

FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL on Thursday 3 Aug 2023 at 7:30pm in FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Nicky Mears (NM), Giles Blatchford (GWB), Mark Watson (MW), Linda Rose (LR) Ali Blatchford (Clerk)

Members of the public

1. Apologies for absence Gillian Blyth.
Not in attendance Gordon Bambridge and Bill Borrett
2. Declarations of interest by Council Members in items on the agenda and any applications for dispensation: No new interests declared.
3. The minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2023 were approved and signed –
 - Proposed by LR Seconded by MW
4. Items raised from last meeting and on the minutes and not on this agenda – report progress:
 - 4.1. Drains on The Street – Opposite Church Farm Barns, though the drain had been cleaned out it still does not drain. Highways still to sort out.
 - 4.2. Lay-by on A1067 going towards Fakenham. Clerk has chased Highways and they are now looking at sending out their team of Arborist to establish what vegetation can be cut back.
 - 4.3. Highways still have query open regarding straw/mud on The Street which they are still monitoring. LR mentioned that most of the straw is building up on The Street as the result of overhanging hedges that have not been cut back for many years. Highways to be contact to see if they can assist in this.
5. Planning applications.
None
6. Finance:
 - 6.1. Clerks Salary:

Hours worked: 12 May 2023 to 31 July 2023	41.75 hours
Total salary for the period 12th May 2023 to 31 July 2023	£593.27
 - 6.2. Clerks Expenses. £10.25
 - 6.3. It was agreed the donations to St Thomas's Church and Village Hall, will be made 6 monthly, on submission of invoices of third-party invoices for works carried and or items purchased provided. This needs to include copies of the invoices from the people carrying out the work. This is to comply with the recommendations from the Internal Auditor.
 - 6.4. Summary of Accounts for the period from 28 April 2023 to 31 July 2023.
 - Proposed by GWB Seconded by MW
7. Breckland District Council offer to obtain Dog Fouling and Fly Tipping signs:
It was decided to purchase :
 - 2 Dog Fouling signs which the Councillors will put up in the Village, one in the church yard and one opposite Moore Farm.
 - 2 Fly-tipping signs will be purchased, and we will ask Breckland DC to put these up in both Lay-bys on the A1067. Clerk to contact Breckland DC.

Each sign costs £41.50 and will include fixings. The signs have a 10-year life span.
8. Breckland District Council Mobile Surveillance Cameras for high fly tipping areas and other anti-social behavior. All the Councillors were unanimous in the need for these in the two lay-bys on the A1067. Clerk to contact Breckland DC
9. Norfolk County Council, Highways has a Government Grant to deliver improvements in partnership with Town and Parish Councils. It was agreed to put in bids to have 2 Trods (informal foot paths).

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- One going from the village to the Lay-by on the A1067 allowing residents to walk down to the footpath that takes you to Foulsham.
- The other to allow walkers to walk down the B1145 (Billingford Road) from Mill Road to the A1067 (Norwich / Fakenham Road).

GWB offered to take on this project.

10. "The Street" sign missing - Clerk to report to Highways.

11. Alarm going off at Church House, The Street. Issue resolved.

12. The Leeds Trust.

The Leeds Trust was set up in 1728 to help the resident children of Foxley and Bawdeswell to attend schools, institutions or classes other than elementary school, by paying their fees, travel costs etc.

Following the death of the last Trustee. Brown and Co are appointing new Trustees based on their position in the parishes. NM reported that as Chair of Foxley Parish Council he was approached to be a Trustee, along with the Chair of Bawdeswell Parish Council, the Rector of Bawdeswell and Foxley Churches and on County Councillor. The Trustees will change with the changes of the positions held in the parishes. The Trust is now waiting on Barclays to set up the new Mandates.

13. Norfolk County Council (NCC) are offering free Wi-Fi for the Village Hall. NCC are negotiating with a company before they can confirm the service.

14. LR reported progress of establishing the Memorial to the Airman who died in Foxley during WWII. There was no formal decision made as only 2 of the 4 committee members were present. However, they visited the Memorial and noted that only 2 faces had been engraved with WWI and WWII Memoria and will be proposing that the Airmen names that died in Foxley during WWII be added to the remaining faces.

15. Review of the Financial Regulations:

It was agreed that Clerk was to review the Financial Regulations and bring the proposed regulations to the next meeting.

16. The defibrillator pads have expired and need to be replacement. Clerk to order 2 sets at £52 each plus VAT and postage.

17. Matters raised by the residents - None.

18. Matters going forward:

Next Parish Council Meeting will be on the 12 October 2023, at 7.30pm at Foxley Village Hall.

Meeting closed 20:50

Signed Chair Dated.....