

FURNEUX PELHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7 November 2019, at 8:00 pm in the Furneux Pelham Village Hall.

Present: Cllr S Bratt, Cllr R Gale and Cllr P Watmough.

In attendance: 4 members of the public.

In the absence of the Parish Clerk, Cllr P Watmough agreed to take the Minutes. In addition, the Chair reported that some items will need to be carried over to the next meeting due to the Parish Clerk's absence.

19/84) Apologies

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr H Smart and Cllr J Sinclair. In addition, apologies were received from F Forth, Parish Clerk

19/85) Declarations of interest

None.

19/86) Chair's announcements

The Chair relayed a conversation with rural policing regarding villagers' attitude to hunt and hunt followers. In addition, he announced that the next Community Coffee Morning was on Monday 11th November.

19/87) Adoption of previous minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th September 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair after the meeting.

19/88) Report on outstanding matters

The Chair had still to speak to the brewery management regarding flooding.

19/89) Vacancy

RESOLVED to co-opt Tracy Langlois as a Parish Councillor and the appropriate governance documents were signed.

19/90) Social prescribing

Claire Uwins gave a presentation on social prescribing which included seeking "ambassadors" to act as a "bridge" between doctors and community.

Cllr Mrs T Langlois offered to attend the Little Hadham coffee morning to learn more and report back at next meeting.

19/91) Whitebarns Lane

The Chair stated there was nothing to report and outcome of a further investigations by Cllr G Williamson (EHC) were unclear. A further meeting is proposed in early December.

Action: Chair and Cllr G Williamson (EHC) to progress in December.

19/92) Magazine

The Chair reminded those present that the last issue of the magazine in its current format would be in December. He demonstrated the proposed new magazine produced by the Clerk which was positively received and outlined the proposal for delivering a new Community Magazine. Whilst the Parish Councils will initially fund the magazine, the intention will be to obtain sufficient advertising revenue to cover the costs.

A bank account will be established for the magazine. Cllr P Watmough offered to investigate the dormant FP Cricket Club (charity) account to see if that could be transferred.

In terms of the magazine specifically, it was suggested that an "A-Z" approach might be useful in making the magazine easier to navigate. In addition, it was suggested the magazine be distributed in hard copy and an electronic copy made available via the website, Facebook etc.

Finally, the Chair agreed to speak to Chair of Stocking Pelham Parish Council to canvas opinion on their involvement in the magazine.

RESOLVED to authorise the Parish Clerk to produce a Community Magazine, sponsored by the Parish Council, with an initial budget maximum of £900, to be reduced by advertising where possible. Whilst any decision will remain with the Parish Clerk, decisions to be taken after consultation with the Chair and one other Cllr.

Action: Parish Clerk to produce Community Magazine, with support. Chair to identify involvement from Stocking Pelham Parish Council

19/93) Spruce up the village

The Chair reported that there is now a comprehensive list of items in the village. Village signs have been repaired and noticeboards and seats will be looked at next.

Cllr B Gale was thanked for planting the daffodil bulbs around road signs.

19/94) Dog poo bins

In the absence of Cllr J Sinclair, this item deferred to the next meeting.

19/95) Highways - traffic speed

Cllr P Watmough reported the various comments received from residents relating to speeding concerns in the village. Cllr G Williamson (EHC) offered to coordinate a meeting between the Parish Council, East Herts Council, Highways and Police to review options. Cllrs P Watmough and B Gale to attend this meeting.

Action: Cllrs P Watmough and B Gale to attend meeting to discuss options with East Herts Council, Highways and Police.

19/96) Refuse bin

In the absence of the Parish Clerk, this item deferred to the next meeting.

19/97) Governance documentation

In the absence of the Parish Clerk, this item deferred to the next meeting.

19/98) Finance

a. Update on current financial position

In the absence of the Parish Clerk, this item deferred to the next meeting.

b. Expenditure

RESOLVED to approve the following expenditure:

Fred Knight, litter picking & grass cutting	£57.00
Village Hall, Hall hire	£46.00
Much Hadham Parish Council, recharge of HAPTC course fee	£50.00
HAPTC, Course fee	£50.00

Cheques and supporting documentation would be signed after the meeting.

The payment by direct debit to ICO, registration fee, of £35.00 on the 18th September was noted

c. Initial Forward Financial Plan 2020/21 to 2023/24

In the absence of the Parish Clerk, this item deferred to the next meeting.

19/99) Update from East Herts Council (EHC)

Cllr G Williamson (EHC) highlighted the following points:

- grants workshop being run on 11th November at 7 pm;
- the community lottery has raised £33,000; and
- the issue regarding travellers at Little Hadham has gone to a public enquiry, and a second site at Hare Street is under review.

19/100) Planning applications

Details of all applications are on the Parish Council's website and those since the last meeting are detailed in Appendix A

19/101) Clerk's information

In the absence of the Parish Clerk, this item deferred to the next meeting.

19/102) Councillor updates

Cllr B Gale asked Cllr G Williamson (EHC) whether there was any update on the pallet yard, given that he had received a complaint of wood waste, containing plastic, being spread on the field behind the site. The Chair added that he had received a complaint of dust from pallet shredding operations being deposited

on vehicles left overnight at properties in Lower East End. In light of these, and other unresolved issues, Cllr G Williamson (EHC) indicated a willingness to bring together representatives of EHC and the Parish Council at a mutually convenient date to progress further.

Action: Chair

19/103) Residents comments

Comments from residents have been incorporated into earlier agenda items.

19/104) Next meeting

Confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council is on the 9th January 2020 in the Village Hall at 8pm.

The meeting ended at 9:38 pm.

Planning activity since the previous meeting:

Application number	Proposal	Action
<u>3/19/2117/VAR</u>	Removal of condition 2 of planning permission ref: 3/19/0347/FUL - (Construction of a 5 bedroom detached house and single detached garage with creation of 4 parking spaces) - to add a velux balcony to the rear of loft to allow natural light in the roof at Land Adj The Spinney, Whitebarns.	Application considered
<u>Appeal ref</u> <u>19/00141/REFUSE</u> <u>3/19/0932/OUT</u>	Outline planning application, with all matters reserved except for access, for the erection of 1 dwelling and garage for a farm worker at Greens Farm, East End.	Appeal noted