

Minutes of Freston Parish Meeting held on 18.05.2016 in Village Hall at 7pm

Present 14 residents

Welcome.

Minutes of previous year. Minutes of the parish meeting held on 16th June 2015 were signed as a true record

Matters arising. None

Chairman's report

The Parish Council met 6 times. We meet every third Wednesday every other month and produce Freston News on the other month. We have recently published our 50th Freston News.

We dealt with 4 planning applications and are looking into drawing up a neighbourhood plan.

We ran a Christmas children's party. It is intended that we will run another one this year and we have decided to ask Woolverstone children as well. Years ago when there was a village school the children were often taken to the pantomime the farm workers also had a dinner. I hope the children's Christmas party will continue.

Richard Harvey and Colin Buxton did a great job in painting the Telephone Kiosk and thanks also to Janice for putting hanging baskets up. It now has books inside that residents can borrow and also can donate books. It has children's books in it as well.

The Bus Shelter has been run into again. This is an ongoing issue. Some of you may not know that Freston commissioned a report on this junction. It recommended a roundabout .If any resident wishes to read it please contact me. I am sorry to report that the local authorities believe it is more important to build houses than provide safe infrastructure.

We decided to support Woolverstone on their application to go for a judicial review to challenge the decision to build all those houses at Ganges. We did this as we do not agree that the plans for Freston X-roads are safe for Freston Residents particularly those who use the buses. We decided to offer Woolverstone £500 towards their costs. They have produced a letter asking for donations. These will be delivered to all houses in Freston. I have some here if you would like to take one. The hearing is in July and it will last two days.

I would like to thank all the parish council and the village hall committee for all that they do for the village. Especially to our Treasurer John Dovey and our internal auditor Andrew Whittle

As some of you will have seen we now have a website. You can find the agenda and minutes of all the Freston Parish Councils meetings plus copies of Freston News. We also have a parish council e-mail address that you will find on the website and at the end of Freston News.

Treasurer's report. On file. (Accounts on Freston Parish Council website)

Village Hall representative Clare Fisk reported that they were waiting to proceed with refurbishing the kitchen. She said that they were looking into installing goal posts so that children could play football on the field behind the village hall.

Report from councillors

Report from Cllr David Wood on file.

Cllr Peter Patrick reported that Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils were working more closely together, common strategy. They have to make cuts as shortfall of 1million this year 2 million next year. He explained that talks are ongoing re devolution but Cambridge is not happy. He said that BDC wished development on the Ganges site. BDC are encouraging more house building. BDC were trying to keep rates down. They were drawing up a list of what is owned by BDC. He said that the CEO had given in her notice. They hope to have a new one by the beginning of 2017.

Cllr Derek Davis explained that he was on the planning committee at BDC. He said the Brantham planning application had been granted. This area had been identified for Tourism

AOB from Freston Residents Questions were raised about the safety at Freston X- roads.

Meeting finished at 7-45pm