

Forncett Parish Council  
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council  
held at Forncett Village Hall on Thursday 15 November 2018 at 7.30pm. .

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

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner  
County Councillor Bev Spratt  
5 members of the public

1. **To consider apologies for absence** – District Councillor Barry Duffin sent his apologies.
2. **To receive any declarations of interest** – None to report.
3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting (18 October 2018)** – 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 additional to report.
5. **Open forum, to hear from members of the public, including reports from District and County Councillors** – County Councillor Spratt reported that work is due to start on the construction of a roundabout at the Hempnall Crossroads in the Spring. Norfolk County Council have received an additional £13.5 million extra to help with the condition of the roads. Please report pot holes promptly. Four options have been proposed for the Western Link Road (to join the NDR and the A47). The consultation on this will open shortly. The not so good news from the County Council is that the Children's Services budget is already £2 million pounds overspent, with another four months of the financial year remaining.
6. **To consider planning applications and information:**
  - a) **2018 / 2421 – 6 The Poplars – Cladding to first floor front gable end and side returns of house plus gable end of garage** – Following discussion, it was agreed that the parish council have no objections to this application.
  - b) **2018 / 2335 – Corner Farm, Low Rd – Proposed alterations to link extension & replacement out building** – The parish council agreed that they have no objections to this application, subject to the plans meeting the satisfaction of the listed buildings officer.
  - c) **GNLP – New, revised and small sites** – The parish council agreed that they would reiterate their comments already made during the earlier consultation stages of the GNLP.

While discussing planning, it was noted that further information was available regarding the application discussed last month (2018 / 2090 Erection of floricultural building). The applicants have confirmed that very little traffic will be generated from the site. SNC have asked for further information from the applicant's ecologist. The application will be heard at planning committee.

It was also noted that the application at Tawny Farm (2018 / 1944) has not been decided.

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- 7. To hear of planning decisions – None**
- 8. To report planning comments agreed via e-mail in between meetings – None**
- 9. To consider budget proposals** – Information was circulated prior to the meeting. The income and outgoings of the parish council has remained steady over the past few years. The suggestion is to leave the precept level at £12,000. This will be confirmed when the tax base is known and is subject to change, should it transpire there may be something the parish council could do to ease the parking situation at the school.
- 10. School Parking** – NCC Highways officer has agreed to meet the Chairman and Helen Carlile, school Governor Health & Safety representative, at the school towards the end of November to see if there are any suggestions for possible improvements at or around the site.
- 11. Emergency Plan** – A leaflet was included with the latest Flyer edition asking residents to submit information regarding assistance they may need in the event of severe weather / power cuts etc and also for those who can offer assistance. South Norfolk Council have approved the forms and also printed them, at no cost. Special thanks go to Julia Fromings Hill and Councillor Andrew Coleman for getting this together at short notice, in case the information is needed over the winter.
- 12. To consider co-option to the vacant Councillor position** – South Norfolk Council confirmed that the parish council can co-opt to the vacant position. Following advertisement, one person has declared an interest in the position. Sally Jackson was present at the meeting and gave a brief summary of her interest in the role. Councillors unanimously agreed to accept Sally's application and the paperwork was completed accordingly.
- 13. To receive the RFO report and consider the approval of the following payments:**  
The financial report, circulated prior to the meeting, was approved. The following payments were unanimously approved:

Ch. No.	Amount	Payee	Notes
100177	£ 319.51	A Rayner	Nov salary
100178	£ 416.71	Village Hall	Balance of 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of grant
100179	£ 800.00	Forncett Flyer	2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of grant

- 14. To consider correspondence:**
- a) Norwich Western Link consultation** – Four alternatives have been proposed. The consultation is open from 26 November to 18 January 2019 at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/nwl](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/nwl)
- b) Response from Better Broadband for Norfolk re Low Road provision** – Following the last meeting, the clerk contacted the programme director of the Better Broadband for Norfolk project. The response does explain the problems surrounding connection for certain properties to new cabinets. The response also offered information regarding alternative solutions. A member of the public asked if there was anything else the parish council could

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do. The Chairman suggested that all that could be done had been, at this particular time, but the parish council would pass on any further information available.

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

**a) Village Hall** – The parish council team came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 10 teams at the recent village quiz. The next event is bingo on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Dimmable lighting will be installed, hopefully early in the new year.

**b) Highways and Public Rights of Way** – Major water mains replacement works are due to take place on Long Stratton Road between Tabernacle Lane and Corner Farm between February and May 2019. This is likely to cause some disruption.

**c) SAM2 report** – Over 1 million traffic movements have been recorded by the SAM2 in the three years since it was first deployed. 460,000 + of those vehicles were exceeding the speed limit. One of the posts on Low Road seems to have been hit by a vehicle. The clerk has reported this to Highways and they have confirmed it will be repaired. Sincere thanks go to Phil Whiscombe, Keith Fromings and Philip Yull who maintain the movement schedule of the SAM2, keep the batteries topped up and supply the data. This is much appreciated.

**16. Open forum, to hear from members of the public** – Nothing further to report.

**To confirm the date of the next meeting as 20 December 2018.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.