

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

## MINUTES OF THE FLEGGBURGH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 30th MAY 2022

Comprising Billockby, Clippesby, and Fleggburgh

### PRESENT:

Members of the public: 13

Meeting chaired by Cllr Doyle and Cllr Dockerty

Meeting minutes by Cllr Dockerty

Also in attendance: Cllr Merritt

1. **Apologies for absence**  
No apologies received
2. **Minutes of the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021** - Circulated and signed by Cllr Dockerty
3. **Fleggburgh Parish Council's Annual Report (Chair report) read by Cllr Dockerty**

Thanks to Keith Osborne, previous Chair and to Frank Brown and June Pratt for compiling the report.

It has been another turbulent year for Fleggburgh Parish Council with resignations of both Councillors and Clerks. There has been a lot of disinformation posted on social media and complaints raised to the Great Yarmouth Borough Council Monitoring Officer. The vast majority of these complaints have been raised by one parishioner and have been concluded as 'No Breach Found'.

Such actions have resulted in the Parish Council, despite advertising for more than six months, having vacancies for Councillors and a Clerk. Without the support of a Clerk, Proper Officer and Responsible Financial Officer the management of the Parish Council has imposed upon the existing Councillors with regards to their time and for this we must thank those in position and also those who have resigned during this past year.

The Parish Council exists for your benefit, not the benefit of its Councillors, and therefore it is wished that more parishioners would offer their services as Councillors such that the Parish Council can return to having a full complement of nine Councillors.

Having said the above, it's good to advise there are many positives within the Parish with groups of volunteers helping and supporting the Community.

The Fleggburgh Village Hall Committee has been transformed during this past year and has provided all Parishioners with a wide variety of events.

The Queens Platinum Jubilee Group have also been very active in preparing a whole list of events which will be happening over the celebration weekend.

Other volunteer groups exist in respect of Litter Picking, Speed Watch, SAM2, Friends of Fleggburgh Primary School and the Dog Poo Bin Emptying team.

To all these volunteers and individuals of the parish, Fleggburgh Parish Council and the Community are indebted to you for giving up your time for the good of the parish.

Also, thanks should go to Adrian Thompson, Borough Councillor, for his support throughout the year. The bulb and tree planting are well appreciated.

The Parish Council work has continued. With regards to the maintenance of Footpaths (Public Rights of Way), Cemeteries and Playing Field. The Parish Council has continued to work with its Contractors in endeavouring to provide the best possible service.

There are several ongoing projects the Parish Council are working on: -

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is now coming towards its final stage, the Public Referendum is scheduled for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022. It's been a long road to get to this stage and it is hoped there will be a good turn out to see this valued project through to adoption.

Again, we should all be indebted to the Working Group for pulling this together.

The Pedestrian Crossing to allow safe crossing of Main Road, Fleggburgh, to the School, Village Hall, Playing Field, the Common, Bowling Club, Children's Clubs and Children's Playground.

A further survey is being conducted by NCC Highways on behalf of Fleggburgh Parish Council which hopefully will enable this project to move forward.

The provision of Village Gateway signs is an ongoing project to help with traffic and speed management. Currently, we are awaiting responses from NCC to finalise the options available to the Parish Council.

The Bygone Woods Working Group is looking at the best way to utilise this site to the benefit of the Community.

The first 'Meet and Greet' event was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December at the village hall, these events will give opportunity to the parish to talk to parish councillors outside of a meeting and offers a chance for everybody to engage.

Hopefully, you can appreciate your Parish Council is acting in the best interests of its Parishioners and to the best of their ability.

Throughout the coming year, training will be a key topic for all Councillors, and likely a Clerk when employed, so as to provide an even better service.

Our sincere thanks to all those volunteers who are working to provide opportunities for all to enjoy. By working together for the benefit of all we will only become stronger.

Finally, and thanks to Frank Brown and June Pratt for their words, we would like to remember and thank a parish councillor who is sadly no longer with us...

Richard Sewell was a dedicated Parish Councillor for more than 30 years. His wealth of knowledge of this village served him well as a Councillor and he contributed greatly to the smooth running of the Parish Council. When the land was given to the Parish Council next to where the Bygone Village was, together with a sum of money, Richard played a huge part in the investment of monies using his expertise in accountancy. He will be remembered for his efforts looking after the Parishioners in keeping the precept as low as possible. Richard supported the Youth Club being formed and helped with many projects in the village during his time as a Councillor.

