

FLORDON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely at 8pm on Tuesday 17 November 2020

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, two members of the public

Tree Warden's Report: none

Public Comment: The council were addressed by Mrs Pat London and her architect, John Barbuk, regarding her application for nine dwellings on land adjacent to St Michael's Church. The application is to be submitted soon. The architect is still working on individual house design, the application will then need to be validated and consultees contacted. Historic England have agreed in principle, and the PCC have agreed but with some reservations.

A change to the plan circulated to councillors is in the positioning of the parking spaces for use by visitors to the church. This is to be moved from the vicinity of the lychgate to the other side of the site, to provide unobstructed views. This raised concerns about provision for disabled drivers, wedding parties and funeral corteges, who would all need spaces near the church.

Questions were raised about the list of benefits to the community which accompanied the revised plans. This list does not include some benefits (like the lit path through the churchyard) which had originally been agreed. Mrs London replied that the current list was based on the December 2019 list, and that some of the earlier benefits had proved not to be viable. Cllrs Harrison and Lockhart will meet Mrs London and Mr Barbuk in the near future to go through the list of benefits in detail.

District Cllr Legg confirmed that the site, which lies outside the development boundary, would need to be treated as an exception site, and that conditions (including community benefits) attached to any permission would have to be honoured even if the site were sold on to a third party.

District Councillors' Reports:

Cllrs Legg and Clifford-Jackson submitted reports by email, the texts of which follow these minutes.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Janice Holmes, Pam Harvey, John Dyer
- 2 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr A Barnes in item 6a
- 3 **Minutes of Meeting of 15 September 2020:** approved (proposed by Cllr Barnes, seconded by Cllr Lockhart)
- 4 **Matters Arising:** Highways issues on Greenways need to be followed up the clerk has done this and Highways have acknowledged the problems and have scheduled works to improve.

5 Finances

a	latest bank balances as 11 November 2020	NOTED
	Community Account	£3,500.00
	Savings Account	£9,632.32
	Total	£13,132.32

- b NOTED receipts of £2500.00 precept on 30 Sept 2020 and £3117.10 CIL on 28 Oct 2020
- c NOTED internal transfer of £4230.58 from current account to savings account on 11 November 2020

6 Planning:

- a Mrs London's development – see Public Comment above

7 Birds Farm: District Cllr Clifford-Jackson has followed this up with Ali Pridmore (Community Protection) and will continue to do so, regarding illicit burning of waste on this site. The clerk has spoken to various agencies regarding alleged puppy farming, though there seems to be little activity at present.

8 Tas Valley Mushrooms update: Reports have been received of nighttime steam cleaning and use of fans; clerk will follow up with Planning.

9 Village Sign update: deferred

10 New email address and website: The new email address (flordonpc@gmail.com) is up and running, with mail addressed to the old address being diverted automatically. The new website is under construction by Norfolk ALC, and the clerk will begin to populate it in the near future.

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 12 January 2021 (arrangements to be confirmed – possibility of holding during the daytime; date also depends on deadline for submission of precept demands)

District Councillor Nigel Legg's November 2020 Report for Flordon PC

The Council Offices are open but personal visits are discouraged. Residents are requested to phone or email where possible. Many staff are working from home still and there are proposals for some of them to be on a permanent basis.

The Help Hub continues to operate for those requiring assistance.

Members Ward Grants are available as before. Interested parties should contact the District Councillors directly.

Work continues on the assessment of the applications for the Village Cluster Housing Allocations. The final list is expected to be published in February/March next year with a consultation at a later date. The final Greater Norwich Local Plan is dependent on the outcome of these Clusters and may be superseded by the Government White Paper. This and the potential Local Government reorganisation may be put onto the back burner due to the current Covid situation.

The Planning Departments at Broadland and South Norfolk Councils are in the process of being combined. Flordon will fall into the West Division with Chris Raine as Area Manager.

A further site visit has been done on Mrs London's land with a revised plan being submitted. I have heard nothing further from officials about it.

Nigel Legg

District Councillor Vivienne Clifford-Jackson's November 2020 Report for Flordon PC

1. **October was a quieter month** as there were no Full Council, Cabinet or Scrutiny meetings.
2. However there were the **Economy and Environment, People & Communities, Planning and Regulatory and Licensing Committee meetings**. The report that went to the Environment committee indicated that we are in the throes of Climate Change now. The policy currently is based on adaptation and mitigation. Sadly, it has been reported by the Natural Capital Government Committee that we have missed our climate change targets and no areas are making progress. However there are Green Homes Grants available to help with insulation etc.
3. **Housing standards, planning conditions and public spaces enforcement** were reviewed at cabinet and you see in your papers the public spaces order to tighten enforcement against dog fouling. The Cabinet discussed financial matters which will be examined in more detail at the Finance Committee later this month. It is hard to plan for income and expenditure in the light of the recent lockdown and the Government's settlement is only for one year this time
4. **Community grants** will be discussed in December Cabinet as members wished to discuss the process further. CAF has not met this year but member grants have been given where possible. One advantage of the Covid crisis is that all council and parish council meeting can

be seen on line so it is easier to contribute. It looks as though this is will be for the foreseeable future.

5. **Planning**. We have the new local plan in process and possible Government changes. Anyone can make a speculative bid but most are refused. Our village cluster is Tharston, Hapton and Flordon. If you have any questions ask the Place Shaping Team at LP@s-norfolk.gov.uk or on 01508 533805 as consultations have now closed. The link is;
<https://www.greaternorwichgrowth.org.uk/planning/greater-norwich-local-plan/>
6. You have also seen the **County Divisions Consultations by the Boundary Commission** closes at the end of November.
7. **The national grid** are finally aware that they need to consider the infrastructure when planning energy supply and will be rationalising cabling and sub stations in the future. Sadly not in time for us. The results of the **Windfarm sub-station Consultation** have been sent to every household. The Judicial Review has been given permission to go ahead.
8. If you have **IT issues** we are advised to ensure you have a VDSL enabled modem or router and 'fibre to box' connection.
9. If there still month at the end of your money, or if there is an individual or group you care about, suffering from the effects of Covid, physically or financially, **help is available** from us or South Norfolk Council 01508 533 933. The Norfolk Assistance Scheme can also help with meal support for Norfolk Children.

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