



FRIDAYTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Fridaythorpe Parish Council
Monday 11th April 2016, 7.15pm
ABN Offices, Fridaythorpe**

Present: Cllr Daniel Scullane (DS) (Chair), Cllr Brendan O'Donnell (BOD) (VC), Cllr Ken Falkingham (KF), Cllr Sue Halfpenny (SH), Cllr Glynis Rees (GR), Cllr Sam Dunwell (SD), Cllr Kerry Noakes (KN)

No others in attendance.

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110416.01	<u>Welcome and Apologies</u> DS welcomed all to the meeting. No apologies had been received, however Cllr SH had not arrived when the meeting started (<i>note: SH arrived at approx. 7.30pm</i>). In the absence of a Clerk, SD volunteered to take the minutes of this meeting. DS commented that BOD will be running the London Marathon on 24 th April and donations for the charity he is running for can be given via Just Giving. BOD has also received local press coverage re his running.	
110416.02	<u>Open Forum for residents</u> No residents were in attendance.	
110416.03	<u>Declarations of interest</u> Interests were declared for agenda item 110416.04, fracking, from GR, SD and KN as they are members of the village interest group against fracking. It was recognised in SH's absence that she is also a member of this group. <i>Note, none are members of the Frack Free group.</i> No other declarations of interest were declared.	



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110416.04	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting and agreed actions</u></p> <p>Subject to the changes already proposed by SH, GR and SD the minutes of the February meeting were approved. DS proposed and BOD seconded. Action: SD to provide DS with updated version for uploading to website.</p> <p>The process for publishing the minutes was briefly discussed and it was agreed by all that the minutes should be produced as soon as possible after the meeting and circulated to councillors for accuracy comments prior to publishing the draft version to the public. The approval of the minutes at the following meeting will then be a much smoother process.</p> <p>The revised action plan was reviewed and updates provided for all outstanding actions. See action log for full detail.</p>	SD



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110416.05	<p><u>Hydraulic fracturing (fracking)</u></p> <p>DS asked if any councillors had further information to put forward regarding fracking before a vote was taken.</p> <p>GR advised that following the village meeting on fracking, attendees were asked whether they were for, against or not sure on fracking, of those that responded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">21 were against fracking1 not sure1 was in-between against and not sure0 were for fracking <p>Also following this meeting a letter, signed by 45 villagers, was sent to ERYC Head of Planning asking a series of questions on fracking. A response from ERYC has now been received and they have not answered any of the questions raised. The letter commented that ERYC were holding a closed meeting on 11 April and further information on ERYC policy on fracking would be published on their website in due course.</p> <p>SD commented that it has been reported in today's news that the Environment Agency have granted the necessary permits for Third Energy to undertake fracking in Ryedale.</p> <p>DS commented that the decision we take today will be done so without hearing industry's side. However, we have not yet been able to secure any dates to meet with them even though we have been trying to do so since the start of the year.</p> <p>DS proposed that the parish council set out a moratorium on fracking in Fridaythorpe parish boundary for the next 12 months at which time the council will review its decision. SH seconded the proposal. All councillors voted unanimously for this proposal.</p>	
110416.06	<p><u>Grievance policy</u></p> <p>Following discussion it was identified that this was one of the policies that was approved at the HR & Standards Committee meeting.</p>	



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110416.07	<p><u>Village facilities</u> DS asked SD and GR to give a brief overview of the facilities they are proposing.</p> <p><u>Children's play area</u> SD proposed that following recent comments made by villagers on social media and in person that the parish council should set up a project to take forward the work that previous Fridaythorpe parish council's had started on the provision of a play area. SD has already spoken with Bishop Wilton PC who have recently had a new play area installed and notes of that discussion have been circulated to councillors. Bishop Wilton PC are happy to meet with representatives from Fridaythorpe to discuss who they took forward their project. It was agreed that the provision of a children's play area was needed as there are now more children living in and around the village and that BOD and KN would lead this project and commence work straightaway.</p> <p><u>Village hall</u> GR informed councillors of the work she has done recently on researching the provision of a village hall. GR has spoken to other local villages who have a village hall (Bishop Wilton, Wetwang and Thixendale) to identify how they went about such a project, funds raised, on-going usage and costs associated with such a facility. Following these discussions it has been identified that the best way forward is to set up a separate charitable body to take forward this project as it would be too onerous for the PC to take forward and manage alone. It was agreed by all that this is the best course of action and that GR is to keep the PC updated on progress.</p>	<p>BOD & KN</p> <p>GR</p>
110416.08	<p><u>Correspondence</u> DS advised that there are only 2 pieces of critical correspondence that he is dealing with and these relate to the annual return for the auditors.</p>	
110416.09	<p><u>CONFIDENTIAL ITEM</u></p>	
110416.10	<p><u>Information Governance</u> It was agreed to defer this item to another meeting.</p>	SD
110416.11	<p><u>CONFIDENTIAL ITEM</u></p>	



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110416.12	<p><u>Recruitment update</u></p> <p>DS informed councillors that no-one had applied for the post of Clerk, however limited promotion of the vacancy had only been undertaken so far (on the website and in the newsletter). DS asked the councillors to consider paying for advertising and has spoken to West Wolds Radio who would advertise the post 4 times a day for X weeks for £120 [Post meeting note – West Wolds Radio announced on 12th April that they are closing down on Sat 16th April]</p> <p>KF informed councillors that he knows someone who may help out on a short term basis whilst we continue with the recruitment. This individual is a retired Clerk from a town council. It was agreed that KF should speak to the individual to see if they would be willing to help.</p>	KF
110416.13	<p><u>Update on meeting dates</u></p> <p>The Annual Parish Meeting will be taking place on 25th April, by law DS as Chairman of the PC has to attend, but no other councillor has to be in attendance. This is the annual meeting of the village, so councillors can attend in their capacity as a villager, if they wish.</p> <p>The Annual Meeting of the Council will be taking place on 9th May. This is different to the APM and by law has to take place with all councillors in attendance. The meeting is to appoint the Chair and Vice Chair and to decide on the Committee appointments. DS advised the PC that he will not be standing for re-election of Chair of the PC.</p>	
	The meeting closed at 9pm	