**4. Annual accounts prepared for audit for 2021/22**

The accounts are currently with the auditor Sarah Hunt report is due before the end of June 2022.

**5. Reports from village and community groups**

**Billockby and Fleggburgh church read by Margaret Alston**

Revd Sue Hemsley Halls left yesterday meaning the south trinity churches have gone into interregnum. Billockby services are held in summer and are well attended. Access to church is not good during the winter.

Fleggburgh services are fortnightly but are poorly attended, age of residents in the parish, covid, and illness has played its part. Fleggburgh churches in good condition, with running water installed and a small kitchen. Works on hold in relation to a toilet and bigger kitchen, there are issues with funding these. The churches have to pay a great sum to the dioceses £6650.00, which is difficult to find with a small congregation. Friends of Fleggburgh church has been formed with the aim of fundraising.

**Fleggburgh church from Revd Sue Hemsley Halls read by Cllr Dockerty**

2021 continued to present some challenges to Sunday worship, weddings, baptisms, funerals, and social events. It is good that most things can now happen in the usual way.

The connection of mains water to Fleggburgh church has been a recent improvement. Repairs were also carried out to the church clock. We were pleased to have a tree planted this month by Cllr. Adrian Thompson in the churchyard as part of the Queens Green Canopy

Thank you for support from the community and church members with regard to maintaining the church and grounds, social events, outdoor services, and fund raising. It is good that ringing of the bells has resumed. Fleggburgh school have held some services in the church, such as Harvest, Christingle and Easter. It is always enjoyable to see the children leading and singing at these services.

South Trinity Broads parish is now in vacancy as I move to a new area. The parish is becoming part of the Flegg Team ministry with Ormesby, Martham, Winterton, and surrounding villages. There are two clergy currently working in the team, Revd. Steven Sivyer and Revd Jo Wood. A further appointment of a part-time clergy person is to be made.

Glyn and I have enjoyed living in this lovely area of Norfolk and it has been good to get to know you. We wish you all the best for the future.

### **Clippesby Church Report from Jean Lindsay read by Cllr Dockerty**

Services: We continue to be part of Zoom Services for Morning Prayer and Compline and, when permitted, we restarted our Church Services wearing face masks and social distancing, now, whilst we are still careful, hymn singing is included. Memorable services in 2021 were; our first Wild Church; a rare Clippesby Wedding and our special Carol Service.

Fabric: Stephen Capper continues his yearly inspection of the gutters and drains. Architect Iain Walker found nothing urgent needing doing to the building when he carried out the Quinquennial Inspection; there are some issues to be addressed in the future, like stained glass windows.

Churchyard: During a Winter snow storm one of our tall lime trees blew over causing damage to the flint wall and to a neighbour's property. Target Trees dealt with the fallen tree and have since pollarded three others. We are grateful to Paul May for looking after the churchyard, and to the Fleggburgh Parish Council for their generous grant.

Community Outreach: The Clippesby Fund-raising Team were able to put on some events. We had Pop-up Mini Fetes for the holiday visitors whenever the weather and Covid restrictions allowed. We held a few Coffee Mornings. Pam had a very successful Evening Garden Picnic with Music. As soon as we could we revived our monthly Coffee, Cake and Chat. We have started a new monthly event we call a Jigsaw Jolly. When there are things going on we put posters and flyers in Basecamp. This Autumn our District Councillor gifted the village lots of flower bulbs and we organised the planting along Church Loke and Hall Lane. We help with Open the Book Assembly in Rollesby School. Last but not least we have a brand new website <[clippesbycommunityandcountryside.co.uk](http://clippesbycommunityandcountryside.co.uk)> thanks to William assisted by Pauline and Jean, it publishes Sandy's inspiring sermons and news about events before and after they happen; it connects to the original Clippesby Church website with its historical content. Clippesby Church news is on the Martham Benefice website.

