

Forncett Parish Council  
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council  
held at Forncett Village Hall on Thursday 20 July 2017 at 7.30pm.

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

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner  
District Councillor Barry Duffin  
County Councillor Bev Spratt  
2 members of the public

1. **To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Gale and Allen.
2. **To receive any declarations of interest** – None to declare.
3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting (15 June 2017)** – The minutes were approved without alteration and signed as correct by the Chairman.
4. **To consider matters arising from the minutes (for information only)** – Cllr Welsby confirmed that the parish council's application for funding to maintain the Station Road plot has been registered with the Co-op community Scheme.

The Chairman confirmed that Historic England have confirmed that the war memorial at St Peter's Church has been awarded listed building status.

Cllr Coleman reported that he attended a meeting held by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) about planning. The Greater Norwich Development Partnership comprises of South Norfolk, Norwich City and Broadland District Councils. CPRE are campaigning to ensure current sites with planning permission are built on before increasing the housing targets further. Cllr Duffin pointed out that the figures are skewed due to the inclusion of Norwich City Council, who will not be able to meet housing targets at the same rate as the two District Councils, due to a lack of land within the city boundary.

5. **Open forum, to hear from members of the public, including reports from District and County Councillors** – District Cllr Duffin reported that nominations re open for the South Norfolk Council design awards. If anyone wishes to nominate any property or building, please contact him directly. Cllr Duffin also reported on the continuing problem of fly tipping, potentially added to by the restrictive terms of the waste sites.

County Cllr Spratt advised that the rules at waste sites may be relaxed during the next year, to try to alleviate the fly tipping problem. Cllr Spratt also noted the improvements recently made to Cheney's Lane and the fact that a second grass cut of the verges has recently taken place. Additional funds have been made available to appoint 15 additional social workers and a further £4 million has been made available to Highways, to deal with pot holes etc. Cllr Spratt noted that the residents of William Lant Way still have an issue regarding the Anglian Water manhole cover in the road. The clerk will contact Anglian Water about this. **Action AR.**

6. **To consider planning applications**
  - a) **2017 / 1348 – Barn adjacent to Alborough Farmhouse, Mill Rd – Variation of condition 2 to allow changes to the internal layout and opening positions of application 2016 / 0696 – Erection of new stable and change of land for horses** – Following discussion, it was agreed that Councillors had no objections to this application.
7. **To hear of planning decisions**
  - a) **2017 / 0946 – The Poplars, 6 Bentley Rd – Replacement of windows & doors – Approved**
  - b) **2016 / 1487 – Barn adjacent to Alborough Farmhouse, Mill Road – Retention of barn for storage of bedding, feed and equipment associated with keeping of horses and the maintenance of associated land** – The Chairman reported that the District Council and the applicant appear to have reached a legal agreement meaning that the barn can never be used as accommodation and can only be used in association with the stables. It can also never be sold separately from the stables. The application, agreed on these terms, has been approved.
8. **To report planning comments agreed via e-mail in between meetings:**
  - a) **2017 / 1435 – 14 Orchard Close – Detached garage & replacement porch** – No objections were raised but the proximity of the garage to the boundary hedge and road was queried.
9. **To discuss the Low Road phone box, possible uses and grant application** – Our tree warden, Robert Hosea, and a neighbour have indicated they would be happy to renovate the phone box. One suggested use is for the box to be an information point, with footpath map etc. It was agreed to apply for a grant from SNC, towards the refurbishment of the box. A solar panel system for the lighting is also being considered.
10. **To report on information received following the recent Footpath Wardens meeting** – NCC's countryside access officer – some of this will be published in the Flyer and some will be available on the fornsett.info website.
11. **To consider parking issues at the school** – Following issues raised at the last meeting, which confirm and ongoing problem of historical issues raised relating to illegal and inconsiderate parking, the Chairman has spoken to the police, parking enforcement at South Norfolk Council and our highways officer. South Norfolk Council's responsibility only extends to car parks in the market towns, the police appear to be reluctant to attend and the highways officer has quite categorically refused to consider any further parking measures at the school.
12. **History Group 1939 survey – hear of information and request for help** – The Chairman reported on a recent project of the history group, which is to aim to complete the records of a survey of residents carried out in September 1939, following the outbreak of WWII. For example, houses are only listed numerically as staff moved through the village, so

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actual house numbers and names are sometimes not shown. It is hoped that residents of today may be able to fill in the gaps. The appeal will be published in the Flyer.

13. **To note an issue regarding the new junction on Silfield Road, Wymondham** – On leaving Wymondham via Silfield Rd, there are no signs to indicate the need to turn right to reach Ashwellthorpe. County Councillor Spratt suggested writing to Cllr Colin Foulger about this matter. **Action AR.**
14. **To review policy: General Risk Management Policy** – Some minor amendments were proposed, updating dates and website information. Councillors approved the revised version and it was therefore adopted with immediate effect. **Action AR.**
15. **To receive the RFO report and consider the approval of the following payments:**

Ch. No.	Amount	Payee	Notes
100121	£ 287.59	A Rayner	July 2017 salary
100122	£2232.60	Fieldline Ltd	Works to car park
100123	£ 216.00	Broadland Tree Services	Tree survey

It was noted that approximately £4400 remains in the fund for the village hall.

16. **To consider correspondence:**
- a) **Hornsea 3 Wind Farm consultation information** – Noted.
  - b) **Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day** – As there is not a flag pole in the village, this cannot be supported.
  - c) **Post box – Station Rd** – This matter was received after the publication of the agenda. The post box on Station Road was removed, with no notice or consultation, which appears to be contrary to the procedures shown on the Royal Mail website. The Chairman has received confirmation from Royal Mail, confirming that they removed the box “for health and safety reasons”. The Chairman will continue to correspond with them regarding a replacement box. **Action BF.**
17. **Update on ongoing matters and outstanding issues**
- a) **Village Hall** – The fete was well attended and raised nearly £3000. Tickets are for sale for the next murder mystery event.
  - b) **Highways and Public Rights of Way** – Some complaints have been received regarding speeding in the village at two specific points – one on the B1113 as vehicles leave the village past the Jolly Farmers pub towards Bunwell and the other near the new Hunts Mead development. The Highways Officer has already responded to one complainant regarding the B1113 but it was agreed to take up the matter relating to Hunts Mead with Norfolk County Council. The original campaign for a speed limit in this area by the parish council was refused but NCC stated at the time that, once the development was inhabited, if residents were to complain, they would look at the matter again. **Action AR.**
  - c) **SAM2 report** – The SAM2 has recorded almost 600,000 vehicle movements, 46.5 of these were exceeding the speed limit.

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18. **To receive reports from:**
  - a) **Safer Neighbourhood Police Team Report** – Figures for April 2017 show one theft in the village.
19. **Open forum, to hear from members of the public** – No further comments.
20. **Date of the next meeting is confirmed as Thursday 21 September 2017 to commence at 7.30pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

A meeting of the Trustees of Forncett Parochial Charity began immediately following the close of this meeting.