

Minutes of meeting of the GPC held at 7.30 on 14th March 2023 held at Batemans Barn St Cross

In attendance Chairman Cllr Kidner, Cllrs ffrench- Mullen,Johnson, Mann, Sanderson, Warne, Mulhearn, Skinner, Noakes and Cllr Judy Cloke

1. Meeting opened at 7.30 pm
2. Apologies were received from Cllr J Hinsley
3. There were no declarations of interest.
4. There were no Police Reports, District Councillors reports had been circulated. Following on from her recent report circulated regarding food waste, Cllr Judy Cloke reported that there was a somewhat contentious planning proposal to expand the AD plant at Ellough to take food waste. There had been objections, and discussions were ongoing. She also reported the new East Suffolk CEO had visited the area recently. Cllr David Ritchie is to stand down at the forthcoming elections.
5. Approval of minutes of last meeting, proposed by CllrMulhearn, seconded by Cllr ffrench Mullen
6. Matters arising, Cllr french Mullen reported that the fencing had been completed in front of Minster cottages, thanks should be recorded to Countryside Supplies for materials and residents David Hill and Dick Brown for the work involved. Cllr Warne reported that, with the assistance of Cllr Judy Cloke, a meeting was planned with Gary Mortishire (Housing Officer) regarding the garages, parking and path issues on St Felix Rise. Clearing of the roadside path to the Buck had been taken on by resident Terry Hunt with possible help from a volunteer group.
7. Planning, Stautuary Business and Finance.
 - a) There were no payments to be discussed. Cllr Cloke reported she had chased the district councils contribution to the Flixton road sign project, Cllr Warne had heard that the plans were in train and work should be completed within 14 weeks possibly sooner.

- b) Flixton gravel pit path, Cllr Cloke had written to the Flixton estate and a meeting is arranged for Wednesday March 22nd at the village hall. 78 people had signed a letter of concern at the path closure.
 - c) Village meetings dates have been agreed and will be announced in the magazine.
St Margarets April 3rd, St Cross April 11th, Flixton April 18th.
 - d) Voter ID for the forthcoming elections- concern was raised by the Cllrs . Steps were being taken to raise awareness as far as possible. Cllr Cloke stated this legislation had been brought in to counter election fraud, possibly in the north, but such fraud was hard to prove and not widespread. Cllr French Mullen stated she was concerned that some would be effectively disenfranchised, and the right to vote was precious.
- 8.** Finance, the Chairman confirmed that Mrs Sue Riseborough had agreed to do the annual audit.
Correspondence – had been circulated.
- 8.** No reports from councillors
- 9.** Any other business- nomination papers for the forthcoming elections were distributed and Cllr Skinner agreed take them to the Council offices in due course.
- 11.** The next meeting will be the AGM held on May 16th at 7.30pm Flixton Village Hall