

Forncett Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at Forncett Village Hall on Thursday 20 June 2019 at 7.30pm.

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

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

1. **To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Barnes and Welsby.
2. **To receive any declarations of interest** – None to report.
3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting (16 May 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 clerk has received confirmation from the external auditor that the exemption statement has been accepted.
5. **Open forum, to hear from members of the public, including reports from District and County Councillors** – District Councillor Barry Duffin reminded everyone that ‘South Norfolk on Show’ takes place on 30 June this year.

County Councillor Bev Spratt reported that the Government have awarded £60 million, £30 million for the UEA with the rest to be shared between Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambs in order to work towards controlling and reducing carbon emissions. Norfolk County Council will be planting 10,000 trees in October and will also be looking at their policy regarding solar panels and listed buildings. These are just two small steps being taken, with plenty more work to come. The Highways work at Hempnall Crossroads is progressing and is hoped to be finished around the end of September. Childrens’ services remains under financial strain. Currently there is no facility in the County to help children with eating disorders, so these children are receiving help in Maidstone, which is both expensive and also very difficult for the children and their families to be away from home.

6. **To consider planning applications:**
 - a) **2019 / 0862 – The Stables, Long Stratton Rd – Replacement of existing cement render wall with lime render incorporating pargetting panel & frieze (retrospective)** – The parish council have no objections to this application, subject to the satisfaction of the listed buildings officer.
 - b) **2019 / 0933 – The Poplars, 6 Bentley Rd – Replacement of four windows on side and rear elevations** – The parish council have no objections to this application, subject to the satisfaction of the listed buildings officer.

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c) 2019 / 1237 – Land adj to Grove Barn, Wacton Rd – Proposed new dwelling and cart shed – The parish council object to this application, as this is outside of the settlement boundary and it would appear to be contrary to policy to approve a new building at this site.

7. To hear of planning decisions:

a) 2019 / 1021 – 10 Orchard Close – Single storey side extension - Approved

8. To report planning comments agreed via e-mail in between meetings: None

9. Road markings near the school – The road markings have recently been completed and the Chairman has passed thanks on to Bob West, Highways Engineer. Early signs are that the new road markings are being respected.

10. To hear an update regarding Broadband provision – Confirmation has been received that the cabinet on Low Road should be going live at some point in August or September. A company called 'County Broadband' have booked the village hall for 16 July, apparently to showcase alternative ways of achieving a reliable connection and speed. The event does not appear to have been publicised anywhere and recent attempts at contact have been ignored, so it is not certain that this will go ahead.

11. To confirm the re-declaration of compliance with the Pensions Regulator – The re-declaration has completed and an acknowledgement has been received from the Pensions Regulator.

12. To receive the RFO report and consider the approval of the following payments:

Ch. No.	Amount	Payee	Notes
100205	£ 335.12	A Rayner	June salary
100206	£ 35.00	CPRE Norfolk	Housing conference

The financial report, circulated prior to the meeting, was approved. Both payments were authorised.

13. To consider correspondence:

a) Garden Party at the Tank Museum on 6 July – The Chairman received an invite to this but unfortunately cannot attend, so the invite was offered to another member of the parish council.

b) Flower Festival 12 / 13 July – The parish council have been invited to contribute a display to the Flower Festival. Councillor Allen confirmed that she would be happy to create a floral display and will speak to Councillor Barnes regarding the matter.

14. Update on ongoing matters and outstanding issues

a) Village Hall – The recent BBQ and music evening went very well. The new marquee was used for the first time. The next big event is the village fete on 29 June. Ethel Coleman has decided to give up her role as booking secretary for the village hall. Sincere thanks go to

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Ethel, who has undertaken this role for many years. Andrew Coleman has agreed to take over.

b) Highways and Public Rights of Way – Several of the footpaths in the village were due to be cut by Norfolk County Council last week but the work was postponed due to the very wet weather. The mower owned by the parish council needs a new handle, this has been ordered and should be on its way. Thanks as always go to John Wilde, John Chambers, Terry Hickman Smith and Richard Allard for their work maintaining the footpaths.

c) SAM2 report – No report this month.

- 15. Open forum, to hear from members of the public** – It was mentioned that, although the majority of the Anglian Water works are finished, there was an awful lot of surface water on the roads in the village yesterday. The Chairman confirmed that, whilst the main works have moved away, small adjustments are still being made, hopefully resolving any remaining issues.
- 16. To confirm the date of the next meeting as 18 July 2019.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

There will be a meeting of the Trustees of the Forncett Parochial Charity immediately after the parish council meeting.