

## **FORNHAM ST MARTIN CUM ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on 14th May 2015, in the Village Hall, Fornham St Martin

### **MINUTES**

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor M Collier  
Councillor P Forster  
Councillor N Owen  
Councillor P Butler  
Councillor Mrs J Hubbard  
Councillor G Hubbard

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

The Clerk  
2 Members of the Public

#### **AGENDA ITEM**

##### **1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

On the proposition of Councillor Owen, seconded by Councillor Hubbard, Councillor Collier was elected as Chairman. There were no other nominations.

##### **2. CHAIRMAN SIGNS ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FORM**

The Chairman and fellow Councillors signed their forms at the planning meeting held on 13th May 2015

##### **3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - PCSO Teakle**

##### **4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

On the proposition of Councillor Collier, seconded by Councillor Butler, Councillor G Hubbard was elected as Vice-chairman. There were no other nominations.

##### **5. REGISTER OF ELECTORS**

Members would let the Clerk have their completed forms shortly (Councillor Owen handed his to the Clerk).

##### **6. MINUTES OF THE 2014 ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The Chairman signed the minutes as being a true record

##### **7. MATTERS ARISING – None**

##### **8. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF FOLLOWING**

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the status quo, being:-

TREE WARDEN- The Chairman

RIGHTS OF WAY – The Chairman

SALC – The Clerk and Councillor Hubbard

VILLAGE HALL – Councillor Butler

PLAYING FIELD – Councillor Forster

PLANNING – Councillors Owen, Butler and Mrs Hubbard.

##### **9. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th APRIL 2015**

The Chairman signed the minutes as being a true record.

##### **10. MATTERS ARISING**

###### **a. Rook issue**

The matter of rook damage to a car was actually parked at the rear of Fornham House

Mr Zarattini said he had posted details of the rook problem on "Street Life" a social media site which had received 22 responses. Councillors discuss this at length and decided that it would be a good idea to involve those parishioners who were suffering from the rooks and agreed to place a tear off questionnaire in the Bugle. This would gauge the strength of feeling. Councillor Hubbard would draft the notice for Councillor's approval. Mr Hilder pointed Councillors in the direction of the Suffolk Ornithology Group's Rookery Survey 2015

- b. Bus stop- bottom of Barton Hill  
Councillors had been given letters and emails relating to this issue which seems to have been held up by a rather petty H & S issue. Councillor Hopfensperger is on the case.
- c. Resurfacing Russell Baron Road  
Councillor Forster would let the Clerk know if the work has been completed.
- d. Flashing signs  
This was dealt with under Borough/County Councillor's Report
- e. Churchyard Maintenance grant  
Councillors unanimously agreed to grant £1,000.00, being the same as last year.
- d. Village Hall Electricity Grant  
Councillors unanimously agreed to make the £1000 grant towards the Hall's electricity consumption.  
Councillor Hubbard wondered if the Hall Committee had considered solar panels and/ or insulation.  
Councillor Butler would mention this at the next Hall Committee meeting.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

Many pieces of correspondence, not requiring replies, had been circulated to Councillors

Mr Zarattini's email of 23rd April was discussed, in particular to the Tollgate Interchange, which had been covered in Councillor Hopfensperger's report. This did prompt Councillors to query whether or not SCC/The Borough have made any provision for improvements at Station Hill interchange. The Clerk would email Councillor Hopfensperger to find the answer.

In Mr Zarattini's email of 3rd May, most items have been covered but with regard to a photographic record of the whole landscape, the Borough have flatly refused to even let the PC have photographs of trees which are under TPO's so there is not much hope for the "bigger picture".

The Chairman thanked Mr Zarattini for his input and suggestions throughout the year

**12. ACCOUNTS**

The following were presented and passed for payment:

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Great Barton Parish Council | Share of flyers re HUB      | 50.00  |
| Community Suffolk Action    | Subscription                | 30.00  |
| M & TJ's                    | Grass cutting/basal growths | 804.00 |
| Revenue and Customs         | PAYE                        | 88.80  |
| Denny Bros                  | Stationery                  | 90.89  |
| N Pitcher                   | Salary                      | 355.81 |
| N Pitcher                   | Postages & expenses         | 11.41  |

The Clerk reported that the VAT refund had been received in the sum of £1610.89 as had the precept in the sum of £20,000.00

Sundry matters:

Councillor Owen thought there was a time limit on how long one was allowed to display temporary notices. The Clerk would find out

The Chairman said the way in which the grass at the rear of the basal growth had been cut made a complete job and felt cutting the grass say twice or three times per year would be desirable. The Clerk would ask the contractors how much extra this would cost.

**DATE OF 2016 ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - 19th MAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WHICH COMMENCES AT 7:00PM**