

Forncett Parish Council  
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council  
held at Forncett Village Hall on Thursday 20 January 2022 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 D Bezkorowajny

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner  
District and County Councillor Barry Duffin  
4 members of the public

- 1. To consider apologies for absence – None to report**
- 2. To receive any declarations of interest – None to report**
- 3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting (16 December 2021) –** The minutes were approved without alteration and signed as correct by the Chairman.
- 4. To consider matters arising from the minutes (for information only) –** Following an issue raised by a member of the public at the last meeting, the Chair reported problems at Horsenford Bridge to the Environment Agency. Photos have been submitted and the Environment Agency have confirmed they will visit the site in due course. The payment for the clerk's tax last month included a 13 pence debit card surcharge, meaning that the final payment was £214.93.
- 5. Open forum, to hear from members of the public, also District & County Cllr –** Councillor Duffin reported that it is likely grants will be available to communities for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.
- 6. To consider planning applications:**
  - a) 2022 / 0056 – Agricultural building rear of Four Seasons, Cheney's Lane – Notification for prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to dwellinghouse –** This application was discussed at some length. It was acknowledged that this is not a standard planning application consultation but a notification for prior approval. The parish council therefore agreed that, subject to South Norfolk Council being satisfied that all appropriate regulations are being met, there are no grounds for objection.
- 7. To hear of planning decisions:**
  - a) 2021 / 2492 – Austhorpe House – Reserved matters application for scale, appearance and landscaping –** Approved
- 8. To report planning comments agreed via e-mail in between meetings: None**
- 9. Road safety around the school –** Following concerns raised by parents of children at the school, road safety in the area was discussed again. The parish council felt that they had taken all action possible at this point and confirmed that discussions surrounding the possibility of purchasing some nearby land to provide a car park had proven to not be feasible, for a variety of reasons. The Chairman agreed that the matter of road safety around the school would be mentioned again when the new headteacher is in place.

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- 10. To consider plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee June 2022** – It is understood that the lighting of a beacon will take place at the tank museum on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. A few other suggestions have been made but the parish council is keen to hear from any person or organization with ideas and wishing to be involved in planning. All are invited to attend the next meeting (17<sup>th</sup> February) or get in touch the clerk to express their interest.
- 11. The handover of the Forncett Flyer – update** – The gathering at the village hall on 8<sup>th</sup> January, to introduce Martin Lander as the new Editor and to present Su with a card and some gifts in appreciation of her hard work, went very well. Martin is currently working on his first edition of the Flyer and the parish council send their full support and wish him every success.
- 12. To authorise the purchase of a new parish council laptop for the clerk** – The clerk's laptop seems to be nearing the end of its life, not really surprising as it has been running well since Spring 2013! The clerk is looking into appropriate models and the transfer of information from one laptop to a new one but parish councillors authorized the purchase of a reasonably priced laptop.
- 13. To consider a grant request from Norfolk Citizens Advice** – Councillors considered this request and agreed to make a donation of £50.
- 14. To review the following policies:**
- a) **Complaints procedure** – Reviewed and no changes needed
  - b) **Filming at council meetings** – Reviews and no changes needed
- 15. To receive the financial report and consider the approval of the following payments:**

Ch. No.	Amount	Payee	Notes
SO	£ 286.66	A Rayner	January salary
DD	£ 53.74	A J Bell	January pension contribution
BACS	£ 50.00	Norfolk citizens Advice	Donation

All payments and the financial report were approved.

- 16. To consider correspondence – None to report**
- 17. Items for information and comment** – The persistent flooding on Spring Lane has raised concerns again, given the recent icy snap. As it seems no-one can come up with a long term solution to the problem, the chairman has asked our Highways engineer if some temporary 'ice' warning signs could be displayed nearby and perhaps make some grit available on the nearby verge.
- The New Year's Day Walk was a great success, helped by very good weather on the day. Around 40 people attended and the donations collected on the day amounted to £150.70, which has been given to the Norwich Foodbank.
- The village trophy quiz night is now planned for 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022 but this will be fish and chips, rather than the usual curry, to avoid queuing, food handling and to minimize people moving around.

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There have been no reports of flooding so far this year but the Chairman reminded everyone in 'at risk' areas the importance of being prepared and keeping a note of the emergency Floodline number of 0344 800 8013.

**18. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 17 February 2022.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.