

Forncett Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at Forncett Village Hall on Thursday 15 December 2016 at 7.30pm.

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

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

1. **To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Barnes and Gale.
2. **To receive any declarations of interest** – None to declare.
3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting (17 November 2016)** – 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 some discussion had taken place concerning the new broadband cabinet and exactly who would be able to access new services but it has been confirmed that the new cabinet (cabinet 11) will piggyback onto cabinet 4 (Picton Road, Tharston). The new cabinet is expected to provide services from Summer of 2017.
5. **Open forum, to hear from members of the public, including reports from District and County Councillors** – District Councillor Duffin reported that devolution is still a possibility, involving those that voted in favour of it – South Norfolk, Broadland and Suffolk. Councillor Duffin reported that this may enable us to access funds which could help to build the Long Stratton bypass and the last section of the NDR. Councillor Duffin also reported that he lobbied for Forncett to remain with Ashwellthorpe & Fundenhall during the recent Boundary Commission review and appealed for parish councils to be vocal during the forthcoming parish council review, even if only to state that they wish to stay as they are.
6. **To consider planning applications, including:**
 - a) **Hope Valley – update (if received)** – Nothing to report.
 - b) **2016 / 2810 – Tas Ray, Station Road – Lawful development certificate** – The parish council are being asked to comment if they are aware of any contrary information to that stated in the declarations. The council agreed that they do not doubt the validity of the statement and if South Norfolk Council are satisfied with the dates and the legality of the statement, the parish council have no further comment.
7. **To hear of planning decisions:**
 - a) **2016 / 2408 – Grove Barn, Wacton Rd – Approved**
8. **To report planning comments agreed via e-mail in between meetings:**
None to report

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9. **To hear a report from the Parish Council & Community Update meeting at Wymondham Police Station** – The Chairman reported on his attendance at this meeting, which included a tour of the control room. The police advised that they are trying to maintain community engagement and communication, despite severe funding pressures. Staff cuts have included areas with two PCSOs which have been reduced to one. The usual number of actual police officers on shift at any time in Norfolk is about 57, to cover the entire county. Correct crime statistics should be available from January 2017 onwards.
10. **To agree to order a brushcutter** – Councillors had agreed to purchase a brushcutter next year, however, a discount code was sent to the clerk from the company used to purchase the lawnmower and it was agreed to make use of this and purchase the brushcutter now. Councillor Gale has identified a model, the same make as the lawnmower, and will proceed with the purchase.
11. **To hear details of the meeting at the Station Rd land with a NWT representative** – The Chairman confirmed that he will be meeting the Norfolk Wildlife Trust representative at the Station Road land at 11am on 19 January. Anyone who would like to come along is welcome but please wear wellies.
12. **To receive the RFO report and consider the approval of the following payments:**
The financial report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Ch. No.	Amount	Payee	Notes
100098	£269.35	A Rayner	December salary
100099	£ 45.80	Post Office Ltd	Q3 clerk tax
100100	£188.00	Hempnall Lawnmower Centre	Brushcutter

13. **To consider correspondence** – Since the publication of the agenda, the clerk has been informed that the lottery grant application for a defibrillator has been successful. Also, the solicitor has written to confirm that Mr Matthews has completed and signed the statement of truth. The solicitor has also advised that as this is a transfer of ownership of the Jubilee Green land from the parish council to the Village Hall trustees, it is classed as a change of ownership of open space, meaning that a public notice needs to be placed in a local newspaper. Prices for the EDP were prohibitive, so it was agreed to place the notice for two consecutive weeks in the Diss Mercury and Wymondham & Attleborough Mercury. The total cost for this is £144.94 and Councillors approved this spend, although the clerk will check to see if the Forncett Flyer would qualify as a local publication.
14. **Update on ongoing matters and outstanding issues**
a) Village Hall - Forthcoming events include the New Years' Day Walk and the Murder Mystery evening on 18 February.
b) Highways and Public Rights of Way – There has been no response from Highways regarding the missing footpath signs or the poor condition of the boards at the footpath across the park, despite reminders.
c) SAM2 report – Phil Whiscombe reported that during its first year the SAM2 has recorded

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375,000 vehicle movements, 169,000 of which were exceeding the speed limit. 2150 vehicles were travelling at speeds in excess of 50mph in the 30mph zones. There was some unusual recording on the night of 20 November, the numbers increased enormously for a period of around 6 hours, all showing cars travelling at under 20 mph. Phil contacted Westcotec to ask if unusual weather conditions could give result in unusual data but they advised this was unlikely. It could be that a diversion from the A140 was in place, though it has not been possible to confirm this.

15. **To receive reports from:**
 - a) **Safer Neighbourhood Police Team Report** – One crime was reported during October 2016, criminal damage and arson.
16. **Open forum, to hear from members of the public** – No further comments.
17. **Date of the next meeting is confirmed as Thursday 19 January 2017 to commence at 7.30pm**

There being no further business, the Chairman wished everyone a happy Christmas and the meeting was closed at 8.40pm.