Looking Forward: We cannot know how this terrible war in The Ukraine will end. We are told we have to live with Covid around us. Financial burdens are hard to bear for most everyone. The Church of England

and the Norwich Diocese are having to cut back and our Benefice faces changes. This little village Church of Clippesby is struggling too of course, these are difficult times, but nonetheless we still look to the future with hope, confidence and trust in the providence of our wonderful God.

### **Poors Trust Report presented by the Board of Directors**

Over the past two years the Trust has operated under difficult conditions, like many other organisations we have adapted our operating parameters to suit the environment. Regardless of this we have continued to complete a number of planned projects on the common. New fencing has been installed on the north boundary; further fencing will be installed as required. We have completed the first stages of upgrading the Common Staithe. This work has involved dredging out the slipway area and reconstituting ground works. Further work will include the erection of additional fencing and gates scheduled for later this year. We continue to work with our agent and other government bodies (English Nature and Broads Authority) in safeguarding the integrity of the common and our adjacent land holdings.

Our Charitable aid has continued, and we have been able to offer and give help to our parishioners. Christmas distributions over the last two years have resulted in monetary distribution for approximately 68 individuals. The Trust has given further assistance to parishioners who have sought our help.

It should be noted various schemes are available to parishioners and further details are obtained through the Trusts website.

We have been able to re-introduce our Penny loaf distribution (curtailed through Covid 19). Future distribution will be on or around Plough Monday each year.

Further details on all aspects of the Trust can be obtained through our website or by writing to the Secretary to the Trust .

### **Borough Cllr Adrian Thompson Report**

It has been a busy 12 months and was an honour being major. Visited 17 wards and seen the importance of helping others, we must continue to help our areas. The food banks are very important, through fundraising we have raised over £6000.00 for food banks. Of Borough Cllr wages £11,282.00 has been given back to the area, projects and organisations that have benefited from this money, include the spring bulbs, Fleggburgh Nursery, the children's Christmas party.

The Neighbourhood Plan for Filby was adopted and it has already been proved to work, there were 3 appeals made and all 3 were won by the parish council. Encourage Fleggburgh parishioners to vote for your plan on the 16th of June 2022.

Great Yarmouth Borough Council is starting work on preparing a new Local Plan for 2041 and are opening up a call for possible sites.

The work for a new hourly bus service through Fleggburgh is continuing there is £9410.00 funding available, and Caster is joining in. The 106 monies from the development at Jack Chase way is planning on being contributed

Public litter bins will be replaced with 1 recycling and 1 normal bin and rolling out food waste bin.

Hope we can have a constructive peaceful meeting and enjoy the Jubilee celebrations. This is the highest turn out for annual parish meeting.

**Fleggburgh Primary School Report from Julie Church Executive Headteacher read by Cllr Dockerty**

Fleggburgh C of E is flourishing. Following a disruptive period as we navigated all the control measures put in place during the pandemic, we have had a much more settled academic year where we have been able to move full focus on teaching and learning. The children, parents and staff have shown great resilience in recent years and are to be applauded on how well they managed such unprecedented times.

School numbers have grown. There are currently 52 pupils and in September there will be 54. There is a high percentage of children with special educational needs which currently stands at 36.5%.

This year we have added a third classroom base in the mornings for Years 2 & 3 to focus on English & Maths.

The pandemic has impacted children's learning, but not, it would seem, their enthusiasm and zest for life.

We have been able to make improvements to the premises, in and out, creating an environment that supports learning.

We value our links with Little Explorers who will be leading Forest School weekly sessions for all our pupils from September.

We look forward to developing this partnership in mutually beneficial ways.

We value our links with St Margarets and enjoyed our Easter service in the Church.

We are fully and well staffed with a like minded body of staff who go above and beyond to support the children as they learn and develop into independent global citizens with strong voices. One of our pupils has recently taken part in the National Children's Parliament on live debate, others are proactive in leading social action on matters that concern them.

We were grateful to Adrian Thompson, who, when mayor visited the school and invited the older children to a debate in the Council Chambers in Great Yarmouth Town Hall.

We welcome any ideas for how our children can become involved with the wider community.

We are lucky to have a strong group of 'Friends' who fund raise for the school so that they can provide enrichment opportunities, eg. paying for coaches to enable us to go on school trips.

