



Newton Flotman Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 9 November 2021, 7.00pm, Newton Flotman Village Hall

Present: David Gibbs (Chairman) Julie King (clerk)
Bob Kelf
Jeff Billings
Paul Weeks
Bruce Turnbull
Lesley Crump
Bob McKelvey

Members of the public – none.

- 1 Apologies for Absence
None.
- 2 Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda and Dispensations
None.
- 3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 September 2021
These were agreed as a true record of proceedings with no amendments.
- 4 Public Participation
None.
- 5 Bus Shelter Repair
One of the front oak posts had become loose. Three carpenters and one builder had been consulted but only one, Norfolk Carpentry, had been able to quote. The quote obtained was for replacement of the two front oak posts and Norfolk Carpentry had already erected heras fencing to prevent access and to protect members of the public at no additional cost.

It was understood that the posts were structural and partially supported a wooden lintel. The existing posts were seasoned oak and the edges were chamfered, it was understood that this chamfering was important to prevent rot and that green oak should not be used.

Other options other than replacing the posts were considered including encasing the bottom of the posts with timber and then injecting resin, replacing the oak posts with brick ones and bricking up the base of the posts. It was felt that for historic reasons, the posts ought to remain oak – it was thought that the shelter dated back to the 1950s.

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Norfolk Carpentry had also suggested the chamfering of the concrete slabs on which the post rested to tidy them up. If agreed, Norfolk Carpentry could carry out the work on 22 November.

It was agreed to confirm with Norfolk Carpentry that they were to use seasoned oak and that the posts would be chamfered, they would also be asked to confirm their level of public liability insurance. Assuming that all was found to be in order, it was agreed to ask them to carry out the work at an estimated cost of £846 plus VAT. The clerk could use their delegated powers to cover any additional work that may be found to be required up to the delegated limit, anything exceeding that would need to come back to council for agreement.

6 Items for Next Agenda

The following were noted:

- The meeting would be preceded by the presentation of the memorial plaque at 7pm.
- Plans for the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- Presentation of the parish plan report.
- Further consideration of the village gateways.
- Work to tidy up the noticeboard next to the bus shelter at the bottom of St Mary's Close.

7 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 30 November 2021, 7pm for 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.27pm.