

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOULDEN PARISH COUNCIL

To be held on Wednesday 25th April 2024
at The Village Hall, Foulden at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs C Balding, J Green (Chair), B Parnham, S Pye.

1. Apologies and consideration of acceptance for absence.

It was RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllr S McMahon and Cllr S Parker – alternative commitment.

The Clerk had been advised that the current vacancy is now open to co-option.

2. Members' declarations of interest and requests for dispensations.

None.

3. Minutes.

The minutes from the Full Council Meeting held on 27th March 2024 were AGREED as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Public Forum

None.

5. To receive any reports:

5.1 County Councillor Fabian Eagle. The devolution process is continuing. Councillor Eagle continues to focus on local business. Questions were raised and answered about the forthcoming planning application for the 'Cranswick megafarm'. Residents with concerns were encouraged to raise these with the Planning Authority.

Roadway Flooding was raised on Beckett End Road – Cllr Eagle to pursue with Highways.

5.2 District Councillor Ian Sherwood. Report Circulated.

5.3 Police. Next Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel to be Monday 13 May at St George's Church, Gooderstone. Also available via TEAMS. NOTED.

6. Updates on matters not on the agenda.

6.1 Noticeboards. Replacement. Ongoing. Funding to be sought. 3 noticeboards, glass fronted, not lockable, 8 pages.

6.2 Village Gate Installation. Design completed – Documentation drawn – awaiting installation date.

7. Planning.

7.1 To consider planning applications received from Breckland District Council for consultation prior to the meeting.

7.1.1. None.

7.2 To receive notification of any decisions by Breckland District Council.

7.2.1. None

8. Administrative Matters

8.1 Notification has been received for permission to co-opt to the current vacancy.

9. Finance and Governance

9.1 It was RESOLVED to make payments as Annex A. PROPOSED Cllr C Balding,

seconded Cllr B Parnham. The first precept payment of £4,561.00 was noted as RECEIVED.

It was further RESOLVED that £100 be made available towards commemorative tokens to be issued to the children of the Parish for the D Day Anniversary. Cllr B Parnham/Clerk to action.

- 9.2 Up to date bank reconciliations not available. Clerk still has no banking access.
- 9.3 Unity bank - form to add S Hunt and remove J Taylor completed, posted to S Parker 9.3.24 – uploaded 4/4/24. Not yet actioned by Unity. NOTED.
- 9.4 Unity bank – application to add Cllrs B Parnham and C Balding. Approved by Unity – no log on yet received by Cllrs Parnham and Balding. NOTED
- 9.5 Unity Bank – application to add Cllr J Green. Approved by Unity – No log on yet received by Cllr J Green. NOTED.
- 9.6 Barclays – addition of S Hunt to accounts as administrator and change of address (this will be reflected across the Highways Surveyors Allotment and Recreation Ground Charity). Update not available.
It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council address be updated by the Clerk to their office address wherever necessary. PROPOSED Cllr J Green, seconded Cllr B Parnham.
- 9.7 RECEIVED confirmation that HMRC payments are now up to date for 2023/24. NOTED.

10. Correspondence

- 10.1 The meeting considered a request to contribute towards Church Grasscutting. No contribution made in 2023/24 or 2022/23. It was NOTED that the Council offered to take over the grass cutting in 2023 using their contractor and making direct payments. This offer was declined. Clerk to ascertain who is cutting the churchyard, and at what cost, and bring the request back to Council.

11. Village Matters.

- 11.1 To receive update on Community Payback attendance. Cllr B Pye had not received the email. Clerk to resend.
- 11.2 To receive any update on the insurance claim affecting the Village Hall re; subsidence. Cllr J Green reported that the tree surgeon is being booked to remove the two trees on the village hall grounds. Monitoring is ongoing and recording slight movement.

12. Matters for next meeting and information.

Matters for the agenda:

Charity Resolution.

Updated Pension Regulator

Biodiversity Policy

To confirm times for meetings.

Meeting Dates:

Annual Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 23rd May 2024 at 7pm

Parish Council Meeting 18th September 2024 at 6pm

Parish Council Meeting 4th December 2024 at 6pm

Parish Council Meeting 6th March 2025 at 6pm

Annex A - April 2024				
		Net	VAT	Gross
Npower	Streetlights 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024	£400.45	£20.02	£420.47
Cozens UK Ltd	streetlight maintenance	£37.00	£7.40	£44.40
Viking Direct	Stationery	£125.03	£25.01	£150.04
Fendick Landscaping	Grass Cutting - March	£260.00	£52.00	£312.00
Jacky Nabb	Donation towards dog show	£150.00		£150.00
Norfolk Parish Training & Support	Membership	£91.22		£91.22
				£0.00
Total.		£1,063.70	£104.43	£1,168.13
Received:				
Breckland Council	First Precept Payment	£4,561.00		£4,561.00

The meeting closed at 9pm.