

Forncett Parish Council  
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council  
held at Forncett Village Hall on Thursday 18 October 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  
18 members of the public

1. **To consider apologies for absence** – District Councillor Barry Duffin sent his apologies.
2. **To receive any declarations of interest** – Cllr Humphreys declared an interest in item 6a on the agenda.
3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting (20 September 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)** – The Chairman reported that the casual vacancy which arose as a result of Graham Gale's resignation is currently being advertised. If the period at which electors could request an election expires, the parish council will be in a position to co-opt. If anyone is interested in the vacancy, please contact the clerk.  
The Chairman also reported that Bennett Homes have removed the flags and banners from the front of the Hunts Mead development. The hedge is now the responsibility of the residents' management company and Bennett Homes have confirmed they will pass on the parish council's query regarding the maintenance of the hedge. South Norfolk Council have also confirmed that there have been no objections from residents regarding the proposal that £1500 is paid to the parish council in lieu of the one piece of play equipment which should have been placed on site. The parish council confirmed they would be happy to accept this payment.
5. **Open forum, to hear from members of the public, including reports from District and County Councillors** – A group of residents reported that they were at the meeting to ask the parish council if there was any assistance they could give regarding the issue of no access to improved Broadband service for some houses along Low Road. Despite correspondence with Karen O'Kane of Better Broadband for Norfolk, BT and Open Reach, the residents are no further forward. Residents reported extreme frustration as some people are trying to run businesses from their homes. The Chairman confirmed that the parish council are aware of the situation and reported that he attended a meeting at Hethel earlier in the year where it appeared that there is no facility to attempt to connect those seemingly left behind but Better Broadband for Norfolk were offering alternative solutions. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Karen O'Kane regarding the matter.
6. **To consider planning applications:**  
**a) 2018 / 2090 – Land West of Overwood Lane, Gt Moulton – Erection of floricultural building** – Whilst generally supportive of this application, the parish council did not feel it contained enough information on which to properly comment. Whilst appearing to be a

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site for the production of flowers, there is no mention in the plans as to any transport arrangements or any machinery / packing facilities and associated noise. Given that the access road is only wide enough for one vehicle, a potential increase in traffic would be a concern. Councillors also felt the size of the building, especially the height, was quite imposing and suggested large scale production but this was not reflected in the information available as part of the application. The parish council also felt the application contained some inaccuracies.

Geoff Gamble (Chair of Aslacton Parish Council) was present to discuss possible concerns relating to a planning application in Aslacton 2018 / 1785 however, he reported that a revised application is due to be submitted, which should remove the cause for concern.

- 7. To hear of planning decisions – None**
- 8. To report planning comments agreed via e-mail in between meetings – None**
- 9. School Parking – Helen Carlile, Chair of Governors Health & Safety Committee –** Helen was present at the meeting to raise the serious concerns which continue relating to parking around the school. Helen advised that the school continue to work towards any possible solutions and would welcome any ideas that the parish council or parishioners may have. Helen reported that police and highways do not appear to wish to engage, the latest response from the Highways department was simply to send out a 'school parking – FAQ' information sheet. The Chairman reported on all of the steps that the parish council have taken over the years to attempt to ease the situation but agreed that there appears to be little help available. The parish council agreed that they would contact the Highways engineer and attempt to arrange a meeting at site, to see if there were any ideas at all which may help the situation at all. It was also reported that when the yellow zig zag lines were repainted this year, they have been extended, meaning that an additional one or two parking spaces have been lost. It was agreed that all options would be considered.
- 10. Emergency Plan –** Following the extreme winter this year a resident raised a query relating to the village Emergency Plan. A suggestion was made that the plan be updated, probably in a simpler format and ensuring that personal data information is protected. Jenny Bloomfield at South Norfolk Council has given some templates relating to the appropriate information to ask and obtaining the relevant permissions. Councillor Coleman agreed to meet with the resident in question, in order to move the idea forwards.
- 11. Remembrance Commemoration –** The Chairman reported that schedule for the Commemoration events is as follows: St Peter's Church service at 10.50am, following by the laying of wreaths then on to St Mary's. The tank museum will be open in the afternoon and there will be a service at 5.30pm, followed by the lighting of the beacon.
- 12. To receive the RFO report and consider the approval of the following payments:**

The report and all payments were approved.

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Ch. No.	Amount	Payee	Notes
100173	£ 319.51	A Rayner	Oct salary
100174	£ 99.46	B Frith	Reimbursements – various
100175	£ 250.00	G Prior	War memorial repair
100176	£ 60.00	Westcotec	Additional brackets

It was also agreed that, as the budget has been reasonably static for the past few years, there is no need for a budget planning meeting but the information will be prepared and circulated for consideration in advance of the November / December meeting.

**13. To consider correspondence:**

**a) Response to query re residents parking issues** – Various solutions to parking problems have been suggested by South Norfolk Council, however, at the last meeting, the question was raised as to whether there was any point in pursuing any of the options as they do not appear to be enforceable. The clerk wrote to South Norfolk Council to raise this as a query and the response confirmed that, for example, there would be no point installing double yellow lines as no-one would result in being fined for parking on them.

**b) Woodland Trust Tree Offer** – The offer of trees from the Woodland Trust was noted, however, the Chairman reported that our tree warden, Robert Hosea appears to be able to access a supply of trees but actually it is the land to plant them on which is needed. If anyone knows of any appropriate sites for tree planting, please get in touch with the clerk.

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

**a) Village Hall** – The Murder Mystery play is nearly sold out, just a few tickets left for the Sunday evening.

**b) Highways and Public Rights of Way** – John Wilde has submitted a report regarding the footpaths in the village. Sincere thanks continue to go to John for all his hard work and the good news is that he has recruited two or three additional volunteers. The paths are generally in great shape.

**c) SAM2 report** – Not available.

**15. Open forum, to hear from members of the public** – Councillor Humphreys asked about access to the rear of the village hall, given the new fencing. The Chairman confirmed that an agreement is in place with the owner of Forncett Manor and measures have been taken to allow access for maintenance when required.

**16. To confirm the date of the next meeting as 15 November 2018.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.