

MINUTES OF THE FLEGGBURGH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

16th MAY 2019

Comprising Billockby, Clippesby, and Fleggburgh

PRESENT: 24 members of the public

Meeting was chaired by June Pratt.

Also in attendance: Parish Clerk Jimmy Miller

Prior to the opening of the meeting the Parish Clerk proceeded to read out the notice informing everyone at the meeting that it was being recorded. Andrew Peake questioned why this was needed. The Clerk explained that it was for the benefit of everyone and then read out the notice informing everyone at the meeting that it was being recorded.

1. **Apologies** had been received from PC Gary May
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2018** were circulated and signed
3. **The Parish Council Chairman gave a report** of the activities of the council in the year 2018-19.

The Chairman opened by stating that prior to her election as Chairman, Fleggburgh Parish Council had been through some difficult times. However, since then, they have been working together, putting their differences aside, and the Parish Council is focused on the job in hand.

Due to complaints from parishioners about footpaths being overgrown and impassable, the Parish Council re-instated a contract with Simon Crook. The Chairman thanked Cllr Hacon for his work on this project and Simon Crook for keeping the footpaths in such a tidy condition.

The Parish Council has also renewed the contract with Garden Guardians to cut the playing field grass and the Fleggburgh graveyards. We thank them for keeping those areas nice and tidy.

Another project the Parish Council has taken on, having listened to parishioners, is the replacement of fencing around the play area and providing a gate to help keep children safe. The fencing has been ordered and we hope to have it installed by the end of June. We then hope to encourage GYBC to update or replace some of the play equipment and, grants permitting, to get equipment for adults. Again, Cllr Shaun Hacon was the lead in this project and worked well with others on the Council.

During the year, Julie Osborne with other residents, started a litter picking campaign and our thanks go to her and all those who have taken part.

Cllr John Lindsay has sat on the Village Hall Committee and our thanks go to him and the village hall team who have worked so well together.

On Norfolk Day, many celebrated a lovely afternoon on the playing field, sponsored by Fleggburgh Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee. Fun was had by all. The Mayor opened the event with sea cadets playing the music, followed by afternoon tea. Our thanks go to all who organised the event.

Recently, we have elected to go forward with a Neighbourhood Plan which, thanks to Cllr Francesca Dockerty's lead, questionnaires have been compiled and distributed by councillors to all residents in Fleggburgh, Billockby and Clippesby. Most have now been collected. It is a positive start, looking at the future that residents would like for our villages.

Our new parish clerk, Jimmy Miller, has settled into the role very well having taken over from Catherine Fletcher our previous parish clerk who resigned for personal reasons. Jimmy is currently undergoing CILCA training which we feel will be beneficial to our Parish Council.

My thanks go to Cllr Keith Osborne for ensuring every week that items concerning the Parish Council feature in the Great Yarmouth Mercury.

As Chairman, I have attended chairmanship training.

My thanks go to the Speedwatch group to improve safety on Fleggburgh's roads. This Parish Council has listened to the public voice of concern regarding speeding through our villages. We keep in regular contact with Highways to address this problem.

During the year, we have adopted and published on our website complaints procedures, recording & filming policy during meetings, and have updated the code of conduct.

We thank Haydn Thirtle for attending our meetings throughout the year, keeping us informed of issues both concerning the Broads Authority as well as GYBC. We also congratulate Adrian Thompson, our newly elected Borough Councillor for the Fleggburgh ward.

Parish Council accounts show an income of £12,411.10 and expenditure of £13,657.62.

We wish to pay tribute to Cllr Barry Hall who has completed his term of office, having served many years on the Parish Council. Also, Cllrs Jean and John Lindsay and Shaun Hacon who have also completed their term of office. All have worked hard and showed their commitment to the Parish Council.

Finally, we as councillors do so as volunteers to serve Fleggburgh in the best way we can and my thanks go to all who have worked at the Parish Council.

4. Parish Council annual accounts

Accounts have been prepared ready for audit. The Clerk said that the accounts would be delivered to the auditor the following week. The Clerk mentioned that the figures that were given were approximations due to an approximation regarding interest receipts but that he would be getting the bank statements the following day to make sure everything was accurate.

5. Reports were received from village organisations:

South Trinity Broads (Benefice)

Revd. Sue Hemsley Halls gave a 6-month report since she had only been in position since November 2018.

The services at Christmas were well received by those that attended.

Fleggburgh Primary School had their Christingle service at the church as well as their Easter service.

There is a problem with alcohol being left in the graveyard. This makes it difficult for the grass to be cut and can be distressing to those that visit graves. As a consequence,

explanatory leaflets are now being displayed at the church in a hope of combatting this problem.

Fleggburgh Church now has a pop-up café on Saturdays (about three times a year) and every Tuesday morning, until July, there is a pop-in between 9-10:30 with free tea & coffee and a chat.

A monthly parish notice sheet is now delivered to everyone in the parish.

Billockby and Fleggburgh Churches: A report was presented by Mrs Margaret Alston.

Billockby Church

There have been no services at Billockby due to the interregnum.

Billockby Church is in very good order as is the churchyard.

During the summer, there is a communion service at 9:30 on Wednesdays and this has already commenced.

Fleggburgh Church

The fabric of the church is in good order with some minor works required and some clearance of scrub is needed outside.

The bells are in good working order and there is a good working relationship with the bell-ringing group.

Poors Trust: A report was presented by Mr Henry Alston

In the past year, the Trust has carried out further works with regard to land management of the common.

New requirements due to GDPR has meant that all recipients of the Christmas payment have been asked to complete registration forms which will be held by the Trust.

Sixty four recipients received the same Christmas payment as previous years and the Trust expects this to continue.

