

Forncett Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at Forncett Village Hall on Thursday 18 April 2019.

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

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

1. **To consider apologies for absence** – None to report.
2. **To receive any declarations of interest** – None.
3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting (21 March 2019)** – 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 litter pick was very successful, with 21 people taking part. The overall impression was that there was less litter to collect this year, which is a good sign. Thanks go to those residents who regularly collect litter in the village and the Chairman proposed purchasing three of the ‘grabber / pickers’ to assist those who carry out this worthwhile task. This was unanimously agreed. The Chairman also reported that, whilst it had been agreed to discuss a possible grant for the Methodist Church at the May meeting, due to purdah considerations, now that it has been confirmed there will be no election in the Parish of Forncett, this request can be dealt with at this meeting.
5. **Open forum, to hear from members of the public, including reports from District and County Councillors** – District Councillor Barry Duffin reported that South Norfolk Council can now prove a rolling five year land supply, which should help to defend against some inappropriate planning applications.
6. **To consider planning applications and information** – None
7. **To hear of planning decisions** – 2018 / 1944 – Land at Tawny Farm, Station Rd – Proposed erection of 3 detached two storey dwellings – Refused.
8. **To report planning comments agreed via e-mail in between meetings** – None
9. **To hear information regarding the elections** – Seven nominations were received by South Norfolk Council within the required time frame and therefore the existing seven parish councillors have been elected uncontested. District Elections will take place on 2 May 2019, with the possibility of European Elections on 23 May.
10. **To confirm arrangements for the Annual Open Meeting and next parish council meeting on**

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16 May 2019 – The Annual Open Meeting will begin at 7.00pm Thursday 16 May 2019. When this has finished, there will be a short break for refreshments and then the Annual Parish Council meeting will begin.

11. To consider the approval of the following payments:

All payments were unanimously approved. The Chairman confirmed that the clerk's salary included the move on to the new NJC pay scales, from April 2019. Councillors confirmed their approval.

Ch. No.	Amount	Payee	Notes
100198	£ 335.12	A Rayner	Apr salary
100199	£ 260.72	Norfolk ALC	Annual subscription
100200	£ 330.00	Community Heartbeat Trust	3 x annual maintenance agreement

With regard to the matter of the request for a donation for the Methodist Church, the matter was discussed at some length and it was agreed to provide a donation of £200 towards the upkeep of the churchyard. This will be paid at the end of the season, when the overall costs are known.

12. To consider correspondence:

a) Letter re dog waste bin – The letter requests provision of a dog waste bin at the site of the allotments behind the Jolly Farmers. Councillors discussed this matter but agreed to stick with the policy of not providing dog waste bins at the current time.

13. Update on ongoing matters and outstanding issues

a) Village Hall – The Annual Public Meeting will be on 25 April, followed immediately by the Meeting of the Trustees. One third of the current Trustees are up for re-election. The annual 'spring clean' of the village hall will take place on 18 May and everyone is welcome.

b) Highways and Public Rights of Way – Councillor Humphreys reported several pot holes, which the clerk confirmed she will report to Norfolk County Council. Councillor Humphreys also asked District Councillor Duffin what was happening at Hempnall crossroads as it appears that all work has ceased and plant has been removed. Councillor Duffin confirmed that he wasn't aware of any issue and expected work to continue in the near future. The Chairman confirmed that he and John Wilde recently inspected the footpath signs and made a list of sites needing replacements.

c) SAM2 report – Nothing to report.

14. Open forum, to hear from members of the public – No further comments.

15. To confirm the date of the next meeting as 16 May 2019, to commence immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting.

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