

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SCHOOLROOM ON
12th MARCH 2024 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Miss Freya Davies, Mr Geoff Fellows, Mr Tom Higginson, Mr Geoff Holden, Mr Simon Levell, Mrs Chris Littlewood, Mr John Thomason
 4 Members of the public present

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Councillors: Mrs Kathryn Baines, Mr Kev Beasley
 Unitary Cllrs Mr Phil Bignell and Mr Charles Morton

Chair: Mrs Christine Littlewood

1007.0 **Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct, regarding business tabled for discussion.** Nothing declared.

1008.0 **Public Forum:** for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors

- Unitary Cllr Bignell sent through a report which included, SEND, Litter, Fostering, Housing Allocation and community spaces – noted.
- Resident: Tree planting on the bypass – when is this and could any volunteers help out – Clerk to ask.
- Resident: Nether Lane pot holes. When repaired, would they install kerb between grass and road. This is not likely to happen, they would just repair the holes
- Resident: Had come along to support the biodiversity policy and answer any questions she could.

1009.0 **To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th February 2024.** The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

1010.0 **Outstanding items - updates** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

- Flood Warden: Noted that many drains/ditches had been reported as requiring work. No reports from High Street and Climate Groups
- Bovis site. It is believed the bin will remain and possibly another bin being installed. They will be emptied by the management company
- Bypass tree planting. Noted correspondence that an inspection has been carried out with a programme of work being undertaken in Autumn 2024
- Annual Parish Meeting. Noted speakers for APM.

1011.0 **GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

1011.1 Gov.uk Domain. Cllr Fellows and Clerk advised about the recent course. Council not minded to undertake this at present but would wait to see how it progresses.

1011.2 Biodiversity Policy. The Council thanked the Climate Group for their help with the Biodiversity Policy, which was discussed. **Resolved:** To adopt the policy. Clerk

1011.3 Consultation: Air Quality. No comments from FPC

1011.4 Kier Tree Draw. Agreed to submit an application for 10 trees. Clerk

1011.5 Seat in bus shelter. Clerk to obtain prices for installing a seat in the bus shelter and agenda April. Clerk

1012.0 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1012.1 Finance update. It was reported that as at 29th February the Council had £39,811.06 in the bank account. There was no income received. There were no matters arising. Figures accepted.

1012.2 Internal Control. Cllr Holden had looked through the paperwork, including bank statements, and confirmed all present and correct.

1013.0 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

SSE	Street light electricity supply (Feb)	153.01
Halkett	Salary	724.65
HMRC	PAYE	201.60
Halkett	Office rent	17.00
Design to Print	Messenger	132.00

NCALC	Training course	50.40
Millennium Hall	Rent for library Jan-Mar	75.00
Norse	New bin emptying	380.16
Weedon Bec PC	Office costs incl tel/broadband	102.80
ICO	Data protection annual fee	40.00
SSE	Street electricity lighting (DD)	153.01
Stephen Drinkwater	Installation of the bin on Nether Lane	84.00
Total		1960.62

1014.0 PLANNING

- 1014.1 Application 2024/0844/LBC. White Cottage. 7 Sutton Street. Listed Building Consent for total re-thatching of roof to dwelling. The Council has no objections to this work which conforms with the Neighbourhood Plan, will enhance the property and not affect the street scene
- 1014.2 Application: 2024/1289/FULL. 12 Sears Close. Single storey rear extension and related external works. The Council has no objections to this application which conforms to the Neighbourhood Plan and will not affect the street scene.
- 1014.3 Local Settlement Plan. Agreed to submit a response on this. Cllr Higginson to draft up response which will be sent to all Cllrs prior to submission

Cllr
Higginson/
Clerk**1015.0 REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS**

- 1015.1 Brodie Lodge. Nothing to report
- 1015.2 Millennium Hall. Nothing to report
- 1015.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund: Cllr Fellows advised that Flagstaff No 4 needs work. Agenda for April
- 1015.4 Charities: Richard Capell meeting held 12 March. Money distributed to the School and Churches youth programmes.

Agenda

1016.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. Bovis/Residents Correspondence regarding bin. 1010
- b. WNC Updated on tree planting on bypass. 1010
- c. NCALC Cabinet Office course to enable PC to have a .gov.uk domain 1011.1
- d. WNC Consultation - air quality. 1011.3
- e. WNC Offer of 10 trees to plant up woodland. 1011.4
- f. WNC Planning applications x 2. 1014.1/2
- g. WNC Local Settlement Plan for the village. 1014.3

NCALC Updates and Training
WNC Town & Parish Briefing
WNC Media Updates
WNC weekly planning register
ACRE newsletter

1017.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

WNC. Work to structure on bypass. Noted.

EDF: Notification that they had submitted a discharge of condition application for noise, rights of way and construction management, and are looking to submit an application for underground cabling shortly.

Date of next meetings: 9th April, APM 23rd April

Items for inclusion on next meeting's agenda.

Flood Warden, Climate Group, High Street work updates
Richard Capell Charity appointment of Trustee should it be needed
Flagstaff No 4 replacement/repair
Bus shelter seats

The meeting closed at 2025 hrs