

Forncett Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at Forncett Village Hall on Thursday 18 July 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner

3 members of the public

1. **To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Welsby and Bezkorowajny. District Councillor Kim Carsok also sent her apologies.
2. **To receive any declarations of interest** – None to report.
3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting (20 June 2024)** – The minutes were approved without alteration and signed as correct by the Chairman.
4. **To consider matters arising from the minutes (for information only)** – Nothing additional to report.
5. **Open forum, to hear from members of the public including, if available, a report from District Councillor Kim Carsok and County Councillor Catherine Rowett** – Neither County nor District Councillor were available for the meeting. A member of the public present asked if any decision had been made regarding the outdoor play equipment belonging to Little Tractors. The Chairman confirmed that this would be discussed at the next meeting of the Village Hall Trustees.
6. **To consider planning applications:**
 - a) **2024 / 1967 – Meadowside, Long Stratton Road – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of self build single storey dwelling** – Councillors agreed they had no objections to this application, although it was noted that notice of the application was only received on 17th July (the day before the meeting) and it was therefore likely that any comments from neighbours would not have been submitted as yet. It was therefore agreed to include a comment specifically requesting that any neighbours comments be given appropriate consideration.
7. **To hear of planning decisions:**
 - a) **2024 / 1589 & 1442 – Keepers Cottage, 20-22 Bentley Road – Two storey rear extension and internal alterations** – Approved
 - b) **2024 / 1462 – 3 Orchard Close – Erection of rear dormer and front storm porch. Extend kitchen into conservatory and pitch garage roof** – Approved
8. **To report planning comments agreed via e-mail in between meetings:**
 - a) **2024 / 1810 – The Granary, Northfield Road – Variation of condition 2 of permission 2019 / 2550 – revised design of stable** – The parish council did not object to this, however, did note that the revised plans appear to reflect a significant increase in the space taken up by the new buildings and appear to leave little room for the turning of large vehicles.

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- 9. To update on outstanding highways issues, including village gateways; Cheney's Lane barriers and Low Road junction** – The Cheney's Lane barriers have been removed and the ditch work appears to be complete. There is no further information regarding the village gateways or the work at the Low Rd / Station Rd junction. The Chairman also mentioned that signage has appeared on Tabernacle Lane advising that the road is not suitable for wide or long vehicles but the two signs are both in completely inappropriate positions, in that, by the time any driver came across them, it would be too late. The Chairman will contact Councillor Rowett to discuss the siting of the signs.
- 10. To hear information regarding Community Speedwatch** – Following the appeal in the Flyer last month, one person came forward to express an interest in supporting the scheme. The clerk will put another entry in the Flyer this month.
- 11. To hear information regarding the EVCP grants** – The application form for the grants indicated that parish councils need to source their own quotes for the solar panel part of the application. The Chairman met with a local contractor at the village hall and a quote has been provided. The same contractor is prepared to give a quote for the ECVP but there will need to be careful consideration over the siting of the points.

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

Method	Amount	Payee	Notes
SO	£ 357.07	A Rayner	July salary
DD	£ 66.94	A J Bell	June pension contribution
Dr card	£ 267.76	HMRC	Clerk tax Q1

The financial report and all payments were unanimously approved. It was also noted that the clerk has recently changed address and a letter was signed by the Chairman and the Vice-Chair notifying Barclays Bank of the change of address.

- 13. To consider correspondence:**

- a) Consultation on introducing a local connection eligibility test for the South Norfolk Self and Custom Build Housing Register** – This proposal relates to introducing a form of eligibility testing for people wishing to join the register. Councillors agreed to support the proposal.

- 14. Items for information and comment** – The clerk reported that a resident had been in touch asking about the provision of dog waste bins, particularly near the footpath by the allotments. The clerk responded, saying that the issue had been debated by the PC and, to date, it had been agreed not to provide these bins.

- 15. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 19 September 2024**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm.