

**Minutes of the**  
**Meeting of**  
**Freeby Parish Council**  
**Held on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**Those Present:** Mrs B Howes (Chairperson)  
Dennis Fisher (Vice Chairman)  
Ian Manchester  
Simon Faulks  
Kerry Conboy  
Frances Waberski (Clerk)  
James Brown  
Peter Barnet

**1) Apologies**

Malise Graham

2) The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and agreed.

**3) Matters Arising**

B676 – Byron Rhodes was not present and so could not update the meeting.

Wind turbine – Peter Barnet told the meeting that he could hear the wind turbine on his property, especially if the wind was blowing from behind it.

The large puddle on the road which runs to the railway past Robert Hawley's bungalow has still not had anything done to it to get rid of it, despite Beverley Howes contacting Leicestershire Highways several times. The last time she spoke to someone they told her it would be filled with road planings. She will chase them up again. Peter Barnet made the point that it must be done with some care or the nearby property will get the water flowing into their grounds.

The Clerk is to chase Leicestershire Highways and Environmental Health about the continuing problem with slurry and manure on the road outside Hall Farm, Brentingby. The installation of the new dairy parlour has not improved the situation.

The Clerk is to arrange for some more grit to be delivered to the grit bin in Saxby.

Broadband – James Brown confirmed that the node is now installed on Highfields Farmhouse. It will provide improved service for Freeby and Stapleford if subscribed to, but probably won't be able to reach as far as Brentingby and Peter Barnet's house. Kerry Conboy confirmed that superfast fibreoptic broadband is scheduled to be provided in this area during 2016.

**4) Transparency Fund**

Frances Waberski confirmed that the grant application to the Transparency Fund was successful and the Parish Council has now received £406.84. A laptop computer, software and scanner/ printer are now to be purchased and Frances Waberski is looking into this. All Parish Council work can then be done on this equipment in accordance with the Transparency Act.

## 5) Planning

No applications have been received since the last meeting.

Peter Barnet confirmed that he has not had any formal notification that his lambing shed application has been approved but the deadline for the decision has now been passed.

James Brown advised the meeting that the Freeby Estate is in the process of submitting planning applications for outbuildings at both Wyfordby Grange and Highfields Farmhouse to be converted into a granny annex at each of the properties. The intention is for them to be let with the main house and not as separate entities. He also confirmed that he is aware that the roadway up to Wyfordby Grange is a byway and any gates along it cannot be locked.

## 6) Any Other Business

A large pothole has appeared in the B6776 in Saxby village. It has been filled in once but is reappearing. Frances Waberski is to inform Highways.

There is a blocked drain in Saxby up the village street which causes water to run down the hill onto the main road which could be dangerous. Frances Waberski to contact Highways.

Elaine Holmes' husband Mick has sadly died. Frances Waberski to write a letter of condolence on behalf of the Parish Council

Peter Hill's wife, Pam, has suffered a stroke. Frances Waberski is to write from the Parish Council

Date of Next Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm

*B. Waberski*