

## Minutes of Flixton Annual Parish Meeting

Held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023

At Flixton Village Hall

### Present

Cllr Philip Kidner (Chairman), Cllr Kenneth Warne, Cllr David Mann, Cllr Justin Skinner and Cllr Julie Hinsley.

Julie Mann, Brian Beale, Sue Warne, Sue and Pete Madder-Smith, Sandra and Terry Hunt, James Cracknell, Karen and Stuart Tilbury, Brian Johnson, Chris MacPherson, Lin Smith.

### Apologies for absence

Cllr Judy Cloke, Kate Cracknell.

### Minutes of the previous meeting

Approved by Sue Warne, seconded by Julie Mann.

### Matters arising from previous minutes

None

### GPC Chairman's review

Another busy if frustrating year. It seems a long time ago that Grange Road at Flixton was being revamped, and all the disruption that went with it. So far the end result seems worth it as there has been no flooding since.

The Flixton lake path has generated a bit of correspondence with the owners of the estate, to which there was not much in the way of dialogue until District Councillor Judy Cloke was invited to assist in the matter - this has resulted in a reply and a subsequent meeting with estate staff. The requests for reopening would be forwarded to the owners. However, one of the staff did show us a video of someone threatening him.

There is a foot crossing due to be started any time soon at Flixton across the B1062, at a cost of over £4,000, apart from our contribution other contributors include Breedon, District Councillors Ritchie and Cloke.

UK Power have at long last finished the upgrade and under grounding of the electricity supply at St Margaret and have done more than they initially planned. The play area at St Cross is now fenced in. Thank you to my fellow Councillors for their support and time. We would like to thank Cllr Judy Cloke and David Ritchie for their support particularly financially to assist in the schemes. We wish District Councillor David Ritchie all the best and thank him for his work on behalf of the community as he will not be standing at the next election.

I must also pay tribute to Cordelia Blaxland who has passed away and represented St Margaret South Elmham for many years. With her husband Chris she did much to get parking in front of the houses in the Street. Thank you.

### Parish Report from Cllr Warne

#### **Flixton Parish Council Review April 2022 to April 2023.**

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you all for coming. First of all let me thank all those who attended the litter pick on Saturday the 8th of April and thank you to Justin and his wife for supplying the refreshments at the end.

#### **2 Sisters Food Group.**

This is a review from Mr John Gibson HR Manager for 2SFG he says:

The main change at Flixton is the increase in business from Asda and M&S which requires our headcount to increase to 680 employees.

There has also been a lot of investment in the factory with modern employee facilities being installed and we now have a staff shop.

To help reduce the traffic and queues to the Factory we have added extra buses bringing it up to a total of 7 a day. While the extra buses may not be welcome by the villagers it does dramatically reduce the number of cars, speeding and litter through the village. With Summer approaching we will also be increasing the number of litter picks along Grange Road.

We are planning another summer family day which was only £1 to enter last year and entitled entrants to a free BBQ burger, hotdog and ice cream along with free games and bouncy castles.

We continue to engage with villagers who contact us directly to help resolve problems when we can. We are aware there are some difficulties with lorries passing each other but have yet to find a solution.

#### **Monitoring the defibrillator.**

Thanks again go to Mrs Davison who has monitored and looked after the defibrillator for another year. Fortunately for us she is continuing to do so.

#### **Other work.**

Throughout the year there has been the usual round of Council chasing to make sure that work on renewing road markings, fly tipping, drains, culverts, pot hole filling, bank cutting, pavement clearing, street light repairs and sand bin maintenance have been carried out.

#### **Convex mirror for St Felix Rise.**

A convex mirror was installed by the Parish Council on the other side of the road from the St Felix Rise entrance in June after a request for one at the last APM.

#### **B1062 footway from Village sign to Buck.**

After several attempts to get Highways to clear this pavement back in the end self help was the only answer. So a big thank you goes to Mr Brian Beales who has done a terrific job of clearing it for us with the help of members from the CSW.

#### **B1062 road signs.**

Two PEDESTRIANS CROSSING and two SPEED CAMERA signs are to be installed in the Village at police agreed points within the next few weeks.

These were requested at the last APM. The finance has been raised from District and County Council funds, the Parish Council and the Breeden Group. Thank you to them all.

#### **Community Speed Watch.**

Thank you to all those who volunteered. Update from Terry:

This has worked well in the Street and Church Road, there is currently 7 volunteers. Concern was expressed that the signs need cleaning regularly and it was requested that the Parish Council helped with this. Peter said that the villages should not be responsible for doing the councils work and that we should try and reinforce this. Peter was happy to help chase them. Justin suggested that cleaning of the signs was added to the litter pick.

#### **St Felix Rise driving on the grass and parking problem.**

This was first reported in April of last year and has been chased ever since.

This problem of people driving and parking on the grass in St Felix rise due to insufficient parking spaces and the disregard of delivery drivers etc... is currently in the hands of our local County Councillor Judy Cloke and Mr Garry Mortishire the Housing Office to devise a solution. Due to the long wait one sign has recently been put up by a St Felix Rise resident at his own expense. Thank you to him.

#### **The reopening of the Flixton Lake footpath.**

First a thank you to Mrs Christine Macpherson and Mrs Jo Garrard for collecting 78 signatures requesting the path to be reopened and County Councillor Judy Cloke who assisted in getting a meeting with the Flixton Estate.

It is a request because it is a permissive path which means the land owner can close it whenever they wish. We have put forward a proposal with provisos and the signatures to Mrs Bridget Kingston the Estate secretary, requesting the reopening of the path. This proposal will go to Mr Roma and Mr Keyvan for consideration during this month.

**The Buck gravel excavation.**

This is a report from Mr Shaun Denny Planning Manager for Breeden. We are in the usual process of the Council seeking more information and me providing it, although I feel this could be the last round. Outstanding issues relate to slightly cryptic comments from the Environment Agency which both the planning officer and I felt had been dealt with but apparently not and providing more arboricultural information. I'd like to think the application will be considered at the May Committee if there is one, but that's obviously not in my gift to give.

Open Forum

St Felix Rise would like an additional mirror – Ken to look into this.

Stuart Tilbury requested replacement signs for dog poo and dog poo bins.

Terry Hunt requested stronger bags for the litter pick and it was also suggested that the litter picks should be more frequent.

Stuart Tilbury asked if when the bank is cleared if a larger area could be cleared – Ken to chase.

Peter Madder Smith asked why the precept has increased, David explained that it was an inflationary increase. The Council receives £1,700 to cover Flixton, St Cross and St Margarets which doesn't go far. More work is being pushed down to Parish level from County.

Terry mentioned the drains in Abbey Road are continually blocked. Ken does chase by email but generally him and Sue often clear out themselves.

AOB

None

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.00pm

Signed.....Chairman.