Fleggburgh has strong links with its federation schools, Neatishead Primary and Salhouse Primary. In June we will enjoy a Federation Music Festival at Salhouse. We look forward to more joint events like this now that restrictions have been lifted.

We would welcome anyone who would like to visit the school or contribute to the school in any way which would support our children.

### **Little Explorers Nursery Report from Gillian Lee read by Cllr Dockerty**

Little Explorers Forest School nursery has now updated their Ofsted registration and we are now fully registered and recognised as a Forest School with Ofsted and The Forest School Association. We are proud to say the nursery is thriving and we are thankful to the Fleggburgh community, Fleggburgh CE Primary School and to Cllr Adrian Thompson for supporting us.

Since last year we have updated the nursery by painting the nursery and we had new carpets laid. We are also continuing to evolve the nursery and our current plans are to add a trim trail and an outdoor cover to our garden area.

Our children are very happy and we are proud of how much they are learning through being independent and inquisitive in how nature plays a part in their lives.

### **Friends of Fleggburgh Primary School Report from Sandra Doyle, Trustee read by Cllr Dockerty**

Fundraising during the last 12 months was still limited due to Covid but we held our 2nd Autumn fun walk in October. The parents, children and friends wore fancy dress outfits and completed a fun quiz on the two mile walk around the common. Lots of fun was had by all whilst raising much needed funds.

Further parents have joined the Friends group and we continue with fundraising ideas to pay for educational trips, equipment, and materials for the children at the school.

We are currently planning our next fundraiser event to fund the costs of installing a new learning lodge. This will be the return of the annual school summer fair, the first since 2019! This will take place on Sat 18th June from 1pm and everyone is most welcome.

Friends would like to say a huge thank you to the school, parents, grandparents, carers and everyone that has helped and supported us to fundraise over the last year, it is greatly appreciated.

### **Village Hall Committee Report read by Janette Ely**

Reflecting on the past year, it has been a busy time for the village hall, at the last meeting there were only 3 members of the committee and 1 parish councillor. There has been a huge amount done to get the village hall committee and the village hall up and running after the forced lockdown, and the continued fear of covid. Our thanks to all the clubs that have stuck by us including the tennis and jujitsu clubs for their continued uses and for being onboard with the cleaning regime. We are now a fully functioning team. MY thanks to all members for their support, and to all the work done in the background with the accounts. We have had many types of children's parties and regular bookings are increasing. Friday are busy with the tennis club and post office, bowls club and jujitsu.

Financial position is good thanks to grants from council, and we can undertake improvements, such as the floor in the Celia Boom room which has been re stained. We have had CCTV installed, and the florescent lights have been changed to LED. New utensils for kitchen. Looking now at improving heating and play equipment and car park surface. Recognised furniture in toilet facilities need improving.

The village hall is now used by a variety of organisations and clubs including the Post office, tennis club, baton twirling, bowls club, sewing clubs, and nippy chip to name but a few

Very successful free Christmas party, which was hard work but really appreciated by the community and hope to repeat. Thanks to all the committee members , for planning events, making teas, baking, sorting

jumble, and those who support the committee members and those who come along to the events and Cllr Adrian Thompson. Proud of what has been achieved by the Village Hall committee, 5<sup>th</sup> June please come and join in the Queens platemen jubilee celebrations, activities are free.

**Speed Watch Report read by Diane Fossette**

10 active members with speed watch sessions two times a month, at eight sites throughout the parish. It has been noted there are a few inconsiderate drivers who are reported to Norfolk police, who intern write to the vehicle owner. The speed watch program is about education of drivers. If you wish to join, please let the team know.

**PC Gary May** - No report received

**NCllr Andy Grant** - No report received

6. **Open forum**

It was noted by parishioner in attendance that NCllr Andy Grant was not present, and it has been the case for now in excess of 6 months. **Action:** Cllr Ricky Doyle will email to follow up.

Information shared relating to the leaving of Revd Sue Hemsley Halls. Fleggburgh C of E primary School have been made aware of the situation. It recognised that the link between school and church needs to be maintained whilst it is in interregnum. Revd. Steven Sivyer will be leading efforts to ensure the link is maintained.

**Meeting closed 6.45pm**