

**A MEETING WAS HELD ON
FRIDAY 27th JANUARY 2023
IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE AT 6.30PM**

F01/23 To list those Present and note & agree Apologies.

Present: Cllr S Parish (Chairman of F&GP Committee), Cllr Mrs J Tritton, Cllr N Fursdon, Cllr S Bull (Ex-Officio).

Apologies: Parish Clerk – on holiday, Admin assistant Clerk D Prior (Vehicle breakdown en-route).

In the absence of any Clerk: Cllr N Fursdon took the Minutes of the meeting.

F02/23 To record any Declarations of Interest.

There were none declared.

F03/23 To agree and sign the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the December meeting were **agreed**. Due to unexpected circumstances a copy of the minutes for signing was not available and will be signed by the Chair at the earliest opportunity.

F04/23 Finance

a) To consider/agree the following invoices.

This item was deferred, as there was no list due to the Assistant not being able to attend.

b) To agree the quote from Curry's for the purchase of 9 tablets for each Councillor as agreed previously.

The F&GP Chairman confirmed that the quote is for 9 tablets in total, 1 per Cllr. The F&GP Chairman went through the quote, which is £124.52 per tablet which equals £1,120 including VAT (£933.94 excluding VAT)
Cllrs debated the matter; all Cllrs present agreed to accept the quote and agreed the tablets to be ordered.

c) To Review the fees and agree any increases, for the Burial Ground

The F&GP Chairman went through the new Burial Ground fees which have been raised by approx. 10%. Cllrs debated the matter; all Cllrs present agreed to accept the new fees and recommend to the Full Council.

F05/23 Planning

a) To note any decisions received.

None received.

b) To consider / comment on application/s received.

The F&GP Chairman handed this matter to Cllr N Fursdon.

Cllr N Fursdon spoke on application 23/0008/FH, erection of a pool building, Sycamore House, Moorstock Lane, Sellindge.

Cllr N Fursdon explained this is exactly the same plans that were approved last year in a lawful development 22/1771/FH, this was approved as permitted development

due to it being 2m from the boundary. The applicant wishes to build closer to the boundary, hence the need for the full planning application 23/0008/FH.

The new application will be 1.2m from the boundary, and the applicant has also reduced the ridge height of 4m to 3.6m which will help in mitigation.

The neighbouring property to the East is approx. 6m away from its boundary and there are no windows to this elevation.

Cllr N Fursdon recommended that the Parish Council raise no objection to the application.

Cllrs debated the matter, all Cllrs present agreed to the Cllr N Fursdon's recommendation.

Cllr N Fursdon said he would email the planning department.

F06/23 Items of general interest

Cllr S Bull:

1. Mentioned that the Parish Council will have to decide where to site the Bee Hives, they will need siting soon, as he believes the bees have to be retained inside the hives for a week or two. He pointed out that he only has the hives stored.
2. Mentioned now that the Parish Council has a salt spreader, which works very well, making the icy paths safe. However, on the Lees the hopper is not large enough to do the complete paths in one go. He suggested getting two small salt bins.

The F&GP Chairman:

1. Read through an email the clerk had received from Taylor Wimpey.
 - Builders debris around the site is being dealt with.
 - The Landscape company had gone into liquidation, a new company have taken over and are looking into the various dead trees, duck island etc.
2. He was concerned that there is no evidence of the Parish Council store building yet or storage area yet.
3. He felt that it was important that Cllrs have the chance to view the office soon. Cllr S Bull concurred, as he would like to get some measurements.
4. Concerned overhanging bush down near the motorway bridge, does not cause problems to pedestrians, but is causing problems to mobility scooter users.
5. Concerned about the amount of mud being brought out onto the road at the Quinn site down near the motorway bridge.
6. The Village Caretaker had mentioned the need for a gang mower to do the Lees. He had a leaflet on the type of machine required. This will go on the next Agenda.

F07/23 Date of Next meeting and Close.

The F&GP Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Date of next meeting is Friday February 24th 2023. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.05pm (19.05).