

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Freeland Village Hall in the Newell Room at 7:30PM on Monday 14th November 2022.

Members Present:

Cllr R Faulkner, Cllr M Canning, Cllr A Bird, Cllr P Foster, Cllr B Phillips, Cllr A Jackson, District Cllr A Al-Yousuf, County Cllr Liam Walker Clerk Fay Friend. Additionally 2 members of the public were in attendance.

1. **To receive apologies for absence-** Apologies for lateness have been received from Cllr A Jackson. Cllr P Hatwell sent in his letter of resignation and notification was posted on the Notice Board.
2. **To receive Declaration of interest in agenda items-** Cllr A Jackson signed her interest with item 7 due to her connection to Freeland Friends and will not vote on any matter under this item.
3. **To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th October 2022** – It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes were signed as a true record.
4. **Public Participation session-** neither of the 2 members of the public present wish to participate.
5. **To discuss and agree any actions for urgent business-** there were no urgent business matters to be discussed.  
Botley West solar farm – to note the public meeting arranged for 23<sup>rd</sup> of November at Hanborough Pavilion.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes.**  
(a) To choose a noticeboard company for new board by the Primary School  
After a brief discussion it was **RESOLVED** to go with the quote from Harry Stebbings additionally including the words “Freeland Parish Council”.
7. **To note the meeting for Inspired Villages inquiry-** Roger gave the council a brief update with the current position and extra dates that will now be held online due to running over. The council would like to say a massive thank you to Mike and Amy for all their hard work. Additionally to all from Freeland Friends for their support and continued efforts.
8. **To note the public meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October and how it went-** The council were pleased with the turnout both in person and online. It was apparent that we need a new microphone/camera. Clerk to contact Peter Newell about getting a microphone and speaker system that is compatible with the village hall.
9. **To discuss and receive update on new/ existing planning applications.**  
Planning application for 3 Wroslyn Road- the council wish to make no comments  
Planning application for Land south of Shaston was approved.  
Planning application for Northfield was approved with the key factor still being the 5 year land supply.  
Upgrades to the Telecoms- are looking to submit planning application.  
  
County Councillor confirmed that 20MPH application consultation would not need to be funded by the parish.
10. **To receive updates from District and County Councillors.**  
Liam spoke about the changes to the boundary constituency and how at the next general election Freeland will have a new MP and be part of the Bicester and Woodstock constituency. Liam thanked all of those fighting the inspired villages appeal.
11. **To discuss and approve financial matters.**  
(a) To approve invoices for payment.- It was **RESOLVED** to pay the account presented proposed by Peter, seconded by Mary-Ann and all in favour.

The following invoices are requested to be approved for payment:			
BACS Ref Number	To whom paid	Details	Amount (£)
BACS 118	Fay Friend	Clerk's salary - November	
BACS 119	Rendall Garden Servises	october	105.00
BACS 120	fay friend	Expenses	20.50
BACS 121	Roger Faulkner	Expenses	127.67
BACS 122	dpa	lighting survey	3,600.00
BACS 123	Roger Faulkner	Expenses	213.85
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>4,067.02</b>

(b) To approve bank reconciliation.- – It was **RESOLVED** to approve the bank reconciliation. This was signed Bill.

(c) To review the income and expenditure for the year to date.- Reports were noted

(d) To approve 2023-2024 budgets – after a brief discussion it was **RESOLVED** to approve the amended proposal with the precept figure remaining the same 2022-2023 meaning a 0% increase. Proposed by Bill, Seconded by Peter and all in favour.

(e) To approve quote for removal of tree along footpath adjacent to 5 Busby Close.- It was **RESOLVED** that the council are happy for the resident to cut the tree down but the council would not fund this.

(f) Any other financial business – the Clerk's National pay rise was noted.

**12. To discuss and adopt new policies – review every Parish Council election.**

(a) Vexatious Complaints Policy – this policy was adopted

(b) Dignity at work policy - this policy was adopted

(c) Code of conduct - this policy was adopted

(d) Civility and respect Pledge - this policy was adopted

(e) Standing orders 2022 version - this policy was adopted

(f) Meeting with developers - this policy was deferred to December meeting as additional changes are still required.

(g) GDPR policy update - this policy was adopted

**13. PARISH COUNCIL STANDING ITEMS:**

(a) Play Areas/Playing Field/Play Equipment Book – there are still issues with the slide clerk to approach Perrin for repairs.

(b) Village Maintenance- donations of saplings- 4 saplings have been kindly donated from a in the village. It has been noted that a few of the memorial trees plaques and posts are missing and need replacing. Mary-Ann and clerk to check all 15 trees and plaques. Footpath 4 had an issue with one of the styles by Robert's fields. Robert has kindly completed the repairs already.

The hedge at number 1 Church View still requires cutting back. Council have asked for reminder letter to be sent.

A resident has sent in a message about the hedge in the Village Hall car park. The council have agreed to get this cut and will add it onto a yearly cycle.

Along Wroslyn Road there is a gathering of wet leaves, especially between Broadmarsh Lane and the pub. Bill has kindly agreed to remove them. Thanks were given to Bill.

**14. To receive reports from councillors representing the Council on outside meetings.**

The Village Hall Sustainability Group have been in contact and are considering solar panels with battery storage on the changing rooms and a ground source heat pump under the car park. Additionally the village hall are looking to get the floor sanded in the new year.

**15. To note the date of next Parish Council meeting 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

The meeting closed at 09:46PM