

## **FULL SUTTON & SKIRPENBECK PARISH COUNCIL**

The minutes of the Meeting of Full Sutton & Skirpenbeck Parish Council held in The Main Lecture Room of the Training Centre, HMP Full Sutton at 7.00pm Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Due to the absence of the Chairman P Kite, Vice Chairman R Westmoreland stepped in to Chair the meeting. The Clerk had received the resignation of Cllr C Wakefield.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Ward Councillor Andy Burton, Alan Barker (ERNLLCA) and 16 members of the public were present. The meeting was video recorded.

Andy Burton stated that the Speed Reactive signs should be ready in the next fortnight and he will pass on details as and when he has them. The biggest cost is setting them up and taking them down so they would need to be in place for some time. There is no guarantee of when the Parish will be able to use one as there is a large rural area to cover. A few Parishes had talked about buying one jointly, he will find out more information and pass on to the Clerk. He also suggested contacting the Police and the Camera Safety Partnership.

A parishioner was attending to ask for permission to place a for sale board on the Village Green, the sign had already been erected, he stated that he would maintain the sign and keep the grass cut around it. This is to be discussed later in the Agenda. He also mentioned the low flying aircraft taking off and landing at the airfield. They do not seem to be following the designated routes and they are taking off and landing after dark. Clerk to contact the enforcement officer and copy in Andy Burton.

A parishioner made a complaint regarding the Children's speeding signs that had been put up around the village, she stated that the signs were distracting for drivers. The parishioner also complained about the Transport survey stating that she had not been given enough time to fill it in and that the questions did not cover visitors coming into the village. Andy Burton stated that the Transport survey was an ongoing process and there had been a good response. Concerns raised that prison visitors were not catered for by public transport were addressed by a Councillor who had researched the public transport available and found that it was perfectly possible to make use of it to get to the prison at the correct times. Also prison visitors can claim subsidised transport from the MOJ.

A parishioner read out a letter of complaint regarding the content of Cllr Strangeway's website and blogs. She had spent some time researching the subjects of his complaints and questioned his conduct and motives saying that his website was very misleading. The letter will be filed with the Minutes.

A member of the public from outside the Parish asked if the Agenda was posted on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of February, the Clerk replied that it was posted to the noticeboards and Website on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of February giving 3 clear days between posting and the meeting. The member of the public disputed this saying that Saturday was not counted. Alan Barker (ERNLLCA) confirmed that Saturday was indeed counted and the meeting had been called legally.

Former Councillor C Wakefield read out his resignation email, in it he stated that he hoped that the relationship built between the Parish Council and the Prison had not been adversely affected by the tone of AS's blogs.

A parishioner stated that Cllr Strangeway did not seem to want to represent the people. Andy Burton stated that Cllr Strangeway seemed to have his own Agenda at the Wolds/Weighton liaison meeting raising issues not relevant to Full Sutton & Skirpenbeck Parishes and that his attitude was not very helpful.

A Parishioner stated that all the feedback she had seen about the children's signs was positive, the only comments being that they should be bigger and brighter. She also said that the Parish Council had been more active in the villages putting on community events and she considered the blogs by AS unhelpful.

A parishioner stated that there was obviously conflict within the Parish Council and asked if there was any way a Parish Councillor could be sacked? Alan Barker (ERNLLCA) stated that the Code of Conduct was useless and due to a change in law by the previous government Parish Councillors could no longer be sacked.

In reply to the questions and criticisms Cllr Strangeway asked for them to be emailed to him and talked about anti corruption and calling an extra ordinary meeting.

