

Forncett Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at Forncett Village Hall on Thursday 19 December 2024 at 7.30pm

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

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner
3 members of the public

1. **To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Allen. County Councillor Catherine Rowett and District Councillor Kim Carsok also sent their apologies.
2. **To receive any declarations of interest** – None to report.
3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting (21 November 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)** – The Chairman reported that not many people have requested the wheelie bin stickers as yet. There is no Flyer in January, therefore, their availability will be mentioned in the February Flyer.
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** – County Councillor Rowett's report included confirmation of three outbreaks of avian flu in Norfolk (at the time of the report). A 3km protection zone and a 10km surveillance zone have been put in place surrounding the premises in question. Flu and covid vaccinations are available to those eligible. More information, including on how to book, can be found at www.nhs.uk/wintervaccinations

District Councillor Kim Carsok sent a report advising that the road servicing the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital from Round House Way in Cringleford to Colney Lane East will be shut from 6 – 27th January 2025. The Help Hub is available to support residents who may be struggling with the loss of the Winter Fuel Allowance or any other household pressures, they can be contacted on 01508 533933. The Community Action Fund will reopen for grant applications in the Spring.
6. **To consider planning applications:**
 - a) 2024 / 3771 – 4A Bentley Road - Car port extension to existing garage – Councillors had no objections to this application
 - b) 2024 / 3773 – 3 West Road – Single side storey and front extension – Councillors had no objections to the application, however, it was noted that details of the application had only been published on 19 December (the day of the meeting) and it was therefore unlikely that any concerns from neighbours or other consultees would be registered as yet. It was therefore agreed that the comments from the parish council would include a qualification that they were subject to no concerns from neighbours.
7. **To hear of planning decisions:** None to report

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8. **To report planning comments agreed via e-mail in between meetings:**
a) **2024/1810 – Variation of condition 2019 / 2550 – Erection of new stable building – revise design of stable building and incorporate pv panels** – After looking at the correspondence between the agent and the planning officer, the parish council submitted a comment confirming that the PC had nothing further to add.
9. **To update on outstanding highways issues** – Councillor Rowett is still in discussion with Highways regarding the re-siting of the ‘long vehicle’ warning signs around Tabernacle Lane. The clerk has sent photographs to Highways regarding the poor positioning of the water level signs in the Ford to Highways. No response has been received as yet.
10. **To hear updated information re the EVCP and solar panel grants** – Work has started on the solar panel installation at the Village Hall. The EVCP cable duct is in place across the car park and the installation of the charging points is due in January.
11. **To agree the grant for the Methodist Church graveyard maintenance** – Clarification was requested around whether the agreed grant of £150 is for the year just gone or for the forthcoming year. Councillor Humphreys confirmed that it is for the 2025 year.
12. **To approve the budget for the 2025 / 26 year and agree the precept request** Details of the proposed budget were circulated prior to the meeting. This was discussed and the projection for the annual spend was considered. The budget was approved and Councillors unanimously agreed to keep the budget at £12000 for the 2025/26 year, acknowledging that with a predicted annual spend of around £13000, this will lead to a small charge on reserves. The clerk will submit the precept request to the District Council.
13. **To receive the financial report and consider the approval of the following payments:**

Method	Amount	Payee	Notes
SO	£ 483.86	A Rayner	Dec salary
DD	£ 90.42	A J Bell	Dec pension contribution
Dr card	£ 299.18	HMRC	Q3 clerk tax

The financial report and all payments were unanimously approved.

14. **To consider correspondence:**
a) **River Tas river corridor survey** – The Chairman received an email recently from the Norfolk Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group aimed at enrolling landowners with riverside land in various projects along the River Tas. The Chairman responded, confirming that the parish council does not own any riverside land. Some people present also received the email but others (with riverside land) did not. The Chairman will pass the email on to any interested parties.
15. **Items for information and comment** – Councillor Bezkorowajny said that he felt both County and District Councillors had been very supportive this year and asked if thanks could be

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passed on to them. Councillors agreed and asked the clerk to do this.

16. To confirm the date of the next meeting as 16 January 2025.

The Chairman reminded everyone of the New Year's Day walk, followed by soup and hot drinks at the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.