

**Minutes of the Meeting of Fleggburgh Parish Council Complaints Committee held
on Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 7pm at Fleggburgh Village Hall**

Present: Keith Osborne (Chairman)
David Flowerdew
George Manning
C Moore, Parish Clerk

Also present: None.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda

David Flowerdew noted that he was related to the complainant by marriage, but did not feel this caused a problem.

3. Exclusion of the Press and Public

It was **agreed** to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting, with the exception of the complainant if they arrived before item 10, proposed by Keith Osborne, seconded by George Manning, all in favour.

4. To note complaint and appeal correspondence

The complaint and appeal correspondence was **noted**. The full schedule of legislation relating to the complaint was noted, as the complainant had only quoted a partial extract. It was noted that the Council as a whole had agreed the Stage 1 response.

5. To suspend Standing Orders and receive verbal representation from the complainant

It was **agreed** to suspend Standing Orders for items 5 to 8 to allow dialogue between the complainant and the council if they attended before the agenda moved on, proposed by Keith Osborne, seconded by David Flowerdew, all in favour. The complainant was not present, and no representations were received.

6. To receive verbal representation from Councillors and Officers

It was noted that this was one of a series of complaints over a number of years.

7. To receive a summary of their position from the complainant

No representations received.

8. To receive a summary of their position from the council

The Chairman summarised the council's position.

9. To reinstate Standing Orders for the remainder of the meeting

It was **agreed** to reinstate Standing Orders for the remainder of the meeting, proposed by Keith Osborne, seconded by George Manning, all in favour.

10. Exclusion of the Complainant

It was **agreed** to exclude the complainant from the remainder of the meeting, proposed by Keith Osborne, seconded by David Flowerdew, all in favour.

11. To consider the independent report and earlier representations, and reach a decision regarding complaint

The Council considered all available information and the following decision was made:

Complaint 1: That the decision to spend up to £700 on a lorry load of Type 1 for the Track at The Common was not specified on the agenda

This complaint is not upheld because the agenda does state that the Track would be discussed. The Council is happy to take forward the suggestions from the Independent Report and the Monitoring Officer that future agendas will not have Matters Arising; and that more detailed agenda items will be given, with costings / reports being brought forward where relevant. The March 2025 meeting would ratify the decision to purchase the Type 1, to regularise the situation.

Complaint 2: That the spending of funds towards the Village Hall grounds maintenance and car park was not specified on the agenda

This complaint is not upheld because no decision was made on the stated expenditure, this decision was deferred to the January 2025 meeting.

The meeting was closed at 7.40pm.

CHAIRMAN