

Forncett Parish Council  
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council  
held at Forncett Village Hall on Thursday 17 December 2015 at 7.30pm.

In Attendance: Cllr B Frith (Chairman) Cllr B Humphreys, Cllr J Bowers, Cllr A Coleman, Cllr D Welsby, Cllr G Gale

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner  
District Councillor Barry Duffin  
25 members of the public

1. **To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Barnes.
2. **To receive any declarations of interest** – None to declare.
3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting (19<sup>th</sup> November 2015)** - The minutes were approved without alteration and signed as correct by the Chairman.
4. **To consider matters arising from the minutes (for information only)** – Nothing to report.
5. **Open forum, to hear from members of the public, including reports from District and County Councillors** – The Chairman asked Councillors if they were happy to accept comments from members of the public relating to item 6a on the agenda when that item was discussed. Councillors agreed. District Councillor Barry Duffin asked all residents to be aware of amendments to dustbin collection days over the festive break and passed on his best wishes for a happy Christmas to everyone. County Councillor Bev Spratt had e-mailed to pass on his apologies, due to another commitment, but passed on seasonal greetings to all.
6. **To consider planning applications, including:**
  - a) **2015 / 2550 – Hope Valley, Low Common Rd, Great Moulton – Change of use to a mix of single gypsy & traveller residential pitch, garden and vehicle parking area and paddock for the keeping and breeding of horses** – The Chairman advised that this is a revised application following the refusal of the original application (2015/1673). The Chairman invited comments both in support and opposition of the plans. One member of the public said that they did not feel there was anything significantly different in the revised application and could therefore see no reason for any different decision. The Chair again invited comments in support or opposition of the application. A member of the public suggested a show of hands, which Councillors agreed to accept to gauge the consensus of feeling. No hands were raised when asked for votes for approval, sixteen hands were raised in objection. The Chairman asked for any final comments to be submitted before parish councillors debated the decision – none were forthcoming. The Chairman reminded Councillors of the five main reasons why the plans were refused by the Development Management Committee at South Norfolk Council. The Chair asked councillors if they still stood by their original comments and decision to recommend for refusal (relating to the original planning application) and this was unanimously agreed. All Councillors felt little had changed from the original application. Given the time constraints, the Chairman asked if Councillors were happy for the comments

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to summarise the basis for recommendation refusal and be submitted to South Norfolk Council. All Councillors agreed.

The Chairman also briefly reported on the Laynes Farm application – the Planning Inspector had suggested a date for appeal some time during February but South Norfolk Council have not agreed to this date.

At this point, the applicant relating to planning number 2015 / 2550 asked if he could speak. The Chair advised that there was another section at item 14 on the agenda allowing for comments from members of the public, which was accepted.

**7. To hear planning decisions from South Norfolk Council – None.**

**8. To consider any correspondence**

**a) Request for donation from Norfolk Age UK** – Following discussion, it was resolved to make a £25 donation to Norfolk Age UK.

**9. To receive the RFO report and consider the approval of the following payments:**

The finance report, circulated before the meeting, was summarised by the clerk. During the period of the report covered (23 October to 25 November 2015) income was £792.00, outgoings were £2122.93 and one unpresented cheque remained of £45.00. The balance of both accounts at 25 November 2015 was £25492.84.

Ch. No.	Amount	Payee	Notes
100056	£245.49	A Rayner	December salary
100057	£84.80	Post Office Ltd	Q3 HMRC tax payment
100058	£25.00	Age UK Norfolk	Donation

**10. To consider issues relating to parking around the school** – Unfortunately, issues are still being caused around the school due to inconsiderate parking. Cars are parked on the pavement forcing parents with pushchairs out onto the road and there are increasingly issues with traffic, especially buses, trying to navigate the corner to drive up Mill Lane being forced onto the wrong side of the road and into oncoming traffic, as they have to overtake a line of parked cars. The school have already asked parents to park considerately in their school letter, the parish council have appealed via the Forncett Flyer and as neither of these have worked, it was agreed to contact our PCSO again.

**11. To agree the 2016 / 17 precept and budget** – This was discussed at length last month. It was agreed that, as the tax base was likely to only increase or decrease by a minor amount, to proceed with the recommendation of leaving the annual precept at £12000. Councillors unanimously agreed. The necessary paperwork will need to be submitted, after it is received from South Norfolk Council.

**12. Update on ongoing matters and outstanding issues**

**a) Village sign** – The Chair passed on a message from Bob McClenning advising that the sign can hopefully be replaced around the end of January 2016.

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**b) Village Hall** - the clerk read a report submitted by the secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee. This included reports on past and future events (next event New Year's Day walk) as well as news of a new PA system soon to be installed. The Village Hall Committee would love to hear from anyone willing to volunteer to help with events or projects. Cllr Bowers asked for support from people relating to a scheme being run by the EDP, starting in January, which allows for an application for a grant to be made once 500 tokens have been collected during the one calendar month.

**c) Highways and Public Rights of Way** – Footpath warden John Wilde reported this month on the poor state of some footpaths which have been churned up by horse riders. Horses can only be ridden on a public footpath with the express permission of the landowner, so it is hoped local riders are respecting these regulations.

**d) Defibrillator** – Keith Fromings reported that the second phone box has been adopted and the position is such that the donation for the second defibrillator needs to be made. The support package, covering pads and batteries, also needs to be paid for and this costs £126 per annum per machine. Keith pointed out that this support package includes insurance. The clerk asked for clarification of whether this was just public liability insurance or whether it covered theft as well, if necessary the parish council's insurance policy would need to be amended. The CHT have sent a donation request for £1525 (inc carriage) for the new defibrillator plus 2 x£126 for annual support packages. The total of this is £1777 but Councillors agreed that this should be rounded to a total of £1800 (to include a donation of £23 to CHT).

**e) SAM2 report** – The Chairman reported that the SAM2 (speed awareness machine) has been delivered and has currently been located at two of the nominated spots in the village. There is an issue with some of the poles in the approved locations and a response is being sought from Highways regarding this. Brian reported that Phil Whiscombe had kindly offered to be the co-ordinator of the SAM2 team. Phil reported on the data collected from the two initial locations:

Near Methodist Church on Long Stratton Road (2 weeks) – 11300 vehicles recorded (travelling in one direction only) and of these 4386 were exceeding the speed limit.

Norwich Road (near new bus shelter) (1 week) – 16425 vehicles recorded, again in one direction only, 5750 of these were exceeding the speed limit.

**13. To receive reports from:**

**a) Safer Neighbourhood Police Team Report** – Although reports are not currently being directly issued by the police team, some information can be obtained from the police website. During November 2015 there were two reports of anti-social behaviour at Forncett End and one report of violence against a person at Forncett St Peter.

**14. Open forum, to hear from members of the public** – The member of the public wishing to speak earlier in the meeting was invited to make his comments. These related to a query about Aslacton Parish Council and the Chair advised it would be more suitable to raise those queries directly to Aslacton Parish Council. There were no further public comments.

**15. Date of the next meeting is confirmed as Thursday 21 January 2016.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.