

Minutes of the Meeting of the Grouped Parish Council of Flixton, St. Cross and St. Margaret South Elmham on Monday 12 September 2022 at Batemans Barn St. Cross.

Present:

Cllr P Kidner (Chairperson) Cllr I Noakes (Minutes) Cllr D Mann Cllr K Warne Cllr J Sanderson
Cllr D Johnson

1) The Chairperson opened the Meeting by advising of a communication from OneSuffolk confirming the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2nd on Thursday the 8th September 2022.

2) **Apologies for absence:** Cllr J Skinner, Cllr L ffrench-mullen

3) **Declaration of Interest:** None

4) **Police and District Councillors Reports:** None

5) **Minutes of the last Meeting:** on the proposal of Cllr Warne and seconded by Cllr Johnson the minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true record.

6) **Matters arising from the Minutes:** Cllr Sanderson said he would be liaising with Cllr ffrench-mullen about the fencing by the bus shelter when she returned from holiday.

7) **Planning and Statutory Business:**

a. The landowner has given permission for people to walk across her land to the Flixton Buck. Cllr Kidner will update the next Community News to relay this information.

b. Cllr Mann advised that the Grouped Council Insurance premium renewal was the same as last years and reminded that this "covered" the 2 Traffic Calming Cameras and that Rumburgh insisted in making a £10 contribution. The Premium (including £18 insurance premium tax) was £174.73. Cllr Sanderson proposed, and Cllr Warne seconded, that we accept this offer and this was agreed by all.

c. Cllr Warne informed us of the progress on obtaining a pedestrian crossing facility in Flixton. Details:

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Pedestrians Crossing and Speed Camera signs.

Original quote for installation £4,431.27.

Which included:

Professional services:

Site visits, consultation with third parties, construction cost estimates, risk assessments, utility enquires, overhead cable assessments, temporary traffic management, compiling a work pack.

Construction:

Plant, labour and materials, installation, maintenance and removal of temporary traffic management, advanced notification and communications, site supervision, reinstatements and making good, notification and road space booking.

Tried to convince them at some length to use existing posts to reduce costs.

This succeeded to a degree.

The quote was reduced to £4242.71.

A saving of £188.56.

Judy Cloke has offered £1K ECB funding and suggested I also contact David Richie which will do if we decide to proceed.

I will also contact 2SFG for funding.

I thought I would leave Breeden if possible in case we go ahead with the alternative B1062 path.

Now that the alternative path has been organised without input from Breeden I will also contact them if necessary for funding on the signs.

Do you agree that we proceed if the funding can be raised? **Yes.**

Is the Group Parish Council prepared to contribute? **Yes as is Cllr Mann if there is a shortfall.**

Alternative foot path.

Have we confirmed the ownership of the strip of land the path is intended for? **Yes.**

Have they given permission for us to construct the path? **Yes.**

Is there a cost? **No.**

Are we going to proceed? **Yes.**

It will be a permissive grass path. Cut by Cllr Mann. Village to be informed by Cllr Kidner in the Community News.

Should I approach Breeden re funding and materials? **No.**

Moving the Homersfield end 30 mph signs and installing a HALT sign at the Church Road/ B1062 junction.

Suggested by PC Green the Community Engagement Officer from Halesworth while visiting the Flixton CSW team.

The moving of the 30 mph signs to beyond the Tea House would cost £7K.

Is this money well spent?

I requested the Community Liaison Engineer for SCC Highways for a site visit to discuss the viability and cost of the HALT sign.

A meeting was arranged for the 9th of September at 10 am in Church Road.

He didn't turn up.

If have sent a rather sharp email and asked for another date.

Community Liaison Engineer has apologised for not attending a new date is being arranged.

Driving on the grass St Felix Rise.

A problem raised by Mr Terry Muff.

I described the problem with photographs to East Suffolk Customer service.

After some chasing they referred me to the Asset Management team.

They in turn eventually referred me to Housing.

After more chasing the Housing Maintenance Inspector and the Housing Officer visited the site.

A recommendation was made to put up some fencing.

I referred this to Mr Muff who then stated they had missed the point and laid out a much more elaborate plan.

I have now asked Housing to deal with Mr Muff direct and just keep me in the loop.

Bank cutting Church Road.

After much chasing of East Suffolk Council Norse eventually cut the bank above the wall by the Church Road pavement between the St Marys Close entrance and the Church.

I had also asked them to cut the bank beside the Church Road pavement between the telephone box and the B1062 junction.

They did not do this and in exasperation Stewart Tilbery and I did it.

When I suggested that Norse might like to pay us they said it was the responsibility of SCC Highways which didn't make sense. I have sent this email on to SCC Highways and asked them their opinion.

I am having the same sort of trouble with Norse concerning trees in St Felix Rise and St Marys Close.

9) **Correspondence:** Cllr Kidner advised the meeting that he had had further correspondence with Peter Aldous MP about the ongoing work in St Margarets by UK Power.

10) **Reports from Councillors:** Cllr Johnson confirmed that the work by UK Power, as discussed and agreed with the Village and Parish Council, was now very nearly completed.

11) **Any other business:** none.