

Forncett Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at Forncett Village Hall on Thursday 19 September 2019 at 7.30pm.

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

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

1. **To consider apologies for absence** – None.
2. **To receive any declarations of interest** – None to report.
3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting (20 August 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)** – Nothing additional to report.
5. **Open forum, to hear from members of the public, including reports from District and County Councillors** – District Councillor Barry Duffin reported that the 'Go for it' grants are still available from South Norfolk Council.
County Councillor Bev Spratt confirmed that the Morningthorpe side of the new Hempnall roundabout should be open by the end of October. The last scheduled cutting of the verges has been cancelled, due to lack of growth. Work is taking place at County Hall to take steps to reduce carbon emissions throughout the County.
6. **To consider planning applications:**
 - a) **2019 / 1769 – 18 The Poplars – Proposed entrance lobby and cloakroom in place of existing porch** – Following discussion, it was agreed that whilst Councillors did not object in principal to this application, there were issues giving cause for concern. The work has already started and is, in fact, quite progressed. Councillors were concerned as to how this could happen, including work to the drainage system, before an application was submitted. It appears that the bricks being used are not of the same colour as the rest of the house and the planned extension does extend somewhat past the building line. It was agreed that comments reflecting these concerns would be submitted.
 - b) **2019 / 1544 – Land north of Walnut Tree Cottage – erection of two storey dwelling** – An amended application was received after the publication of the agenda. Councillors discussed the application again and, whilst noting that the revised design is somewhat scaled down, they felt this had little impact on the overall application and agreed that all the original comments made should stand.
7. **To hear of planning decisions** – None to report
8. **To report planning comments agreed via e-mail in between meetings:** None

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9. **Forncett Emergency Neighbour Support progress report** – Julia Fromings-Hill was at the meeting to give an update on the current situation. Now that a year has passed since it was put into place, it is time for it to be reviewed. As part of the GDPR requirements and to ensure that the information held is still current, it was agreed that an article would be included in the Flyer this month, to ask people to update their information and also to appeal for additional residents who now feel they would like to ask for support or are in a position to offer support. Julia also reported that South Norfolk Council have asked the co-ordinators of our current scheme if, together with Bressingham, Forncett would like to participate in a ‘good neighbour / volunteer’ scheme. The exact format of this scheme is not known as yet but it is hoped that, with the work that has already taken place in the village, Forncett could go on to provide additional help to those in the community who may need it. The parish council confirmed their full support for the scheme.
10. **Rural Housing Conference report** – Councillor Andrew Coleman attended this conference, hosted by Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) in Dereham. Cllr Coleman confirmed there were some interesting guest speakers, including George Freeman MP. The conference covered areas such as provision of affordable housing in rural locations.
11. **Update re Police van visits and Liaison meeting** – It appears that the visits by the police van were quite poorly attended. Councillors Welsby and Jackson attended a ‘meet the team’ police meeting at Diss. Feedback reported at this meeting relating to the van visits suggested that concerns from residents in most villages related to speeding and parking. Councillor Welsby reported that the new Inspector for the area, Inspector Laura Symonds was very positive about progress and encouraged all concerns to be reported. Inspector Symonds suggested that, if there were very specific matters which may be of interest to the police, then it may be possible for an officer to attend the occasional parish council meeting.
12. **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
100210	£335.12	A Rayner	September salary
100211	VOID	VOID	
100212	£104.00	A Rayner	6 months expenses 1.4.19 – 30.9.19
100213	£ 30.00	Norfolk Citizens Advice	Donation
100214	£ 37.00	Upper Tas Valley PCC	Donation (wreath)
100215	£ 49.42	B Frith	Footpath (mower) expenses

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13. To consider correspondence:

a) NALC – Community, Well-being & Environment initiative – NALC have launched a new initiative, covering four main areas: Housing, Loneliness & Community Care, Electricity and Trees, Hedges & Open Spaces. The aim is to set up local committees to prioritise needs and work at grass roots level. NALC are asking for volunteers. The information was noted and Councillors agreed they would consider whether they had any additional time to give or a particular area of interest.

b) Donation request from Norfolk Citizens Advice – Councillors agreed to make a donation of £30.

14. Update on ongoing matters and outstanding issues

a) Village Hall – Upcoming events – ‘She Said So’ on Saturday 21 September, the Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 27th September and the Trophy Quiz on Saturday 9th November. It was agreed that the parish council will field a team at the quiz night.

b) Highways and Public Rights of Way – The Chairman reported on continuing problems with HGVs using Gilderswood Lane / Brocks Ford / Tabernacle Lane and the continuing risk of damage to properties. A resident has suggested a possible solution to mitigate the issues and this will be investigated further.

c) SAM2 report – Phil Whiscombe reported that an enormous increase in the volume of traffic on Low Road was recorded, whilst the Hempnall Crossroads (Hapton side) was ongoing. Approximately 80% of vehicles were within the speed limit at this location, probably due to the nature of the road.

15. Open forum, to hear from members of the public – Nothing further added.

16. To confirm the date of the next meeting as 17 October 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.50pm.