The meeting commenced at 19.59

1. **Present:** Vice Chairman R Westmoreland and Cllrs S Westmoreland, A Davies, M Dale, A Strangeway and the Clerk. Apologies received from Chairman P Kite.
2. **Code of Conduct.**
  - To receive Declarations of Interest from members of the Council on matters relating to the Agenda. AS declared an interest in Item 11 and Item 16 HMP Full Sutton.
  - To note the granting of any dispensations to members of the Council on matters relating to the Agenda. There were no Dispensations.
3. The Minutes of the Full Sutton & Skirpenbeck Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were confirmed and signed. There was some discussion, AS raised an objection to the minutes being signed due to an omission of his objection to the Transport Survey going ahead and a complaint regarding the minutes that he currently has ongoing with the council. Due to his objection being a part of a discussion regarding the Survey and the Clerk not being told by him that it was to be noted and advice from Alan Barker from ERNLLCA that the Minutes needed to be accepted for the meeting to proceed, the complaint being a separate issue, RW proposed that the Minutes be accepted, this was seconded by AD and passed by 4 votes to 1.
4. Ward Councillor Andy Burton spoke in the Open Forum.
5. **Planning.** The Councillors discussed the Planning Application for a two storey extension to the rear and Dormers to the front at The Grange, Full Sutton, York, East Riding of Yorkshire, YO41 1HN. Applicant: Mr N Holloway. Type: Full Planning Permission. AS proposed the application be passed without comment. RW seconded and the vote carried unanimously.
6. The Councillors discussed giving the Clerk authority to pay all necessary accounts (including Wages) in the event of an emergency/signatories not being available. There was a lengthy discussion, AS asked for examples of Emergencies and stated that rules should be discussed and put in place. The Clerk explained that the nature of an emergency is that it is unknown and could not be predicted. Only necessary accounts would be paid to keep the Parish Council from being in debt, for example the Website, Telephone, grass cutting etc. Also the Clerks wages would need to be paid to keep the Parish Council running. This would be in accordance with Section 101 of the Local Government Act. AD proposed that the Clerk should have devolved responsibility for the general running of the Parish Council (payment of bills and wages) in the event of an emergency/signatories being available. SW seconded and the vote carried 4 to 1.
7. The Councillors discussed the appointment of an Internal Auditor. The Clerk had managed to find Emma Fletcher who had quoted £150 to £200 depending on time taken to complete

the Audit. AS asked if 3 quotes should have been obtained. The Clerk explained that she had exhausted all contacts. Alan Barker (ERNLLCA) stated that there was a national shortage of Internal Auditors and the price seemed competitive and the Clerk had attempted to secure quotations. ERNLLCA is to provide the Parish Council with a job description for the Internal Auditor. AS proposed that Emma Fletcher be appointed. This was seconded by SW and the vote carried unanimously.

8. **Finance.** Payment was authorised on the following accounts:

- 1&1 Internet Ltd – Parish Website - Direct Debit - £23.99.
- SureVoIP – Parish Telephone – Direct Debit January - £6.00
- SureVoIP – Parish Telephone – Direct Debit February - £6.00
- ERNLLCA Chairmanship Course – Chairman Kite – BACS - £54.00
- ERYC – Grounds Maintenance, The Green, Full Sutton – BACS - £313.67  
The Clerk to contact ERYC to ask if the Parish Council can obtain quotes for the maintenance of the Green.
- C M Miles-Findlay – Total Wages February 2016 – BACS - £387.60  
AS asked why the Clerks wages were so much higher than previous months. The Clerk explained that it was due to the 28 emails over and above normal emails sent by AS containing numerous requests/complaints. This had caused over 17 hours of extra work. Alan Barker (ERNLLCA) advised that the discussion was venturing into a confidential area, an Item will be placed on the Agenda for discussion at the next meeting. RW proposed the hours should be accepted, AD seconded and payment was passed unanimously.

9. AS began his report regarding the Wolds/Weighton liaison meeting by saying it was unacceptable for FSSPC to have to rent the speeding sign from ERYC when Stamford Bridge and Fangfoss have a permanent one. RW and AD confirmed that they had actually bought them. AS reported that Cuadrilla had approached Everingham PC regarding a fracking license.

At this point in the meeting SW resigned as a Councillor and read out a resignation letter. In it she stated that recent events had overshadowed the work of the Parish Council and she was astounded by the claims made by one particular Councillor.

MD stated that he had been a Councillor for 10 years and had never seen such appalling behaviour from a fellow Councillor and handed the Clerk his resignation letter.

AD read out a letter of resignation stating that he found the recent actions of AS to be distressing, negatively affecting his ability to work with him in a positive and constructive manner.

RW resigned as Vice Chairman and Councillor, he read out a letter stating that he had been a Parish Councillor for over 10 years and was saddened that a fellow Councillor had been able to create such bad feeling within the PC and seemed not to want to work for the benefit of the community.

As the PC was no longer quorate the meeting was closed at 20.50. The Clerk will inform the Returning officer and post notices to notice boards. The Clerk will keep the Parish updated via notice boards, website and the Community facebook group.

Signed.....Chairman      Date.....

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