

**Foul登 Parish Council**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**Parish Clerk report**

1. Relating to agenda point 6. I have received one application for the Councillor vacancy from the VHM. No councillors can be employed by the council. The VHM is aware of this and would like to continue the VHM role on a voluntary basis alongside being a councillor, should they be accepted. This can be seen in their application.
2. Relating to agenda point 10a. I have received a request from Cllr Pye for the meeting dates 9<sup>th</sup> March and 9<sup>th</sup> November to be amended to 2<sup>nd</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> November, as he will otherwise be unable to attend.
3. Relating to agenda point 10b. After double checking with Cllr Pye regarding responsibilities it became apparent that he no longer wished to reduce his responsibilities and as I had not received anything formally, I would appreciate the council allowing this error to be amended in the minutes.
4. Relating to agenda point 11. The signage has now been put up on the recreation ground as discussed at the last meeting, however the posts are not as high as those quoted in the last meeting. Cllr West has offered to amend this should the council feel it necessary.  
There has also been a query regarding the sign near the Vicarage Road entry. I have contacted Breckland Council and they have responded that "whilst they maintain the grass area between the fence and the road, they have no ownership rights". I have also found a photo from the 1980's showing a larger sign nearer to the road as well as a map from the FHS land showing the recreation ground. It would appear the fence does not run in line with the boundary.
5. Relating to agenda point 12a. I have received a response back from the CCTV company. Agreeing to the maintenance agreement at £65 + VAT. Means they will clean and check the cameras annually, as well as giving a 24hr priority call out (as discussed at the last meeting). In addition to this, customers receive a reduced call out rate of £55+VAT for the 1<sup>st</sup> half hour and £20 p/h thereafter, rather than £95+ VAT for the 1<sup>st</sup> half hour and £20 p/h there after
6. Relating to agenda point 12b. An appointment has been made between an assessor and the village hall manager for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.
7. Relating to agenda point 12c. The electricity contract is due to stop on 13<sup>th</sup> February and the renewal that has come through shows a considerable increase. The contract was for 24 months. I have contacted 3 companies that proved to be the most competitive online. A table of the results has been circulated.
8. Relating to agenda point 14b. It was raised at the last meeting of the possibility of marking the completion of the restoration of the war memorial as this year will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the memorial. Breckland Council are offering grants (this was also mentioned in the last meeting) up to £500 for community events (not trips or memorials) with priority being given to those which fall in line with national celebration dates (VE Day: 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May, Dunkirk: 26<sup>th</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June, VJ Day: 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> August, Battle of Britain: 10<sup>th</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> October) The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> January.
9. Relating to agenda point 15. A separate report has been compiled for this matter.
10. Relating to agenda point 16. There is a plywood backboard to the village sign, and this has split, and the paint has come away, although the plywood remains securely fastened.
11. Relating to agenda point 18. Should the council not be quorate for this item, I would be grateful if councillors with a registered interest could apply for dispensation for the next meeting, as the item will have been on the agenda for four meetings.
12. Other items since last meeting
  - a. Parish partnership bid application has gone in, regarding the SAM2 and a response has been received that they will inform myself of the outcome in mid-March.
  - b. A resident kindly forwarded on a wayleaves payment cheque of £47.35 to cover from 01.01.2020 to 31.12.24, in regard to the village hall grounds. An e-mail has been sent to update contact details and Cllr Christian has paid the cheque into the FHS account and updated the interest on that account.
  - c. E-mail received and circulated from Norfolk County Council informing that due to new legislation the bus service will cease as of this month.
  - d. Analysis has been put together for the VH panto. Gross takings were £2698.88, expenses were £576.50 giving a profit of £2122.38. This is an increase of £399 to the previous year.
  - e. I have chased Breckland regarding the overgrown footpath and was informed that it was inspected around July 2017 by their contractors and that most of the issue was not theirs, however Breckland will ask them again to investigate this issue.
  - f. I have chased the company who put in the newer recreation ground equipment regarding the issues in the annual safety report, however I still have nothing positive to report
  - g. Nothing to report regarding garages and parking on School Road, will continue with this issue.
  - h. The parish council notice board is suffering with a considerable amount of mould internally.
  - i. E-mail received from resident regarding flooding and drainage report to Highways regarding Becketts End