

Forncett Parish Council  
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council  
held at Forncett Village Hall on Thursday 19 July 2018 at 7.30pm.

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

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner  
2 members of the public

1. **To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Allen, Gale and Humphreys. District Councillor Barry Duffin also sent his apologies.
2. **To receive any declarations of interest** – None to report.
3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting (21 June 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 to report.
5. **Open forum, to hear from members of the public, including reports from District and County Councillor** – Neither the District nor County Councillor were present and no members of the public had anything to report or raise.
6. **To consider planning applications:**
  - a) **2018 / 1426 – Keppel Gate, Cheneys Lane – Renovate and extend outbuilding to create annexe** – This application was discussed and councillors agreed they had no objections to the plans.
7. **To hear of planning decisions** – None
8. **To report planning comments agreed via e-mail in between meetings:** None
9. **Greater Norwich Local Plan – additional sites** – When discussing the GNLP earlier in the year it was noted that landowners were able to still submit sites for consideration. An additional five sites have been put forward in Forncett, although the fifth site listed is mainly in Great Moulton. There will be an opportunity for consultation relating to these additional sites later in the year.
10. **To consider ideas for the Parish Partnership Scheme** – No-one present could think of any suitable ideas for the parish partnership scheme. Parishes have until December to submit their ideas so it was agreed to carry this forward to the next meeting.
11. **Hunts Mead play area** - The Chairman gave a brief summary of the history of this situation, i.e. a small area had been designated as open space and was due to receive one item of play equipment, despite objections from the parish council that the area in question was in a totally unsuitable location for any play equipment and was, in fact, likely to be dangerous. The developers will soon be handing the site over to a management committee formed by residents and the parish council have been enquiring about the possible play area /

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equipment. Initially South Norfolk Council suggested that the developer was not obliged to provide this however, when reminded that it actually appeared as one of the conditions listed as part of the planning permission granted, he confirmed that the developers had offered a nominal amount in lieu of the provision of said play equipment. The parish council agreed to ask the planning officer to check with Bennett Homes that the newly formed residents association would be happy for the parish council to receive this payment for appropriate use elsewhere in the community, or whether residents of Hunts Mead would like to go ahead with the installation of the play equipment on the Hunts Mead site, as on the original plan.

- 12. Update on Broadband for Forncett St Mary** – A new site has been identified for this cabinet, which should be installed by the end of this year. As well as this, the parish council has received notification that another cabinet will be installed near The Old Safety Valve, Station Road. There is no confirmed date for this but it will be complete by March 2020.

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

Ch. No.	Amount	Payee	Notes
100167	£319.31	A Rayner	July 2018 salary

The financial report and the one payment listed were both approved.

- 14. To consider correspondence:**

**a) Post box** – nearly a year after it was removed without warning, the post box on Station has been replaced. The Chairman has written to Richard Bacon MP to thank him for his help but has also contacted Royal Mail to ask that they review what has happened in this case to ensure that a similar situation is dealt with in a better way in the future.

**b) Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review** – This NCC consultation is open until August 2018. Full information and the opportunity to leave comments can be found at <http://norfolk.jdi-consult.net/localplan/>

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

**a) Village Hall** – The fete was a great success this year, helped by excellent weather. Almost £3000 was raised. Feedback was excellent and the art exhibition at St Mary's Church was also very well received. A member of the public reported that he asked the owner / operator if there was a maximum amount of children allowed on the inflatable at any one time and he responded that he didn't know.

**b) Highways and Public Rights of Way** – Following a query raised at the last meeting, Highways have confirmed that roadside hedges need to be cut by the relevant landowners, though not during the bird nesting season.

**c) SAM2 report** – A new pole for an additional SAM2 location has been approved by Highways although it may be some time before it is installed, as Highways are working on a backlog of road repairs.

- 16. Open forum, to hear from members of the public** – The issue of dangerous parking at the school was raised again. The parish council remains extremely concerned about the situation

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in the school but with the police, the district council and the county council seemingly unwilling or unable to take action, there seems to be little positive action that the parish council can take.

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.