**PARISH COUNCIL OF FRIDAYTHORPE (FPC) – FINAL MARCH Version**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 19:30 hrs at ABN.**

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Hemesley and assisted by the clerk.

Present: Cllrs Hemesley, Dunwell and Falkingham. Two members of the public were in attendance – Ms Alison Spencer and Ms Glynis Rees.

**OPEN FORUM**

Meeting started at 19:31 hrs

* + - 1. **Welcome and Apologies** – Councillor Hemesley welcomed the two members of the public to the meeting.
      2. **Declarations of Interest** – None.
      3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Signed as a true and accurate record by the Chairman.
      4. **Matters Arising**

**Defibrillator Issue**

Councillor Hemesley informed all that he has now agreed with Yorkshire ambulance service to be “guardian” of the 2 Defibrillators sited in the village, he had now looked at these machines to ascertain the serviceability of them.

The first is situated at the Seaways Café and is owned and maintained by Yorkshire Ambulance, This machine is working ok.

The second machine is situated on the wall at entrance to Back Street off the main A166 road. This machine is not working and has now been removed for diagnosis. A new machine would likely cost about £1000 plus to replace.

**Action – The unserviceable machine is now being looked at by Yorkshire Ambulance to see if it can be repaired and brought back into use. Any repairs will have to be paid for by the FPC. It is intended to organise some training in the use of these machines at some point in time. Dates / Venue to be confirmed at a later date.**

**Memorial Bench**

As at this moment in time a firm decision as to where to site this bench has not been reached.

**Action - Cllr Falkingham to revisit this and let the FPC know the outcome at the next meeting in May.**

**Common Land**

As yet, Cllr Hemesley has not found any paperwork re exactly what “Guardianship” of the village common ground entails other than maintain the grass cutting of such.

**Action – Anyone with relevant information with regards the Common Land to send or give to Cllr Hemesley.**

**Banking Situation**

The FPC have been in the process of updating its authorised signatories to the FPC account with Barclays. The new clerk updated the meeting with a continued problem regarding paperwork needed to allow this to happen and until such time as it is resolved, the FPC is unable to sign off monies needed to support the FPC’s activities. Councillor Dunwell after looking at the last submissions to the bank believes that she has possibly found out were the misunderstanding is and has agreed to speak to Barclays to try and resolve this matter.

**Action - Cllr Dunwell to speak to the bank and provide feedback as soon as possible.**

**Speeding Equipment**

After a small discussion it was decided that this matter should now be removed from the last minutes as no action was required.

**Action – Removed.**

**BT Phone Box**

Again after a small discussion it was decided that this matter can now be removed from the Minutes as action required.

**Action – Removed.**

**Notice Boards**

Councillor Falkingham updated the meeting with what is happening to repair the second notice board situated opposite the filling station / shop. Repairs will be undertaken soon and there will be no costs for this.

**Action – Councillor Falkingham to keep the PC updated as to when this action has been completed.**

* + - 1. **Accounts**

Currently the latest bank statements have yet to be received from Barclays due to the problems mentioned above. Therefore were no payments or receipts have been made / received.

**Action – Once the Banking situation has been resolved then the Bank will be asked for copies of the latest statements to be forwarded to the new clerk. He will then ensure that the latest statement of affairs is signed off by the Chairman as soon as possible.**

* + - 1. **Festive Fridaythorpe:**

The sleigh that the parish council now own is currently being stored at a local farm but the owner has requested that this be moved elsewhere for long term storage.

**Action - Cllr Falkingham to source a potential storage solution for this.**

* + - 1. **Recruitment of Councillors**

Cllr Hemesley stated that the parish council need to be active in recruiting new councillors as currently there are only three councillors. Cllr Dunwell confirmed that there are currently four current vacancies.

**Action - Clerk to continue to promote this through the medium of the social media Facebook account and also posters on the notice boards.**

* + - 1. **Precept**

**Budgets**

No changes to the previous update. The FPC requested the amount of £4500 to be given over by ERYC for this purpose. A more detailed breakdown to be given at the next meeting.

