

FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors are summoned to attend the meeting of FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL on **Thursday 11 January 2024** at 7:00 pm in FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL

Foxley Parish Clerk

Agenda

1. To accept apologies for absence: Giles Blatchford
2. To record any declarations of Interest by Council Members in items on the agenda and any applications for dispensation.
3. Following the resignation of Ali Blatchford as Parish Clerk, Councillor Linda Rose has offered to cover temporary until a replacement is found. Ali Blatchford will continue as RFO until year end.
4. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2023.
5. To report progress of outstanding and items not on this agenda:
 - 5.1. Drains on The Street opposite Lawrence Place; this is being dealt with, waiting on a repair to the drain. Ongoing.
 - 5.2. Lay-by on A1067 going towards Fakenham. Highways have come back with a quote of £2353.00 which is to be paid by Foxley Parish Council. We may have missed applying for the parish partnership to help towards this cost. Do we still wish to go ahead with this option?
 - 5.3. Straw and Mud on the Street. Mentioned about the straw coming off at certain properties where the hedges are over hanging "The Street" and dragging straw from passing vehicles. Highways have been notified that we still have one issue and awaiting on St Thomas Church to apply for planning permission to trim back the yew and holly trees in the church yard that overhang "The Street".
 - 5.4. Dog Fouling and Fly tipping Signs, NM and GB erected a post in each layby awaiting the Fly tipping signs to be put up, Breckland have been advised. We are now awaiting the signs to be delivered/erected by Breckland. Clerk has chased this.
 - 5.5. Mobile Surveillance Cameras – Breckland District Council have been advised regarding that we are very keen to have these cameras in our laybys – Breckland advised this is still in the early stages. More flytipping at the layby heading to Fakenham. Clerk to contact Breckland.
 - 5.6. Highways and the government grant to deliver local highway improvements of which the grant would pay up to 50% of the costs. Giles Blatchford has advised that Highways have costed the two proposed trods. Which are: Along the B1145 from Mill Road to the Fakenham Road A1067 totalling £87,168.49 and along the Fakenham Road to the Lay-by totalling £34,873.61. They have put down that they would need to put in curb stones on each case, which seems excessive considering they are only trods and not actual pavements. A great idea but sadly something that Foxley Parish Council could not afford without further government or outside help with.
 - 5.7. "The Street" sign has gone missing from the triangle by the Main Road – Highways have been asked if the posts can be removed, again this does not meet their intervention criteria. Should the Council ask Highways, if the parish council can take the posts down or see if Breckland can replace the sign?
 - 5.8. Leeds Trust – Nicky Mears to update.
 - 5.9. Free Wi-Fi at the village Hall – the installation of all equipment should now have happened so there should be free Wi-Fi in the village hall for all to use.
 - 5.10. Memorial to the Airman who died in Foxley – Linda Rose to update?
 - 5.11. Following a resident's concern over the traffic and their speed down Mill Road once out of the 20mph. Parish Clerk contacted Highways and they did not feel that there was enough traffic travelling down Mill Road to warrant extending the speed limit or to make it Residents and Service Access only.

6. Planning applications:
 - 6.1. **Church View, Chapel Road, NR20 4QS - 3PL/2023/0825/HOU** - Conversion of garage attached to dwelling for use as self-contained annexe - **family use only. Permission granted**
 - 6.2. **Platinum Farm, The Street, NR20 4QP – 3PL/2023/0898/HOU** - Single storey rear extension and first floor rear extension – **Permission granted**
 - 6.3. **Kingsmead House Old Fakenham Road NR20 4QJ - 3PN/2023/0036/PNE** Prior approval for the proposal to erect a single storey orangery extension to the rear of the property. Flat roof with lantern, white PVC windows and bifold doors projecting from the original rear wall by 4.70m deep, with a maximum height of 3.10m and eaves height of 2.60m The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 1, Class A 05-12-23 Prior Approval Status - Undecided
7. Finance

Summary Cash and Bank Statement 30 September 2023.

 - 7.1. Clerk salary. Hours worked:

1 October 2023 to 31 December	28 hours
Total salary for the period	£397.88
 - 7.2. To approve and sign the Summary of Accounts for the period from 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023.
 - 7.3. Additional Payments:
 - 7.3.1. Ali Blatchford for the purchase of Posts for fly tipping signs - £140.90
 - 7.3.2. Breckland District Council – uncontested elections held in 4th May 2023 - £75.00
 - 7.3.3. Village Hall - C Ledbury Plumbing and Heating - repair to the water leak in the village hall £319.20
 - 7.3.4. Foxley Village Hall: Final donation payment £295.90 to go towards Robin Taylor – Hearing Aid Loop and PA system £888.91
 - 7.4. Authorise payments:

Clerks Salary:	£397.88
Clerk for the purchase of posts for fly tipping signs	£140.90
Breckland District Council:	£ 75.00
Village Hall Committee:	£319.20
Village Hall Committee:	£295.90
Breckland District Council: for signages	£199.20 already paid
8. Budget for 2024/25 to be consider and approved, including the precept for 2024/25:
 - 8.1. Precept for 2024/25

Parish Precept to increase slightly due to the increase in annual subscriptions and insurance etc.

Recommended to increase to £5475 – which means that Council Taxpayers in a Band D property would look at paying £1.87 extra per year.
 - 8.2. Budget. Three versions submitted for consideration. This is due to the keeping the precept low for Council Taxpayers but there is a deficit on each one, the only way to remove the deficit would to increase the Precept.
9. Should we organise another Litter Pick?
10. Could solar lights with PIR be fitted to both bus shelters, to help keep pedestrians safe at night. Is this something the Council could do with Highways approval?
11. To receive and consider any items raised by members of the public, including “highways” matters: Nothing receive.
12. Matters going forward:

To fix the dates of future meetings and receive items for the next meeting.

Close of Meeting