

MINUTES – MEETING of SURFLEET PARISH COUNCIL held in the FRAISER ROOM on TUESDAY 15th March 2011 commencing after Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: G. Waltham (chairman), Mary Hurst (vice chairman), Bryan Templeman, Gillian Gerrans, Fran Healands, Malcolm Dennis, M Chapman and A Dobney
District Councillor D Best

ITEM		ACTION
1	Apologies for absence none	
2	Declarations of Interest FH declared prejudicial interest in no. 7 Glen Park as on SPARC committee and MD also declared prejudicial interest for the same reason.	
3	Surfleet Parish Council – Councillor Vacancy GW – Council could decide to Co-opt or keep vacant, all agreed to keep vacant.	
4	Approve minutes of the meetings held 18th January 2011 These had been previously distributed. They were signed as a true record.	
5 5.i 5.ii 5.iii	Clerks report on matters outstanding Poll Card request, AD proposed not to have separate Poll Cards in event of contested Parish election, MH seconded. MC declaration an interest as delivering poll cards. All agreed, decision was not to request separate poll cards for contested Parish election. Letter from Malc Firth – Informing Parish Council of price increase from 1 st April by 5%. MC confirmed there is a clause in contract for price to rise in line with inflation, all agreed 5% increase feasible for two years. HM Revenue and Customs – Councils now have to register for PAYE and must pay clerks net from 1 st April 2011. All agreed this had to be done.	LB
6	Police Matters No PCSO present or e-mail update received. GW - Heard there had been a few burglaries in village. MD - Broke locks and doing donuts in field. Clerk to write to PCSO and ask for report of what has been happening.	LB
7	Glen Park – discuss donation request further GW – there has been more damage and cars on field. AD – what damage? GW - ploughed field up by swinging cars around. MH – PCSO been in shop and said it hasn't been reported to police yet. GW - spoke to Mr Whyles last week, gave police the car details but could not read registration numbers from CCTV. GW – Parish Council said they would look again at giving donation towards security fencing, we had concerns about front fencing but we have been ensured it should match cemetery fencing apart from being on a wall. No gates at front entrance so can always get in to car park. Not doing anything near arts studio, but gates on other access routes, gates onto field. AD – is there no other access onto field apart from gated entrances? GW – just pedestrian access. BT - what is point of fencing at front? GW – just decorative at front. BT – luxury GW - cost £6,514 plus vat. AD – want to see their finances, might have enough money to pay themselves, we are spending other peoples money, not easy to do that. GW - shame to loose revenue income from such a destructive thing. AD – we can't afford to finance half but may be quarter, some work could	

	<p>be put on hold, fencing across front possible but can't expect everything when want it and all at once. Agree we want to stop vandalism for Glen Park, want to help, we have not got a lot of money ourselves, look at £500-£600.</p> <p>GG – what is to stop them going on car park? GW – nothing, but if fenced then restrict use. GG – yes, small donation of what we can afford. MH - sad got hooligans vandalising field, regrettable happening, good facility, need to protect it, agree to give something towards security gates, we know total cost, has request for a certain amount been put in? GW – no, just something towards it. MH – suggest £2,000 MC – vibes we can't have beacon as might harm track, we try and help them but doesn't come back, it would not stop motorbikes that could do same damage. GW – not enough CCTV to cover whole field. MC – minimal amount £500. BT – fencing a luxury at front, not against making field secure, sensible move from any PC, but not for fancy railings at front, £500. AD – disputes with beacon and extension of cemetery, no one on council on SPARC committee, bit against Parish Council, want to congratulate them and want to help. BT proposed £500, AD seconded. All agreed to give £500.</p>	
8	<p>Affordable Homes update 7 submissions of sites put forward to SHDC planners to look at sites for feasibility studies.</p>	
9	<p>Celebrate Surfleet Event – loss analysis Covered in Parish meeting AD - congratulated committee GW - now we have had accounts explained they did fairly well</p>	
10	<p>Parish Plan Nothing to report</p>	
11	<p>Highways matters MH - All issues had been reported from last meeting. MH and GW met J Beavis from LCC on 31st January, works required on Station Road, Glen Gardens junction, both breaking up. Where Gosberton Bank joins A16, very wet and can be icy in bad weather. GW – bus stop dispute with Mr Foreman, Mr Beavis to look at for us. MH – when she reports anything to highways it gets done eventually. J Beavis said work to be done in village includes Church View drainage and parking for bungalows, Drainage problem on Seas End Road, worst parts of Station Road and Glen Gardens. GW – LCC highways budgets had been cut by over half, fewer staff. MD – Gubboles Drove potholes everywhere, bad one 4" deep, left hand side 50 yards down outside bungalow. GW – e-mail received from Riverside Hotel, asking us to look into fly tipping opposite car park, also glass under bypass. GG - and piece of land next to bypass, old railway carpark, environmental issue, owner in Nottingham, also mess on top of bridge. MH to report to SHDC and highways, LB to write to owner. AD – railings gone at top of Woods Lane and also footpath, gates gone at bottom of Park Lane. MH – no gates on there for years, footpaths removed them. GW - to enable wheelchair access. AD – briars need cutting on bridle way at bottom of Park Lane, from golf course, across road, then to track.</p>	MH/LB
12	<p>Reports from representatives on outside bodies Village Hall – GG – new floor has been installed, looks really good, cost £12,000, got funding, new Chairlady, Frances Doulton invited Councillors</p>	

