

Forncett Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at Forncett Village Hall on Thursday 20 February 2020 at 7.30pm.

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

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

1. **To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Allen. County Councillor Bev Spratt also sent his apologies.
2. **To receive any declarations of interest** – None to report.
3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting (16 January 2020)** – 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 reminded everyone that the drop in Forncett Connections event is taking place at the Jolly Farmers this Saturday between 11am and 1pm. All welcome.
5. **Open forum, to hear from members of the public, including reports from District and County Councillors** – District Councillor Barry Duffin reported that information relating to proposals for villages as part of the GNLP is being collated. It is likely that every village will be allocated 3 self build properties but more information will be available next month. Councillor Duffin also reported that grants have been awarded, £985 to St Edmunds Church for sound equipment and £2900 for new toilets at Tacolneston Church. Councillor Coleman asked what is happening with regard to the public toilets at Long Stratton. Councillor Duffin said he was not sure of the current status but will find out and report back.
6. **To consider planning applications:**
 - a) **2019 / 2203 – Rookery Farm, Wacton Rd – Change of use of land to residential curtilage, two storey extension to dwelling, detached garage and storage building** – The parish council raised no objections to this application.
 - b) **2020 / 0148 – Corner Farm, Low Road – Demolish existing fireplace & chimney. Minor alterations to windows, doors & rooflights. Lower link extension floor by one step** – Councillors agreed there were no objections to this application.
7. **To report planning comments agreed via e-mail in between meetings and other planning information:**
 - a) **2019 / 1237 – Land adj. to Grove Barn, Wacton Rd – Proposed new dwelling and cartshed / garage – Appeal against refusal** – The parish council agreed that they would let their original comments stand.

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8. **To report planning decisions:**
a) **2019 / 2550 – The Granary, Northfield Rd – Erection of new stable building and creation of new access – Approved**
b) **2019 / 2551 – The Granary, Northfield Rd – Erection of new hayloft – Approved**
9. **GNLP consultation information** – The current consultation does not include villages. It was agreed that the parish council would not be submitting a response but individuals could if they would like to do so.
10. **To agree a date for the litter pick** – It was agreed to hold the litter pick on Saturday 28 March 2020. The clerk will inform SNC.
11. **To agree the date for the Annual Parish Meeting** – The APM was moved to May last year, due to the election. It was agreed to revert back to April this year and the Annual Parish Meeting will therefore be held on Thursday 16 April 2020, commencing at 7pm.
12. **Information on tree warden scheme** – The tree warden scheme is no longer facilitated / supported by South Norfolk Council. The scheme ‘South Norfolk Tree Warden Network’ runs independently but is supported financially with a grant from Bussey’s of Norwich. The Chairman asked if tree wardens are still consulted by SNC with regard to planning applications relating to trees. District Councillor Barry Duffin will find out and report back.
13. **To receive the RFO report and consider the approval of the following payments:**

Ch. No.	Amount	Payee	Notes
100224	£ 335.12	A Rayner	February salary
100225	£1212.61	Forncett Village Hall	Balance of annual grant
100226	£ 20.00	Upper Tas Valley All Saints PCC	Hire of St Edmunds Church
100227	£ 250.00	M Chapman	Annual allotment rent
100228	£ 50.00	Priscilla Bacon Lodge	Donation
100229	£1160.00	P Curtis	Village Hall Bargeboards

14. **To consider correspondence:**
a) **Letter re Priscilla Bacon Hospice** – This letter is about the fundraising efforts for the new hospice. The parish council agreed to make a donation of £50.00 towards the appeal and will also highlight the information in the Flyer report this month.
15. **Update on ongoing matters and outstanding issues**
a) **Village Hall** – The next event is the ‘live music / lasagne’ evening. The payment for the bargeboards this month represents the final spend from the money held by the parish council for the village hall. The Chairman thanked the parish council for their patience regarding this matter as it has carried on over several year. However, those present agreed that a lot had been achieved with the money, making a very positive impact on the hall.

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b) Highways and Public Rights of Way – The footpath meeting on 19th February was very well attended and the outcome was that most of the well used footpaths now have someone allocated to look after their maintenance. There were also offers to store equipment and to act as a point of liaison with NCC staff regarding issues and maintenance. An excellent outcome and hopefully the village will be able to maintain the paths to their current good standard.

c) SAM2 report – Phil Whiscombe reported that an update to the SAM2 software resulted in speeds being displayed in bands of every 5 minutes, rather than every hour as it was previously. This makes the data unmanageable and Phil has managed to re-install the previous version of the software. A request to Highways to remove the ‘elderly people’ warning sign on the post opposite Austhorpe House was actioned almost immediately and this will now be used as another location for the SAM2.

- 16. Open forum, to hear from members of the public** – No further issues to report but the clerk will chase up a response to the Wash Lane and Spring Lane / Low Rd problems reported last month.
- 17. To confirm the date of the next meeting as 19 March 2020.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.