FLORDON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19 November 2019

Present: Cllrs T Webster (Chair), P Harvey, J Dyer, J Lockhart, J Holmes

In Attendance: G Roderick-Jones (Clerk), District Cllr V Clifford-Jackson, District Cllr N Legg

Tree Warden’s Report: none

Public Comment: A member of the public pointed out that Tas Valley Mushrooms are carrying out construction work before the pre-construction conditions have been met and this should be reported to SNDC Enforcement

County Councillor’s Report: none

District Councillor’s Report:
Cllr Legg reminded councillors that as there is to be an election in the near future, the district council is in purdah meaning that certain activities will be reduced until after the election. Planning activities however will continue. A new Greater Norwich Development Plan will be produced in January 2020. Funds for community groups are still available until the end of December, with 12 months in which to spend the money. Cllr Legg will speak to Enforcement about the Tas Valley Mushrooms issue.

Cllr Clifford-Jackson pointed out that Planning Officers can be invited to Parish Council meetings and the public informed beforehand; the clerk will ensure that the District Councillors have a note of the dates of all PC meetings in 2020 (see item 12 below). She commented on the joint working arrangements between Broadland and South Norfolk District Councils; at this early stage this is creating extra work and training commitments for staff.

1 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs D Harrison, A Barnes

2 Declarations of Interest: none

3 Minutes of Meeting held on 17 September 2019: approved unanimously and signed

4 Matters Arising: none

5 Finances
   a latest bank balances as at 13 November 2019 NOTED:  
       Community Account  £5541.86*
       Savings Account  £2896.75
       Total  £8438.61
       * includes CIL money of £1155.54 (Tas Valley View & Cotton Brook Farm)

   b authorisation of payment AGREED:
       donation to Flower Festival      Flordon PCC      £50.00

   c allocation of CIL money & transfers within accounts – deferred to next meeting to be discussed alongside 2020 budget and precept demand
6 Planning:
   a  2019/2129 Pyrola, Greenways Close: extensions and garage NO COMMENT
   b  2019/2014 The Street (Mrs London’s development
South Norfolk planners have given the clerk an extension to 20 November to submit the PC’s comments. He will write to express overall support for the application but with reservations in the following areas:
   - road safety – the access road will join The Street on the inside of a blind bend;
   - drainage – this area of the Street is already prone to flooding, and surface water runoff from the access road will exacerbate the problem;
   - the row of six terraced houses overlook the garden and rear windows of an adjacent property causing loss of privacy;
   - the number of properties has risen from the original 10 to 14 with concomitant pressure on infrastructure, in particular on traffic volumes.
The PC will request that this application go to full Planning Committee rather than to delegated authority.

7 Village Sign: A pencil drawing of a possible new sign has been sent by The Village Sign People, and the clerk will circulate this, and include on the next agenda so that all councillors can express their views. Cllr Lockhart reminded the PC that £600 should still be available towards the cost of a sign from the Community fund (Cllr Lockhart will confirm the figure).

8 Refurbishment of Bus Shelter: Cllr Webster has checked the shelter and confirms that work is needed. This will need to be scheduled for the spring.

9 Village Newsletter: This item to be added to each PC agenda. The clerk will send Janet Negal dates of PC meetings in 2020 for inclusion in the newsletter, and will request a list of 2020 copy deadlines.

10 Correspondence: none

11 Items for the next agenda/AOB: items as identified above; drainage issues: Cllr Lockhart will check the drain outside Mr Bishop’s house; Peter Aspinall will check the drainage near the railway.

12 Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 7 January 2020 at St Michael’s Church and Community Centre at 8.00pm

NOTE: January meeting is earlier in the month than usual in order to meet the deadline for submitting the 2020/21 precept demand.

Future dates: 17 March, 19 May, 21 July, 15 September, 17 November