

Foul登 Parish Council
Monday 2nd March 2020

Parish Clerk report

1. Relating to agenda point 8. I have received a letter from a parishioner regarding a new war memorial dedicated to three fallen soldiers in WWII from Foul登. I have informed the parishioner that whilst the Parish Council has the power to maintain and repair war memorials, I do not know of any powers that allow them to support new memorials. They accepted this response and requested that the council discuss and decide if they would accept the maintenance and repair once erected and they would also like a response from the council regarding the style, location etc. of the proposed memorial which would be similar to that of a commonwealth headstone.
2. Relating to agenda point 9. I have been asked to raise this issue once again of a notice board near the barn. It was last discussed 12th Nov. 2018, however I am unaware of any further progress. The minutes state the previous Clerk would contact Breckland regarding permission to erect a notice board in that area however I have no correspondence relating to this issue. Looking at correspondence relating to the new dog bin it was Norfolk County Council who gave permission so should the council wish to progress I will contact them.
3. Relating to agenda point 14. Correspondence has been received from a parishioner regarding the trees along Vicarage Road opposite properties 11 and 13. They are concerned regarding the height of the trees and would appreciate the councils involvement.
4. Relating to agenda point 15a. The report has been received and the crack damage to the external walls to the rear of the building have been confirmed as due to subsidence and are covered by insurance and an approx. date of completion for works is 25.09.2020. However, the damage to the floor slab, vertical cracks above window and door reveals and blocked drains are not covered by insurance and it is advised that a construction professional is consulted to ensure the correct remedial action. It was also advised that the cause of movement to the rear of the hall was due to leaking rainwater drains and should be addressed.
5. Relating to agenda point 15 b + c, a separate report has been issued.
6. Relating to agenda point 15d it currently seems that all hirers deposits are forwarded to the clerk for banking. However, I have found in the past that when people pay cash they expect cash back. This proves more problematic with the deposit now being £40. If the council could please decide how this matter should be dealt with.
7. Relating to agenda point 17, a limited number of free door stickers have been received from Able care and are available on the hall notice board and myself.
8. Relating to agenda point 18. I have received a donation request from the Priscilla Bacon Hospice. Should the council wish to, this is permitted under LGA 1972 s.137 (3) (a) which is for any charitable body in furtherance of its work in the United Kingdom. However, there is currently only a budget of £25 against this which is for the remembrance wreath.
9. Relating to agenda point 19. I have submitted a publication scheme for approval and adoption there are several areas that need addressing. In regard to these issues I would recommend the review date be set for 12 months' time if adopted.
10. Relating to agenda point 20b. Firstly apologies for the inclusion of this matter in Parish Council business, however it seems that the Annual Parish meeting has always been accepted by full council and run alongside and on occasion been muddled with the Annual Parish Council meeting. I would be grateful if the council could decide the time.
11. Relating to agenda point 21. A link to registering community assets with Breckland Council has been circulated. I would appear that the community would usually appear to appeal to the council for this. However no one to my knowledge has stepped forward. I have spoken to Norfolk ALC on this matter and there is a case study where a parish council took this on themselves as they were passionate about it. The process can be very time consuming.
12. Relating to agenda point 23. An extension to the deadline has been granted to allow the parish council to comment regarding the planning application 3PL/2020/0115/F
13. Other items since last meeting
 - a. Breckland Council have been sent Cllr R Pyes DPI along with a letter to update the vice chairman, website and code of conduct details. However so far they have only updated the code of conduct details
 - b. UK power network have updated the contact details and have kindly sent me a copy of the wayleaves contract which has been filed with the Former Highways Surveyors account documents.
 - c. Contact details have been updated on the Charity Commission website for Foul登 Recreation ground and Former Highways Surveyors account.
 - d. The direct debit has now been set up with EDF energy for the hall. There is a possibility at the moment that the smart meter may not be compatible and future readings will have to be submitted manually.
 - e. The S137 spending limit for 2020/21 has been set at £8.32. There is currently only a budget against this power of £25 which is for the remembrance wreath as previously mentioned.
 - f. I have been informed by Cllr R Pye that she was informed verbally that the village sign was a parishioners responsibility and not the councils, with two parishioners attending to it for many years.