

Minutes of the meeting of the Grouped Parish Council of Flixton, St Cross S.E., & St Margaret S.E. held Monday 16th July 2018 at Village Hall, St Margaret South Elmham

Present:

Cllrs. P. Kidner (Chairman), D. Mann, I. Noakes, L. French Mullen, R. Mulhearn, J. Skinner, G. Walpole (minutes)

1. Opening:

The meeting opened the meeting at 19.40.

2. Apologies for Absence:

There were apologies from Cllr J. Sanderson, Cllr K. Warne and Cllr J. Hinsley.

3. Declarations Of Interest:

There were none.

4. Public Participation Police and District Cllr's Report:

No reports were received from either the Police or District Councillor.

5. Minutes Of Previous Meeting:

The minutes were proposed and accepted as an accurate account of the meeting. Cllr Mulhearn proposed the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Cllr Skinner.

6. Matters Arising From The Minutes:

There were none.

7. Planning & Other Statutory Business:

There were no new planning applications.

The concrete area at South Elmham Hall was revised as the initial proposal required a full planning application as the stated size was larger than that allowed for permitted development for farms. Reducing the size to the permitted allowable remit would enable the work to proceed. The Chairman clarified that the property had been categorised as a castle.

Full details and progress of local application are online at www.waveney.gov.uk/publicaccess

8. Finance:

The following payments were proposed by Cllr Noakes and seconded by Cllr French-Mullen:

- £100 for annual membership to LCPAS who provide information and support to parish councils including regular email updates and a helpline. It was noted that the cost was half the price of the alternative service (SALC) and that the provision was growing and improving all of the time. It was therefore agreed to continue membership.
- £7.00 for the hire of St Margaret South Elmham Village Hall for the meeting.

It was noted that the grit bin in Flixton still needed to be replaced. Prices had been sought but the supplier is now not producing them again until the autumn, so purchase will have to be postponed until then.

9. Correspondence:

All correspondence had been circulated to Cllrs via email.

M.P Peter Aldous is to meet St Margaret S.E resident Valerie Smith with UK power networks on 20th July. The Chairman has also been invited to attend.. Cllr Walpole had given Mrs Smith the UKPN information from their recent roadshow and suggested that if she felt strongly about pressurising UKPN to improve the village's power she could see if there was a wider movement of rural communities with whom to join forces to improve the impact. There had been another power cut earlier on 16th July but outage did not last long.

The Chairman proposed that we participate in Police Connect, a service that would help to keep the GPC up to date on crime and police activity in the surrounding area. All were in agreement.

I had been observed that there was an increase in litter in the area, particularly of red hairnets. It is possible that this is caused by workers at the chicken factory who are picked up and dropped off at around 3/4pm from junctions in/ on the outskirts of the villages. Sometimes the transport does not arrive and the staff have to walk through the village.

Parishioner and Chairman of St Margaret's Village Hall, Chris Sadler, has organised first-aid training in the village, which will include defibrillator training. The aim is to train those in the community who may respond to an emergency. Most of the 12 spaces will be paid for by attendees, however Chris Sadler suggested the GPC may wish to consider sponsoring a village resident to attend. It was proposed by Cllr Mulhearn and seconded by Cllr Walpole that the GPC fund a space for Cllr P. Kidner to attend free of charge. Some sponsorship funding has already been pledged towards the space and the GPC will fund the outstanding amount which will be in the region of £28. The course will be held over three nights, 26th September, 3rd October and 10th October.

MP Peter Aldous had asked for a list of all postcodes for residents that do not have fibre, high speed or the minimum required speed of broadband as he is working with BT to try and secure better coverage. Cllr Walpole has circulated the information on the Saints Facebook group and gathered responses and Cllr Kidner has placed an article in the Parish Newsletter.

The correspondent will be stepping down in September. The GPC is keen to keep the role voluntary to minimise costs and commitments of taking on an employee which would also require us to double our precept in order to cover the cost. The Chairman asked all Cllrs to consider who may be interested in taking on the role.

10. Reports from Councillors:

There were none.

11. Any Other Business that the Chairman will allow:

Cllr Mann noted that the audit process requires the minute item number to be referenced and asked that all minutes included agenda item numbers in future. This has been actioned.

The entrance to Minster Cottages is still an issue. Cllr Noakes asked if there had been an update from Cllr Sanderson about digging out the ditches, laying a new pipe, and resurfacing the area. The Chairman reported that Highways and Waveney DC both continue to refuse to take ownership, but that there were no more updates on the matter.

12. Date of next meeting:

Monday 17th September 7.30pm at Bateman's Barn

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.00.

Signed Chairman.