

Forngett Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at Forngett Village Hall on Tuesday 17 January 2023 at 7.30pm

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

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

1. **To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Humphreys, Coleman and Bezkorowajny.
2. **To receive any declarations of interest** – None to report.
3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting (15 December 2022)** – 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 reported that the new bench has been installed outside St Edmunds Church. The final cost is £500. Thank go to Mr Phillips for an excellent job. The village hall agreed to donate up to £100 towards the cost of the bench, from the proceeds of the bar on the Jubilee fete day, meaning that this donation, together with the two lots of litter pick money and donations made by members of the public, the full cost of the bench has been covered. A post and mix has also been purchased, ready for installation, to ensure this bench does not get damaged in the same way as the previous one.
5. **Open forum, to hear from members of the public, also District & County Cllr** – Members of the public asked about the large mound which has appeared on the concrete pad on Cheney's Lane. Some concerns were raised relating to avian flu and parts of the mound have become uncovered. The site is actually in Tacolneston but Councillor Duffin confirmed he would try to find out the origins and why it was there.

Councillor Duffin reported that both flu and covid rates remain high and asked that everyone takes whatever steps they can to reduce the risk of infection. The avian flu outbreak continues to remain at high levels and members of the public are asked to report sightings of dead birds to the DEFRA helpline on 03459 335577. There continues to be high pressure on local health services. It is a very complicated situation with no easy solution but a significant part of the problem does relate to those who are medically fit to leave hospital but do not have the care in place to be able to stay at home. A partnership has therefore been developed between Norfolk County Council, Broadland Housing, Saffron Housing, Norse Care, Country Kitchen Foods and NHS Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board to support patients in 10 'housing with care' flats. People will receive 24/7 care for up to four weeks before they are able to move back into their own homes.

6. **To consider planning applications:**
 - a) **2023 / 0017 – Agricultural building rear of Four Seasons, Cheney's Lane – Replacement dwelling and garage with associated works** - This application was discussed at some

Forncett Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at Forncett Village Hall on Tuesday 17 January 2023 at 7.30pm

length. The basis of the application relates to the claim that it is a 'Class Q' application but, as far as the parish council is aware, the application would not meet the criteria for this. The parish council agreed to object to the application.

- b) **2022 / 2300 – Broad Barn, Northfield Rd – Photovoltaic panels on garage within grounds of LB dwelling** – The parish council had no objections to this application, subject to the satisfaction of the Historic Buildings Officer.
- c) **2023 / 0022 – Merrie Robertson Memorial Cottage, Low Rd – Two storey front extension and single storey rear extension** – This application was discussed at some length and the parish council agreed they have no objections to the application.

7. To hear of planning decisions:

- a) **2022 / 1695 – Norfolk Tank Museum, Station Road – Demolition of existing café building. Erection of new teaching building and extension for museum space, new toilets, kitchen and café. – Approved**

8. To report planning comments agreed via e-mail in between meetings:

- a) **2022 / 2387 – 1 Bentley Rd – Convert existing garage to dining room, extension to front elevation forming new bedroom and ensuite, porch extension, new shed and new doors** – The parish council had no objections to this application.
- b) **2022 / 2194 – Laburnum Cottage, Low Rd – Rebuild existing chimney due to cracked / crumbling bricks and no cowls resulting in internal water damage** – The parish council had no objections to this application, subject to the satisfaction of the Historic Buildings Officer.

9. Possible upgrade to village hall audio visual system – The existing screen in the village hall is now quite old and there may be grants available locally to upgrade the equipment. Councillors agreed they would potentially support an upgrade and this will be investigated further.

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

Ch. No.	Amount	Payee	Notes
SO	£318.42	A Rayner	January salary
DD	£ 59.67	A J Bell	January pension contribution
BACS	£500.00	R S Phillips	New bench
Dr card	£ 63.84	Browns Timber	Post and post mix

All payments and the financial report were approved.

11. To consider correspondence: A recent email from NALC highlighted concerns that several parish councils have reported that, following a recent questionnaire about banking arrangements, some parish councils have subsequently been notified that their account will be closed. The clerk completed the review information for Forncett back in October 2022 and has not received any further correspondence as yet.

Forncett Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at Forncett Village Hall on Tuesday 17 January 2023 at 7.30pm

- 12. Items for information and comment** – The Chairman reminded those present that Forncett Nature Matters are meeting at the village hall on 20 January to hear a talk about rivers, including information specific to the Tas.

The Chairman mentioned the District and Parish Council elections which will be taking place on 4 May 2023. Voter ID will be required for these elections for the first time. A comprehensive list of suitable photographic ID can be found on the electoral commission website but will include driving licences, passports and bus passes.

Although no notification has been received as yet, it is assumed that South Norfolk Council will run the usual supported litter pick event again this year. If so, Councillors agreed that Forncett would take part and a date of 25th March was agreed.

- 13. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 16 February 2023.**

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

A meeting of the Trustees of the Forncett Parochial Charity was held immediately after the Parish Council meeting.