

Foulden Parish Annual Meeting 2021

Annual Parish Meeting held via zoom on
Monday 26thth April 2021 at 7:00 pm

Present: Councillors: Marianne Christian; Richard Cooper; Stephen Parker (chair); Stephen (Billy) Pye; Neil West; Jayne Winterbone (vice-chair)
Claire Prentice (Parish Council Clerk and parish elector)
Electors: R. Mears and K. Stone
Public: None

1) Chair's opening Remarks

Chair welcomed everyone to the annual parish meeting 2021. He then went on to explain the difference between a council meeting which parishioners may only comment when invited by the chair however this meeting the annual parish meeting is for electors, where electors can all participate in discussions and decisions. Perhaps next year something should be done to encourage more people to join. He has seen other councils who invite guest speakers to try and stimulate interest.

2) Apologies

None

3) Approval of Minutes of Foulden Annual Parish Meeting 2020

None (cancelled due to Covid-19 and in the interest of public safety)

Clerk made everyone aware that the Parish meetings of 2019 and 2020 had been entangled with council meetings and therefore there were no specific minutes for the parish meeting in those years.

4) Reports (for information only)

- **Bowls club** published separately and read by the club secretary.
- **Parochial charity** published separately; due to volume issues it was read aloud by the council clerk. Election of trustee members will be placed on the Parish councils annual meeting agenda.
- **Village hall.** The village hall manager is awaiting a meeting in the next couple of days in regard to the flooring. Currently the blame is being passed between contractors as to who will pay. Hopefully by Wednesday he will have a decision from them. The hall is hired for the election on 6th May, so what they are prepared to do if the works are not complete is put some matting down over the floor to allow the election to take place as well as make it covid safe. Also, the new smart meter is due to go in on Friday. He confirmed there is no further payment required from the council. He has also said if the issue continues, he will involve the ombudsman.

5) Questions (which included comments)

Parish council clerk asked a parochial charity trustee what the format is and how someone applies to get funds from the parochial charity.

The funds are available to anyone who is a resident of the village. Priority is given to those on benefits. There is a preference for the request to be written, preferably a letter but email is sufficient. Then the request is considered by all trustees.

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Cllr Pye commented that he had recently received a phone call informing him that children had been seen on top of the recently installed sheltered seating area. He would like to paint the top with anti climbing paint.

Cllr Winterbone expressed that there are issues around anti-climb paint. There is a height restriction related to its use and signage is required. Cllr Pye will check and the issue will be placed on the next council agenda. Cllr Parker will make some laminated no climb signs and Cllr Pye will put them up as soon as possible. Cllr Pye and Cllr Cooper will speak (as parishioners) to the believed parents of the children.

Cllr Pye commented on the Save the Pub signs that have been vandalised and destroyed.

A member of the White Hart Inn benefit society said he had picked them all up and repaired them as best as possible and will put them back out shortly and see how long they last.

Cllr Winterbone asked the clerk if litter sacks from Breckland had been received and went on to inform everyone that she with one other person had recently litter picked from the Foulden sign on the Didlington Road to the watermill and they filled two massive fertilizer sacks which were disposed of via the kind use of another parishioners skip.

The clerk informed them that they had received 9 rolls of sacks and that she had contacted Breckland District Council regarding litter picking equipment, which they usually do hire out free of charge (not at the moment due to covid) but they have to be collected. Cllr Winterbone did make everyone aware that she does have litter pickers for those who wish to borrow them and she also offered to house/ be a contact point for the litter pick sacks.

Cllr Cooper commented about the bench donation from a parishioner and when Cllr Pye might be installing it.

Cllr Pye responded that he would look to do it in a months time. Cllr West just confirmed that the location had been agreed with Norfolk County Council Highways and Cllr Pye has a copy of the map.

6) Matters for consideration at next meeting

To send invitations and ask reports from the following:

Schools

Parochial Church Charity/ All Saints Church

Foulden Common

Regular Village Hall Hirers – to include a summary of what has happened in the past year, their successes, why people have come, what they have done, what they have achieved, the difference it has made to those who have attended and any plans for the future.

7) Time and date of next meeting

To be decided by Foulden Parish Council at their meeting to be held in November.

Meeting ended 7.21pm

Signed

Date