

FOULDEN PARISH COUNCIL
Annual Meeting held 7.15pm, 12th May 2022

MINUTES

Present: R Cooper, S Parker (Chairman), S Pye
Absent: M Christian, S McMahon (see Item 1 below).
In attendance: Three members of the public; District Councillor M Nairn; J Taylor (Clerk)

1. To elect a Chairman

It was proposed that Cllr Parker be elected as Chairman. Two in favour; one abstention. **RESOLVED: 22/05/12/01.**

2. To elect a Vice Chair

It was proposed that Cllr McMahon be elected as Vice Chair. Three in favour. **RESOLVED: 22/05/12/02.**

3. To receive apologies (LGA1972, s85(1)(2))

M Christian (family commitment); S McMahon (family commitment). Apologies were accepted. County Councillor Eagle sent informal apologies.

4. To receive declarations of interest in any items to be discussed and grant any dispensation requests

None.

5. Public Participation

A member of the public queried grazing rights on Foulden Common. The Chairman noted that this was not a parish council matter, but offered to talk with the enquirer outside the meeting.

6. To co-opt (a) new councillors(s)

No expressions of interest had been received.

7. To receive communications as the person presiding wishes to lay before the Council

None.

8. To receive reports for information only

a. Cllr Fabian Eagle (Norfolk County Council)

Report provided and attached.

b. Cllr Mike Nairn (Breckland District Council)

Report provided and attached.

Councillors and residents expressed great concern about the lack of verge-cutting around the village, which was making driving dangerous due to lack of visibility, and meant that pedestrians had no refuge to evade a speeding car. A councillor noted that the grips were particularly deep this year, and a potential hazard should a car be 'tucking in' to let another car pass. It was also noted that road signs were becoming obscured. Cllr Nairn explained that there had been a transfer of responsibilities between NCC and BDC, and it was not at the moment clear whether this had caused

a problem, or whether the cutting regime had been altered to take account of environmental policies (“No Mow May”). He undertook to find out and report back. Regarding grips, he reported that a new machine was being used, which dug deeper grips.

Cllr Parker agreed to have the corners of Vicarage Road cut.

c. Parish Council Clerk

The clerk mentioned a number of items raised by residents.

Condition of noticeboards. It was confirmed that a budget of £100 was available and that Cllr Pye was working on refurbishment.

Defibrillator. A resident reported that some residents are concerned about the checking regime for the defib. It was agreed that a resident be approached to see if they would be happy to carry out checks, following a standard recommended approach. The clerk would contact Community Heartbeat Trust for further information and assistance, and to see whether training on use of the defib could be booked.

Dog fouling. It was agreed that this was an ongoing problem. It was suggested that more signs reminding dog owners of the responsibilities be purchased and posted.

Foul den Tweets posted regular reminders.

d. SAM2

Report submitted and attached.

Councillors wished formally to thank the resident who moves the unit and downloads the reports. It was noted that Tallon End seems to be the main problem at the moment. The unit has now been moved to Vicarage Road.

e. Councillors

Cllr Cooper noted that the seat needs some work.

9. To approve Minutes of the meeting held 10th March 2022

It was AGREED to approve the Minutes. **RESOLVED: 22/05/12/09.**

10. To consider and approve insurance policy 1st June 2022 – 31st May 2023

With the proviso that barbecues be included specifically, it was AGREED that the Royal and Sun Alliance policy be approved. **RESOLVED: 22/05/12/10.**

11. To consider and approve professional support organisation April 2022 – March 2023

It was AGREED to subscribe to Norfolk Parish Training and Support. **RESOLVED: 22/05/12/11.**

12. War Memorial, to receive updates

Some additional work had been possible; a member of the Parochial Church Council had thanked the Parish Council for enabling the refurbishment of the Memorial.

13. Parish Plan ‘Top 10’ Action Points

Defer to next meeting.

14. Emergency Plan/Community Resilience Plan/Welcome Pack

Defer to next meeting

15. To note and/or consider planning applications (if any)

None.

16. Finance

A new presentation of accounts was trialled, such that information for 16.a, 16.b and 16.c were all included in the same spreadsheet. With some adjustment of presentation, it was felt the new version could be useful.

a) to agree financial statements and bank reconciliation

AGREED.

b) to note payments since last meeting

Noted.

c) outstanding payments

Noted.

17. To receive and approve AGAR Governance Statement 2021/22

Approved. **RESOLVED: 22/5/12/17.**

18. To receive and approve AGAR Accounting Statements 2021/22

Approved. **RESOLVED: 22/5/12/18.**

19. To consider whether to exempt from External Audit for financial year 2021/22

It was AGREED to exempt. **RESOLVED: 22/5/12/19.**

20. To review and re-adopt Standing Orders.

It was AGREED to re-adopt. **RESOLVED: 22/5/12/20.**

21. To review and re-adopt Financial Regulations

It was AGREED to re-adopt. **RESOLVED: 22/5/12/21.**

22. To review and re-adopt Financial Risk Assessment

It was AGREED to re-adopt. **RESOLVED: 22/5/12/22.**

23. Further Public Participation

None.

24. Date of next meeting and items for the agenda

Thursday 14th July 2022.

Meeting closed 8.00pm.

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Chairman

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Date