

Present: Cllrs T Webster (Chair), D Harrison, J Lockhart, A Barnes

In Attendance: G Roderick-Jones (Clerk), District Cllr G Francis, District Cllr N Legg, District Cllr V Clifford-Jackson, three members of the public

Tree Warden's Report: none

Public Comment: A resident attended to raise concerns about Mrs London's planning application 2020/1920 The Street; also attending were Mrs London and the architect John Barbuk. Discussion ensued on whether the community had been sufficiently consulted over the revised development plans, about whether the style of architecture was in keeping with the existing buildings in the village, about drainage and run-off issues, about whether the number of dwellings was sufficient for Norfolk County Council to adopt the perimeter road and what effect that would have on services such as bin collections, and the issue of uncontrolled parking on the perimeter road.

District Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Clifford-Jackson submitted a report by email, the text of which follows these minutes. She also informed the council that the Cabinet Meeting held on 11 January mainly concerned flooding in Norfolk with South Norfolk taking the lead in this issue.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Janice Holmes, Pam Harvey, John Dyer
- 2 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr A Barnes declared a non-financial interest in item 6a
- 3 **Minutes of Meeting of 17 November 2021:** approved
- 4 **Matters Arising:** none

5 Finances

- a NOTED latest bank balances as 6 January 2021

Community Account	£3,462.00
Savings Account	£9,632.48
Total	£13,094.48

- b PRECEPT for 2021-2022 decided as follows:

current precept	£5,000.00
current Band D	£49.02
new precept	£4,953.00
new tax base	99
new Band D	£49.02
change to precept in £	-£47

This means there will be no increase for householders compared to the 2020-2021 figure. The parish council will have a small reduction in income.

Proposed by Cllr Harrison, seconded by Cllr Lockhart and agreed by all

c **AUTHORISED: payments**
Flordon Community Trust annual donation £500.00
Mulbarton Church 2 x editions Flordon News £50.00
Zoom - monthly subscription of £14.40 until return to face to face meetings
Proposed by Cllr Harrison, seconded by Cllr Lockhart and agreed by all

d **NOTED: any outstanding invoices for the 2020-21 financial year**

6 Planning:

a 2020/1920 Mrs London's development – see Public Comment above; Cllr Harrison will draft a letter to South Norfolk Planning and circulate to all councillors, and the clerk will then format it and submit it by the Friday 15 January deadline – this action proposed by Cllr Lockhart, seconded by Cllr Webster and agreed by all.

b late applications: none

7 Flooding Issues at Broadwater: A channel has appeared between the Street and Broadwater, probably caused by the force of the recent flood water. Broadwater Maintenance to be added to the next agenda.

8 Trod path update: The clerk reported the complaints about the trod path surface after the last meeting, but Highways maintain that the apparent damage shown in the photos is mostly leaf debris, which is a South Norfolk street cleaning issue. This has been reported to SNDC but now needs to be followed up. Highways will not contemplate bollards or other physical barriers to prevent vehicles mounting the kerb.

9 Village Sign update: deferred

10 Local authority assistance for businesses affected by Covid: Information and possible assistance can be obtained via Norfolk Community Foundation (further details from District Cllr Clifford-Jackson).

11 Correspondence: as circulated to councillors and noted above

12 Items for the next agenda: items as identified above including Mrs London's development; also maintenance work needed at Broadwater (Cllr Legg will ascertain if permission for small works is required from Natural England)

13 Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 16 March 2021 (arrangements to be confirmed)

District Council report from Cllr Clifford-Jackson

1. **Happy New Year** to all council members, their families and our residents. I hope it is a better one for everyone. I attach our members' bulletin as it has useful staffing structures and I also attach new planning guidance. I am so sorry we are back in lockdown. I hope all residents are safe and have access to services. As before **please call 01508 533933 for help**.
2. You probably **won't** be getting a **diary card for the bins** this year as the collection days are now stable and shouldn't change with the Bank Holidays, although of course there may be delays due to staffing or weather issues. The diaries can be downloaded from the website if needed for those who want them.
3. I do hope you have been OK from **flooding** which has been widespread this year. Several of the villages in our Ward are affected. Access to Long Stratton, Wymondham and along the B1113 was difficult for a number of days. I and some residents have requested **flooding** to be an urgent item on the **Cabinet agenda Monday 11th** and this has been agreed. The Leader has also said he will set up an enquiry under the Chairmanship of the SNC Chair to investigate the issues. If you have any evidence please send it to me or Democratic services.
4. **Member led funding grants were reviewed at Scrutiny Committee** and the deadline has been extended to March 31st 2021 as 28 members have not spent any of their grant money yet.
5. **Full council voted to investigate the logistics of a new 'low impact, garden village style' settlement near existing infrastructure.** Hethel is one of the suggested possible sites.
6. There was **a planning training session primarily for Parish Councils** which over 65 people attended. New regulations about permitted development and software to assess the need for planning permission, as well as useful PowerPoint guidelines were given and are still available. The current DMC arrangements will continue for the foreseeable future, but the numbers of the committee may be adjusted later in the year if the software improves.
7. **Cabinet** and Full Council **reviewed Finances due to extra Covid costs** and loss of income. **Review of members' IT needs for improved equipment** is out to consultation.
8. We have had a members' consultation meeting about the future **Budget and Big Sky** governance. Two cabinet members have been elected to the board in addition to the Leader.
9. Just an advance notice that the **Census** will be happening on the 21st March with advisory letters in February 2021. It will start on line with paper submissions in addition.
10. If you have **IT issues** ensure you have a VDSL enabled modem or router and 'fibre to box' connection.

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