	to go and look at it and meet her. AGM on 24 th March at 7pm.	
13	Cemetery Matters MC - mole hills removed. Cemetery looks ok, cut ivy off trees in next year.	
14 14.i	Finance Flower Festival Donation AD - did we decide to give one donation for everything, cutting grass and clock when first started, gave to chapel and received money back when it closed. Can't keep giving parishioners money away. MD – give donation and carry on. FH – donate enough to church in year. GG – donate £30 MH – donate as Parish Council have their name on a pedestal, Flower Festival committee give any profit to Church, raise money from events to fund flowers. GW – personally like to see Church decorated. MD – lots of people work for nothing. MC – last year there was a payment of £590. GW – that was for contribution to maintenance. MC - £45 this year as well. BT – yes go along with that. MC – proposed £50, MH seconded, all agreed.	LB
14.ii	AD - what interest are we earning? Are we getting best from our money? Clerk to ask what other Parish Councils do.	
14.iii 14.iv	Signing of Cheques Income and expenditure Income: none Expenditure: before meeting: Clerk's salary - Jan/Feb 382.04 at meeting: 2 x months broadband contrib 20.00 1 x Fraiser room rent Mar 12.00 Flower Festival donation 50.00 Clerks expenses 10/11 240.00	
15 15.i	Planning applications and decisions See list distributed MH – Property on Surfleet Road with black railings as coming out of Woods Lane still there, application turned down by SHDC, occupants did not appeal against decision, enforcement notice issued and ignored, SHDC legal department waiting for date and they will be prosecuted. People have made threats to enforcement officer.	
15.ii	No objections to Central Networks application, refurbishing bits of overhead lines, all in Gosberton, only really affect road, not in our patch.	
16 16.i	Correspondence Arising from correspondence: Letter received from Malc Dennis and residents of Station Road and School Crescent, saying they are not happy with affordable housing at properties, other sites proposed in letter, parking at school not problem, never been problem with children along there, stops some of speeding when cars parked outside school, 16 people signed letter, we will pass letter to planning when comes up. MD - site should be in village church area.	
16.ii	Empty homes project – all councillors had copy to make them aware. MC – affordable housing needs but then got empty homes. GW – up to owner as to what they do with property. BT – some people own 3 or 4 properties but only stay in 1.	

17	Members reports AD – nothing MD – nothing FH – nothing GG - nothing MH - nothing MC – Councillor Best no longer standing for District Council, all Councillors joined him to thank Mr Best for all the work he has done over the years and the interest he has shown for village. BT – nothing GW - nothing	
18	Date of next meeting Tuesday 17 th May (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council) starting at 7.00pm in the Fraiser Room.	

The meeting was declared closed at 20.16pm

Signed.....Chairman Date.....