

Newton Flotman Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18 March 2020, 7.45pm

Present David Gibbs (Chairman) Julie King (Clerk)
Bob Kelf
Bob McKelvey
Jeff Billings
Paul Weeks

Members of the public: None.

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

2. Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda and Dispensations

Paul Weeks declared an interest as he is the coordinator for the village's 75th Anniversary VE Day events.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 February 2020

These were agreed as a true record of proceedings with no amendments.

4. Public Participation

None.

5. 75th Anniversary of VE Day – 8-10 May 2020

A grant of £200 had been received from South Norfolk Council to assist with the organisation of the street party and promotion of the planned events.

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic it wasn't expected that any gatherings would be able to go ahead on the planned weekend, however it was suggested that the events could be rescheduled for VJ Day (15 August) or a celebration to commemorate the end of the pandemic.

Consideration was given to the street party, comments received from residents were noted along with the risk assessment and list of tasks. It was understood that members of the coordinating group were keen to hold the event on the bridge as it was a historic site in the village. It was noted that at times of high water use, such as bank holidays, Anglian Water often had to visit the pumping station at the junction to Waterside Gardens to pump-out or to restart the pump. It was also noted that portable toilets would be required, costings and permissions would be investigated.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would support, in principle, a street party but still had reservations regarding the location and would favour moving it to the Village Centre.

Consideration was given to what could be done to commemorate VE Day given the likely restrictions around the Covid-19 pandemic. **It was agreed to erect**

bunting on Kings Green, David Gibbs would supply Paul Weeks with the necessary bunting.

Once a new date had been determined for a village celebration, **it was agreed that the parish council would pay for the printing of fliers up to a cost of £120 and the production of a banner up to a cost of £80.**

The Clerk would approach South Norfolk Council with regard to the grant that had been obtained and whether this could be used for a future event.

6. Flordon Road/A140 Junction Improvements

Following suggestions from the Parish Council, Highways had supplied a plan showing the extension of the double yellow lines along Flordon Road from A140 to Short Street/Olive Avenue and reduction of the speed limit on the A140 to 30mph. They had rejected the suggestion of a stop sign at the end of Short Street.

Consideration was given to the measures outlined above along with the plans discussed with the Highway Officers in October. Considerable discussion took place regarding improving safety and access and egress along with the effect of the double yellow lines and concern around the size of the pedestrian refuge.

It was agreed to respond giving support to the short-term, relatively low cost options proposed but saying that the Parish Council were keen to continue working with Highways on a larger scale redevelopment of the junction. In addition, it would be requested that:

- the 30mph speed limit reduction on the A140 be applied to the full extent of the current 40mph restriction to include Saxlingham Thorpe**
- consideration be given to the size of the pedestrian refuge, however the situation may be assisted with the reduction in speed limit.**

7. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 31 March 2020, 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.