

Flagg Parish Council

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13th September 2016
Held in the Village Hall, Flagg at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Jean Dicken (Chair) In attendance: Laura McNulty (Clerk)
Cllr Jim Harris
Cllr Sue Naylor Apologies: None
Cllr Mavis Mycock
Cllr Val Palfreyman Members of the Community: Cllr David Chapman, AM,
MO, DO, BM, GM, BB, BW,
AW, MR, ER, AM, JM, RB

01/09/16

Planning

On 08/08/16 a letter was sent to the PDNP Planning department in support of the planning application at the Knackers Yard and directly contradicting a letter sent by the Parish Clerk. This letter had been sent with a Parish Council heading, written by Cllr Mycock, signed by Cllr Mycock, Cllr Palfreyman and Cllr Dicken, and 'pp'd' on behalf of Cllr Naylor. Unfortunately no copies of this letter were sent to either Cllr Harris or the Parish Clerk. This letter was found to be both personally and professionally inflammatory by the Clerk. Due to the nature of the letter, the PDNP Planning committee had postponed a decision on the planning application until October.

Cllr Harris had no prior knowledge of this letter and stands firmly behind the clerks letter stating the agreement of the Parish Council to object to the planning application for the Knackers Yard. Cllr Dicken has retracted her consent of the second letter and agrees to the content of the clerk's letter as being accurate, and has personally written to the PDNP to state this. Cllr Naylor has also retracted her consent to the second letter and agrees that the objection to the planning application is valid. However, Cllr Mycock believes that her letter is accurate. Cllr Palfreyman agrees with Cllr Mycock.

Due to the untenable position that this places the clerk in, LM submitted her resignation with immediate effect. LM agreed to continue taking the minutes of this meeting in the absence of a volunteer.

Action: New Clerk to be employed as a matter of urgency. Job description to include all Parish website responsibilities.

There followed a discussion of the 'merits' and profound objections to the second letter. Members of the community were invited to share their views. Cllr Naylor read out a short speech retracting her part in the second letter and explained her professional and personal views. Cllr Naylor also asked that members of the community become more involved in all aspects of village life, including making a positive contribution.

A vote was taken to gauge support for the planning application at the Knackers Yard. Three councillors wished to express objections to the proposed plans, whilst two councillors remained in favour. Councillors requested LM to send these views on to the PDNP Planning Department

Action: LM to write to PDNP Planning with views.

Note: LM wrote via email on 14/09/16

- 02/09/16 **Minutes of the last meeting**
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th July 2016 were proposed as accurate by Cllr Naylor, seconded by Cllr Harris and signed as correct by Cllr Dicken. Cllr Mycock expressed concern that she felt the minutes were inaccurate and did not fully cover a discussion held at the end of the meeting, about the Knackers Yard planning application. Cllr Palfreyman agreed with Cllr Mycock.
- 03/09/16 **Matters Arising**
EE – Feedback from JM: EE feel that a more appropriate alternative to the option of a micro-network is to ‘tweak’ the mast at Taddington. No further action is likely from EE. Coverage remains patchy.

Defibrillator – No feedback.

‘No Parking’ sign has been removed by Cllr Harris from the recycling site. The fence is to be removed.
- 04/09/16 **Finance**
Nothing to report.

All Councillors completed ‘Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests’ forms for submission to DDDC and to be put on the Parish website.
- 05/09/16 **Correspondence and Planning**
The following planning applications have been received:
None

The following planning decisions have been received:
None

Correspondence included:
 - Notification from PDNP of ‘Annual Parishes Day’ on 24/09/16
 - Notification from Nat West on changes to banking terms – no direct effect
 - Return of Annual Return – certified by Grant Thornton UK LLP
 - Emails re proposed closure of Newholme hospital
 - Emails re conferences available to attend
 - Emails from DALC
- 06/09/16 **Open Session**
Held at the beginning of the meeting.

Any Other Business
Newholme
The Parish Council have been notified of the intention to close Newholme hospital in Bakewell which offers out-patient and respite care. Cllr Mycock has attended a meeting in Bakewell. Councillors have individually signed various online petitions objecting to the proposed closure. Councillors unanimously requested that LM write to the NHS on behalf of FPC objecting to the closure.

Action: LM to write to NHS objecting to closure of Newholme Hospital
Note: LM wrote via email on 14/09/16

W3Z

This local company offering internet connections has volunteered to donate £50 toward the cost of a defibrillator, for every new contract signed in Flagg. Cllr Naylor is keeping a list to ensure monies are accurately donated.

Village Pond

Cllr Naylor asked if anyone would have an objection to reinstating the village pond. All Councillors thought it an excellent idea. Cllr Naylor to discuss with the PDNP Planning Department.

Pot Holes

There are pot holes in the road near the power station.

Action: LM to contact DCC requesting filling

Note: LM contacted Call Derbyshire on 14/09/16

Peak Advertiser

Cllr Naylor wishes to pass on the responsibility of delivering the Peak Advertiser. Should anyone be interested in helping, please contact Sue. Cllr Mycock volunteered to deliver to a portion of the village.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm

Date of next meeting: **Tuesday 8th November 2016 at 7:30pm in Flagg Village Hall**

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____