

# Fulstow Parish Council Minutes

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Location: Fulstow Village Hall

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Time: 7pm

In attendance: Nigel Larder, Rob Lawson, Fred Butt, Martyn Leonard, Bob MacDonald, Nicola Pike, Stuart Flinn, Cllr E Mossop, Michelle Lawson & Ben Wragg from InternetTY

1. Apologies: Cllr A Hall
2. Declaration of personal/prejudicial interest: none were received
3. Nigel Larder was Duly elected as Chairman
4. Robert Lawson was duly elected as Vice-Chairman
5. Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman
6. Matters arising including updates on the following action points
  - a. NP reported that due to workload she had been unable to work on the draft Neighbourhood Plan. RL offered to take over the research and planning which was accepted
  - b. Bench installation – The bench has now been installed on the Grift. ML to contact Green Grass to request cutting of grass around bench be added to the monthly service
  - c. NL informed the committee bank statements had been received and changes to signatories and contacts had been applied for by NL & ML with Lloyds bank. Once the changes were in place the council could proceed to set up online banking.
  - d. M Lawson – Reported she had been unable to locate any faulty streetlights on Main Street
  - e. A request regarding 3 new dog waste bins had been submitted to ELDC
  - f. Cllr Hall had kindly submitted the speed reduction proposal to LCC Highways department
  - g. Cllr Hall had also queried the repositioning of 30mph limit sign on Station Rd with LCC Highways which resulted in concluding the sign was correctly positioned
  - h. Cheques had been given to F Pinder & F Steel
  - i. A price for a new Laptop of £359, to include 1 year's free subscription of Microsoft 365, was approved by the committee. ML to purchase laptop
  - j. ML reported the disconnection of the Village Green water supply was underway with a site survey being conducted on 16<sup>th</sup> June
7. ML informed the committee that T Beecroft had conducted the Internal audit of all Parish Council accounts and completed the Internal Audit Report. The following financial accounts were presented and unanimously approved by the committee.
  - a. Parish Council Accounts
  - b. Bullgrass Charity Accounts
  - c. Petty Cash Accounts
8. External Audit of Parish Accounts 2021/22 were presented to the committee. The following were approved and duly signed by NL & ML
  - a. Certificate of Exemption
  - b. Annual Governance Statement
  - c. Accounting Statements
  - d. Annual Internal Audit Report
  - e. Explanation of Variances
  - f. Bank Reconciliations

ML to email Certificate of Exemption to the external Auditors and publish all required financial documents on the Parish website

9. The council approved the certification and issue of the following payments :-
- a. Green Grass - grass cutting 2 invoices £143.64
  - b. Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board - Bullgrass £36.59
  - c. Zurich - Insurance £147.84
  - d. T Beecroft - Audit Fee £55
  - e. ELDC - Return of precept overpayment £2900
  - f. M Lovelock - Installation of bench £115
  - g. Woolliss Butchers - Jubilee Party £90 (ELDC Jubilee Grant)
  - h. N Pike – Jubilee Tea Party - £404 (ELDC Jubilee Grant)
  - i. Fulstow Village Hall – Jubilee Party £378.46 (ELDC Jubilee Grant)
  - j. E Metcalf Cross Keys – Jubilee Tea Party £68.55 (ELDC Jubilee Grant)

10. AOB.

- a. RL asked the committee about the history of the Bullgrass charity and the land usage associated with it. He queried if in the future it could be developed and used as a rewilded village community space. The committee agreed that once the tenancy ended this could be a possibility and would be discussed further when the tenancy situation changed. EM informed there was a reducing carbon campaign with ELDC which could advise and he would enquire as to a contact name (Possibly Sarah Baker)
- b. Ben Wragg from InternetTY was given time at the start of the meeting to discuss the possibility of deploying a new gigabit capable Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) broadband network through the Government Gigabit Programme. The following points were noted
  - They are currently installing FTTP in Marshchapel and North Thoresby and have installed FTTP in Ludborough.
  - It may be possible to use the current infrastructure so no digging up the roads in the village but some civil works may be needed
  - The monthly fixed price cost of 100mb broadband is £20 with the option of adding a digital landline, including 24hr inclusive calls, is an extra £5.
  - Several villagers had already registered an interest online
  - School & Village Hall would get free Broadband
  - InternetTY are a local company with over 12,000 customers

It was agreed the company attend Party in the Park to hand out leaflets with a drop in event at the Village Hall the following day. This would give villagers the opportunity to obtain information and allow them to ask questions.

11. Date of next meeting Thursday 14th July 2022

Action Points

- ML - Contact Green Grass re cutting grass around bench  
ML - Laptop purchase and set up software etc  
ML - Audits to be emailed and uploaded to website  
EM - To look into reducing carbon campaign contacts  
RL - Update on Neighbourhood Plan