Revd Sue Hemsley Hall and Alan Greenwood have been appointed as trustees. Henry Alston and D. Woollard have reached the end of their tenures and will be seeking re-election. Philip Scott has resigned.

The penny loaf distribution was undertaken at the school in January which was well received.

The website has now been completed.

At the end of the presentation, Andrew Peake asked whether changes that had occurred at the Trust had been made with approval of the Charities Commission. Richard Jordan, Secretary of the Poors Trust, stated that all changes are in accordance with the Charities Commission rules and that their legal representation had made this clear.

Andrew Peake asked who had approved the appointment of Alan Greenwood to the Board of Trustees. Henry Alston replied that it was the existing trustees.

Andrew Peake accused the Poor's Trust of engaging in criminal activity.

Little Explorers Nursery: A report was presented by Gillian and Pam

The Nursery was started in 2014; it's a small nursery but is growing.

They are now planning to become a forest school and are hoping to start this in September 2019.

Andrew Peake asked whether the land opposite the School could be used for the forest school but Gillian and Pam replied that there was a large area behind the School.

Bowls Club: A report was presented by Ray Jennis

The bowls club is small with 15 members. They meet on Tuesday evenings and are in the Country 3 League. If anyone would like to come along and have a go, they are welcome. The Bowls Club can supply them with bowls to have a try out.

The Bowls Club runs a 100 club to support the Club.

Village Hall Committee: A report was presented by Richard Jordan

The report is dated February 2019 due to the village hall having its AGM earlier in the year.

Throughout the year, the village hall has hosted craft fairs, floral demonstrations, parties, the Norfolk Day, etc. They are doing a lot more advertising through Facebook and hope to have a fully operating website soon. However, they are concerned about the people they may not reach through social media. The Committee are currently looking at using local newspapers to reach more people and those who are not Facebook or social media users.

Richard Jordan thanked Judy Stewart and Maddie Rowe for their work in giving the village hall a presence on Facebook.

The village hall opened in 2000 and £3,000 per annum is set aside in the budget for ongoing repairs and maintenance.

The village hall works very well with the Parish Council and it is hoped that this can be developed further.

A major problem is the depletion of charity workers. The Village Hall Committee are continually looking for younger members with new ideas.

All booking time is taken up.

The Fleggburgh Village Hall works closely with Filby Village Hall. There has been no noticeable drop in activity as a result of Filby's new village hall.

Councillor Haydn Thirtle reported from the County and Borough Councils:

NCC have a budget deficit of £70m.

The government have agreed to pay £98m towards a third river crossing in Great Yarmouth. There is a shortfall of £22m in the forecasted costs which will be underwritten by NCC. Contractors have been found. This is scheduled to start in 2020; completion date is 2023. There will be a knock-on effect of this construction with substantial roadworks in the town with a further cost of £10m.

A new special school for people with learning disabilities and mental health issues is to be built in Great Yarmouth at a cost of £12m.

GYBC are looking for an end use for the Winter Gardens.

The Marina Centre in Great Yarmouth is to be knocked down and re-built at some stage with a cost of £20-26m.

Councillor Adrian Thompson reported for GYBC

Adrian Thompson appealed to local people and organisations to work together for the benefit of the community.

He identified speeding as a big concern of local residents. He has contacted NCC arguing for an extension of the speed limit on the B1152 right through to the Thurne crossroads.

He called for Fleggburgh Parish Council, Filby Parish Council and himself to purchase a SAM2 speed sign at a cost of £3,000. He would like Filby PC to put in £1,250, Fleggburgh PC to put in £1,250, and himself to put in £500.

The SAM2 sign flashes the speed of approaching vehicles and also records traffic 24/7. It's also mobile so can be moved to different locations.

Despite borough councillors voting themselves a pay rise, Adrian Thompson will put all of his pay rise back into the community and is keen to help fund the SAM2 sign, the forest school, and the bowls club.

He is not happy about the lack of police presence in Fleggburgh and Filby and wants the two Parish Councils to work together in calling for more policing in the two parishes.

He said that if people want dog bins, get one and it can be emptied into normal bins to avoid the high costs of having it emptied by a hazardous waste company. Adrian Thompson currently empties the dog bins in Filby and offered to empty dog poo bins in Fleggburgh if required.

He also wants to get an environmental group up and running in Fleggburgh to help improve the area with activities such as bulb planting, litter picking, etc. This is already happening successfully in Filby.

Finally, Adrian Thompson was pleased to see Fleggburgh moving forward with its Neighbourhood Plan, seeing it as a way of parishioners helping to shape their parish in the coming years.

Clippesby Church – A report was presented by Jean Lindsay.

Jean informed the meeting that the Church has a new paved path from the car park to help people in wheelchairs.

There is a new rector and two new church wardens.

Services are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 9:30am and everyone is welcome to the Church's services and events.

The Church runs a coffee, cake and chat session on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 11am.

The work which was done on the Church two years ago to address the problem of damp is having a positive effect. A start has been made on pollarding the lime trees in the churchyard.

Jean Lindsay thanked Fleggburgh Parish Council for their support of the Church.

The Church was invited to a reception at Buckingham Palace and also to Windsor Castle to receive Royal Maundy.

Burgh Common Shoot: A report was presented by Amanda Dobson

Amanda Dobson stated that the Shoot had paid almost £30,000 to the Poors Trust over the previous 19 years. However, at the start of the 2017-18 season, barbed wire was put up and stopped the shoots. She said that no notice was given; it was only discovered on the first shoot. She said that attempts to contact the Poors Trust have been ignored.

Andrew Peake asked whether there was a possibility of a meeting between the Trust and the Shoot. Sue Hemsley Halls, one of the Poors Trust trustees offered to meet Amanda Dobson to discuss the issue raised.

The meeting was closed at 7:15 and followed by refreshments.