

Minutes of the Frostenden, Uggeshall & South Cove Group Parish Council Meeting held in Frostenden & South Cove Village Hall at 7.30 pm on 3rd February 2016.

1 The meeting opened at 7.30pm

Present: Chair Cllr Rendle, Cllrs Hall, Sanger, Read, Hardy, Angiush, Garwood, Allen & Felgate,

In attendance Clerk – J Brown

2 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Rendle Planning item DC/15/4880/COU

3 Receipt and Acceptance of apologies – Cllrs Fairhead - work commitments, Cllr Ashton – holiday, Cllr Watson. proposed Cllr Rendle aif. C Cllr Goldson & D Cllr Parsons – other commitments.

4 Public Forum, to include reports from County/District Councillors - None

5 Acceptance of minutes from the meeting held on 4th November 2015. The minutes were accepted as a true record on the proposal of Cllr Read r, 2nd by Cllr Hall aif, they were signed by The Chair .

6 Statutory Business - None

7 POLICE REPORT SOURCED FROM SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY’S WEBSITE- Attached.

Local crime reports can be found on Suffolk Constabulary’s website, by going on to the crime plan page, however the reporting is not as detailed as the reports previously delivered by Police Officers.

8 MATTERS ARISING –

Speed limit on A12. Having studied Suffolk Highways criteria for reducing speed limits on roads in the County it would seem to be extremely unlikely that any reduction on the A12 would be agreed and as per November’s minutes it will cost £500.00 to formally put the case to SCC.

Queen’s 90th Birthday Celebrations. It was agreed to put notices on the boards and in the Wren to ask for ideas from residents, to be discussed at the May meeting.

9 REPORTS ON

Planning Applications –

DC/15/4714/FUL R Strachan Strachan Farms, South Cove. Provision of 8 Floodlights

DC/15/4648/FUL D Fairhead, Whitehouse Farm, Uggeshall. Construction of 1 no new hay/straw store and extend and enclose existing hay/straw store to create a grain store.

DC/15/4880/COU Mr Kinge, Land adj to Shrubacre House, Clay Common. Change of use from agricultural for 3 mobile homes to be used as holiday accommodation, including demolition of existing building.

The planning committee recommended acceptance to DC/15/4714/FUL &

DC/15/4648/FUL. Cllr Hall proposed full Council acceptance seconded Cllr Read aif.

The committee proposed neither acceptance nor refusal for DC/15/4880/COU but sent the following observations.

1. Access to the site was made by knocking a hole in the hedge last year.
2. To create a suitable access, to the site, will mean the removal of some young trees.
3. There is already obstruction, to traffic, by on road parking by residence of nearby houses. Further obstruction would be best avoided.
4. There is no mention of the fact the existing building is of asbestos construction.
5. More holiday accommodation will be of no benefit to the area.
6. Holiday lets are liable to create more traffic and noise.

Proposed Cllr Hall, seconded Cllr Read – votes 8 for and 1 abstention.

The Clerk is to write to WDC’s Planning Department to complain at the length of time it takes between their receiving an application and the PC receiving it to make their recommendation as sometimes the PC has only two weeks in which to look at the site and report back to WDC.

Cllr Watson would like the full Council to be able to study Planning Applications as well as the sub committee before the recommendations and observations are forwarded to WDC. In future the Chair will inform all Councillors of the date and time of the Planning Sub Committee meeting so that all can attend if they wish.

10 FINANCE

- a Accounts to pay -Frostenden & Sth Cove Village Hall, Room hire £31.50
 - b Receipts - Interest - £0.04
 - c Bank Balances at 31st December 2015
 Community Account : £4461.89 Saver Account £318.18
- Cllr Felgate proposed acceptance of the accounts, seconded Cllr Angiush, aif

D Electronic Banking – The security arrangements for on line banking with dual authorisation are: 1 authorised person who can only set up an agreed payment, another authorised person to make the payment, there is also a facility for read only access for authorised Councillors. Cllr Hall proposed that the Clerk, the Chair and one other authorised signatory meet to sign up to internet banking seconded Cllr Read. The Financial Regs will need to be changed and adopted ant the May meeting.

11 CORRESPONDENCE - None

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Damage to the U1511 although there is an ‘Unsuitable for HGV’ sign at the A12 end heavy vehicles have been accessing the road from the other end and causing damage to hedges, trees and verges. The possibility of asking for weight restriction was discussed and Cllr Rendle will raise the issue at the Halesworth Parishes Meeting tomorrow evening.

Consultation on the closure of Wrentham Fire Station. A number of Councillors attending the meeting with a member of SCC’s Cabinet and Fire Officers, and came away with differing views on the presentation most though are sad that the Station will probably be closed as it’s position makes it more sensible to keep Wrentham and close Reydon and the Cllrs Hall & Sanger will draft a letter to SCC and Suffolk Fire & Rescue to this effect.

The Clerk is to chase the replacement of the missing sign at Bullock Sheds Corner. Cllr Hardy went to the WDC Financial Strategy Review Meeting, which was poorly attended. The main thing to come out of the meeting was that there is more demand for services and less money every year to provide them. There was an air of acceptance that there will be more cuts to budgets, but that the Head of Finance thought that he should be able to balance the books until 2020.

Cllr Rendle is to try to get a definite figure from C Cllr Goldson for the PC’s share in a VAS for Uggeshall Road, Clay Common.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

Chairman

4th May 2016