**Action – Clerk to ensure Budget information is put on the agenda of the next meeting.**

**Grass Cutting**

The issue of grass cutting was discussed as per previous meeting. It was noted that the current contractor took over this role several years ago, and agreed to charge the same rate as the previous service provider. Since this time there has been no increase in fees. It was also noted that due to limited resources within the Parish Council we would be unable to run a professional tender for this service in the current financial year.

It was also noted that, as raised in the last meeting, there is a lack of control over the number of times the current service provider cuts the grass, and therefore a lack of control over spend in this area.

It was further noted that implementing a system whereby the Parish Council had to authorise each cut of the grass would be unworkable, as the council only meets once every two months.

It was agreed that we would continue with the current contractor, who has agreed to maintain the same price per cut as last year. However the budget allocated to this would be equal to ten cuts of the grass for the year. If the contractor felt that the grass required more than ten cuts, this would need to be authorised by the Parish Council prior to the work being carried out.

Grass cutting was discussed again and it was agreed that the previous sum of £1850 should be set aside in 2017 to ensure that the grass was to be cut at least but no more than 10 times in 2017. Everyone was happy that the existing contractor had done an excellent job of grass cutting in 2016 and that he should be asked to do the same in 2017.

**Action – Chairman to inform the contractor of this decision.**

**Village Activities/ Projects**

A vote of thanks to Mrs Cath Dyson was tabled regarding her efforts in maintaining the area around her property and setting an excellent example to all in the village.

It was agreed that the 02nd April should be promulgated for the village tidy event to be held.

**Action – Details of the Action day village clean up to be published on notice boards as well as on the Facebook Social media channel.**

**Dog Waste Bags**

The FPC was aware that Dog Fouling was a matter of concern to all. Most dog owners were very good at cleaning up after their dogs but currently the dispenser of free dog bags sited by the bus shelter is now empty. Once the banking situation has been resolved money will be made available for the purchase of more bags.

**Action – Order more Dog Bags as soon as the banking issue is resolved.**

**Parking in Back Street / Village green area**

The chairman raised the matter of Parking in the area around the village green. He and others in the village noted that private cars generally belonging to visitors to the village parked on one side of the area against the kerb but on some occasions people had also parked on the grass area opposite. This then caused problems for local farmers trying to manoeuvre their equipment in and out of their farm areas. So discussion then took place how best to help inform visitors only to park next to the kerb. It was decided to produce some simple signs reminding people not to park on the grass areas but to park next to the kerb. This information could also be passed onto many of the local walkers – such as the Pocklington Walkers group – for dissemination to their members if using this area for their activities. The chairman will also write to farmers to get their take on this matter and see what they think.

**Action – Chairman to write to farmers re this matter. The clerk to speak to Alison Spencer and get details of the Pocklington Walkers group to then make contact with them. In the meantime investigate how simple signs can be produced to inform visitors not to park on the grass areas.**

**What is happening to the old Pub**

The chairman raised the matter of what’s happening to the old public house known as the Farmers Arms on the corner of Back Street and the A166. He said that many people were concerned as the pub now looked terrible and gave visitors to the village a poor impression of Fridaythorpe and its immediate environs. The building has been boarded up and entrances blocked off as a deterrent to vandalization and possible Insurance claims by the owners. After some investigation, the chairman said that building was owned by Reubens Bros and was classed as a commercial property and as such was not under the jurisdiction of the ERYC per se. They stated however that if the owners did decide to demolish the property then they would probably approve such an action but other than that they had no power to force the owners to improve the property from its current state. The chairman suggested canvassing the village for their opinion of the building and what they would like to happen to it, or could it be put to use for something else?

Action – Chairman to draft up something re what happens next to try and improve things.

* + - 1. **Correspondence**

Insurance

The clerk reminded the parish council that the insurance renewal payment is now due and that the Insurance company were starting to deman action. The previous clerk had reached an agreement with them that they would wait for payment until the end of January. All were aware that the situation was being exacerbated by the banking problem and as an interim measure – the chairman offered to pay the cost of the policy now and be reimbursed by the FYC as soon as the banking matter was resolved.

**ACTION: Clerk to forward contact details, account numbers etc to Cllr Hemesley and he will phone the Insurance company, if necessary paying for the premium himself and reclaiming this once the bank details are sorted.**

* + - 1. **Date of next Meeting –** 09th May 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:58 hrs.

Signed as a true and correct record,

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