

Forncett Parish Council  
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council  
held at Forncett Village Hall on Thursday 15 June 2023 at 7.30pm.

In Attendance: Cllr B Frith (Chairman) Cllr B Humphreys, Cllr G Barnes, Cllr D Welsby, Cllr S Allen, Cllr D Bezkorowajny, Cllr M Sanders

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner  
District Councillor Kim Carsok  
4 members of the public

1. **To consider apologies for absence** – None to report.
2. **To receive any declarations of interest** – Cllr Barnes declared an interest in item 12 on the agenda. The Chairman also declared a non pecuniary interest in the planning application 6a on the agenda, as the property in question is at the rear of his own property.
3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting (18 May 2023)** – 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 parish council received an acknowledgement from the East Anglia Air Ambulance charity, in respect of the donation made in memory of Councillor Barry Duffin.
5. **Open forum, to hear from members of the public including, if available, a report from District Councillor Kim Carsok** – The Chairman welcomed Councillor Carsok and suggested that, when time allows, they could perhaps meet and have a look around the village. Councillor Carsok reported that South Norfolk Council have officially moved to the new Horizon building, based at the Broadland Business Park. Councillor Carsok confirmed that she has a pot of £1000 in funding, so please get in touch with ideas or applications. There is a larger amount of funding, up to £15k, available as part of community projects. Further information is available from Councillor Carsok.
6. **To consider planning applications:**
  - a) **2023 / 1433 – Mill Cottage Annexe, Mill House – Ground and first floor side and rear extension** - This application was discussed and Councillors agreed they had no objections.
7. **To hear of planning decisions:**
  - a) **2022 / 2049 – 12 Humphreys Close – Erection of larger porch – Approved**
  - b) **2023 / 0422 – Endways, Low Road – New double car port – Refused**
8. **To report planning comments agreed via e-mail in between meetings: None to report**
9. **To hear Highways Rangers information** – The blocked drains on Aslacton Road have been cleared. The hedges to the front of Austhorpe House are causing concern, in that, they are growing in to the road, making visibility from Common Road difficult and are also starting to encroach into covering the road sign, the pole for the SAM2 and towards the bus stop.

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When this was initially raised with the developer, they advised that each house is directly responsible for cutting back the hedge in the section immediately in front of their property. It was agreed to write to the owners, ensuring they are aware of this fact.

10. **Forncett Flyer** – The current editor of the Forncett Flyer, Martin Lander, has tendered his resignation. The July edition is likely to be his final edition. The parish council expressed sincere thanks for all the work Martin has done. It is generally felt that the Flyer is well received in the village and the Parish Council hope someone else can be found to take over the production. It was stressed that it is not a requirement that it continues in its current format, it can be scaled back and amended but it is very much hoped it can be continued. If anyone is interested, or a group of people feel they could do something working together, please do get in touch.

11. **To receive the financial report and consider the approval of the following payments:**

The financial report, circulated prior to the meeting, was approved, as were the following payments:

| Ch. No. | Amount   | Payee    | Notes                     |
|---------|----------|----------|---------------------------|
| SO      | £ 326.05 | A Rayner | June salary               |
| DD      | £ 61.12  | A J Bell | June pension contribution |
| Dr card | £ 244.35 | HMRC     | Q1 clerk tax              |

12. **To consider correspondence:** Some items received after the agenda was published:
- a) Letter from Friends of St Peters (Councillor Barnes left the room) – The portaloo outside the Church is available for all to use, from visitors to the Church, walkers and people dropping off children at the school. Friends of St Peters have written to the Parish Council asking, as it is a community facility, if they will pay for the cleaning of the portaloo. The cost is £50 per quarter. Following discussion, the parish council agreed to fund this for one year and then review. As one payment of £50 has just been made, a further £150 will be awarded. The clerk will investigate to see if this can be taken from CIL funding. Cllr Barnes re-joined the meeting.
  - b) Long Stratton Community Proposal – Long Stratton Town Council sent details of a Community Proposal for repurposing the old South Norfolk Council offices and land. LSTC asked for comments to be submitted by 17<sup>th</sup> July, which is prior to the next parish council meeting. The clerk therefore circulated the document just before the meeting and Councillors, in theory, approved of the plan but will submit any comments to the clerk, when they have had an opportunity to fully digest the proposal.
13. **Items for information and comment**
- a) The County Council by-election is taking place on 13<sup>th</sup> July
  - b) Although the results of the Parliamentary Boundary Changes are not due until July 2023, all consultation information suggested that the Forncetts would remain within South Norfolk and not be moved to the new Waveney Valley constituency.

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- c) There is a meeting of the village hall committee on 19<sup>th</sup> June and current members hope there will be some new volunteers to support the work of the existing team. If anyone is available to help with setting up for the BBQ / bar / music event on 1 July please get in touch with anyone from the village hall committee.
- d) East Anglia Green have advised that the project has been re-named to 'Norwich to Tilbury'.
- e) It was noted that there was a spate of vandalism in the village recently. Councillors noted their disappointment at the response from the police.

**14. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 20 July 2023.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.