

Minutes of the FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL on Thursday 23 February 2023 at 7:30pm in FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL.

Present: N Mears (NM), G Blyth (GB), G Blatchford (GWB), Mark Watson (MW), Linda Rose (LR), Gordon Bambridge (GBa) Breckland Councillor, Bill Borrett (BB) District Councillor, A Blatchford (Clerk)

Members of the public 0

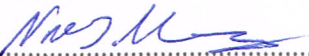
1. Apologies for absence: None received
2. Declarations of interest by Council Members in items on the agenda and any applications for dispensation.
GB in her role as treasurer of Foxley Village Hall Committee
LR in her role as chairperson of Foxley Village Hall Committee
3. The minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2022 were approved and signed – Proposed
GWB Seconded GB
4. Items from last meeting, not on this agenda – report progress:
 - 4.1. Path on A1067 beside Floranova has tree roots coming through which is a trip hazard. Highways have now resolved this issue
 - 4.2. Sink hole outside Everglades on Old Fakenham Rd. Highways have now resolved this issue, though MW and GB mentioned this was not filled as well as hoped. We will monitor this.
 - 4.3. Themelthorpe Road along Foxley Woods. This is getting very uneven, and the middle of the road is much higher and could damage the underneath of low sitting cars. Highways contacted and they are monitoring on their routine checks.
 - 4.4. Precept request sent to Breckland District Council (BDC). Receipt acknowledged
 - 4.5. Camera at lay-by to deter fly tipping. GBa emailed. GBa advised he had emailed the relevant department and awaiting to hear back. BB advised that we could ask Highways to block this layby off so the layby can no longer be used. Councillors were in agreement to this. Clerk to contact Highways and cc BB in email
 - 4.6. NALC offering Parish Councils a gov.uk email address for the Clerk and Councillors free or at cost. Nothing heard back from NALC
5. Planning applications.
 - 5.1 The following planning applications have had decisions made:
 - 5.1.1 The Old Forge, Mill Road, NR20 4T. Oak tree located at front of property. Application for 2ft crown-lift to 12ft above ground level. 2.5m crown reduction with 3m reduction in height (Tree Work App TPO). TRE/2022/0301/TPO - REFUSED – Planning permission resubmitted and permission granted and work carried out
6. Kings Coronation in June – ideas on how the village can celebrate this:
 - 6.1. LR and GB advised that the Village Hall committee had thought about organizing a Buffet Supper in the evening of the Coronation with a live band. They asked if the Parish Council could help fund this event.
GBa advised that BDC had a fund available up to £500 for individual events, if not organized by the Parish Council. LR will look at this on behalf of the Village Hall committee. As the closing date for the request for the funding is 24 February, GBa will contact the committee dealing with this funding to say that LR request may be a late
7. Drains still blocked on Mill Road and The Street

- 7.1 Clerk to contact Highways to ask for the 2 drains on Mill Road (by the Salt Grit Bin) and the drains on The Street be cleaned out. If no positive response from Highways clerk to contact BB for his assistance.
- 7.2 Discussed the mud on the road during the winter by Moor Farm and straw on the road during the summer/autumn down The Street. Clerk to reported to Highways.
8. Litter Bin by the Bus Shelter not being emptied– LR advised that this had been emptied, after she spotted the collection van going around the village and asked if they could empty it, she was advised that it was not on their schedule, but they did empty it. Clerk to contact BDC and ask if this bin can be added to their schedule.
9. Finance
 - 9.1 Clerks Salary

Hours worked:	1st – 31st December 2022	11 hours
	1st – 31st January 2023	5.5 hours
	1st – 22nd February 2023	10.25 hours

Total salary for the period 1 December 2022 to 22 February 2023 £380.12
 - 9.1. To approve and sign the Summary of Accounts for the period from 27th November 2022 to 22nd February 2023 Proposed by LR and Seconded by GB.
 - 9.2. Authorise Payments – Clerks Salary £380.12, Cheque signed
10. To receive and consider any items raised by members of the public, including “highways” matters – two late matters came in on Wednesday 22 February evening.
 - 10.1. Foulsham Parish Clerk asked if we could recommend a ground contractor as they were looking at reviewing their current contracts. No recommendations given. Clerk to advise Foulsham Parish Clerk
 - 10.2. Reclaim the Lane are going to hold a meeting to discuss the next steps and tidy up the lane prior to the lane reopening on the 1 April. Meeting dates either 12 March 5pm or 24 March 7pm - no one able to attend meeting.
 - 10.3. GB mentioned the possibility to obtain free/funded Broadband at the Village Hall, and that it was something BDC passed to the parishes from a private company. GB was asking if anyone knew how long the funding was for etc. GBa would look into this.
 - 10.4. BB raised the issue of the future Planning Policy, being set up by BDC and the New Town. BDC are sending out an email to all Parish Councils so that they can have their say, these will then be considered in going into the new Planning Policy. GWA offered to do this on behalf of the Parish Council, with an informal meeting to be arranged with Councillors to discuss once the email is received. Proposed by MW Seconded by NM.
11. Litter pick and village clean up, will be held on the 15 April at 10am, meeting point Foxley Village Hall. Refreshments to be served afterwards. Clerk to organise.
12. Matters going forward:
 - 12.1 Update financial regulations, still to follow as LR and Clerk are still trying to get Barclays to take LR of as Administrator and put Clerk as the new Administrator.
 - 12.2 Next meetings to be held after the Parish Council Elections, that are being held on the 4 May 2023. Will be on the 11 May 2023, at 7.30pm at Foxley Village Hall. There will be 3 meetings, the Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting and then the Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting closed 20:37

Signed  Chair Dated11th May 2023.....