

**Minutes of the
Meeting Of Freeby Parish Council
Held on 10th July 2017
at 7.30pm in Freeby Village Hall**

Those Present: Mrs Beverley Howes (Chairman)
Ian Manchester
Kerry Conboy
Simon Faulks
Frances Waberski (Clerk)
Malise Graham
Peter Barnett

Chris Hewerdine
James Brown

Apologies: Joe Orson

Peter Barnet completed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form. He will complete the Registration of Interests form and return it to the Monitoring Officer at MBC.

1 The minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed.

2 Matters arising

Pension Requirements 2017 – Frances Waberski has registered the Parish Council by the staging date. She now has until October to go to the next step and opt out. Peter Barnett told her that his wife has set one up and will be happy to talk to her if she needs any further advice. He also thought that once you have initially opted out, you have to continue to opt out every 3 years.

Broadband – following April's meeting, Frances Waberski has emailed Helen Harris to complain to her that the broadband speeds are not satisfactory. Helen Harris has replied to say that she is no longer involved with the superfast broadband programme for Leicestershire

and has forwarded the email on to hr colleague who is. As she has not heard from the colleague, Frances Waberski is to contact Helen Harris again.

B676 – Whilst the signs which had been blown round have now been righted, Chris Hewerdine told the meeting that the warning ‘tractors crossing’ sign which was at the top of Wyfordby Hill is still missing. It is in the bottom of the hedge along the roadside of Wyfordby Top. Frances Manchester will contact Highways to ask for it to be put back up again.

3 Extraordinary Meeting held on 24th April 2017 – B676 speed restrictions

Beverley Howes read through the minutes of the meeting, a copy of which are available on the website. In brief, the Parish Councillors met Fiona Buckley of Leicestershire County Council to discuss the speed restrictions scheme which is to be installed along the B676 from Melton to Buckminster. The proposal is for average speed cameras to be placed at Lag Lane and just before the Wymondham turn. The road will be a 50mph zone. It is intended that the scheme will be in place in October.

4 Accounts update- Frances Waberski told the meeting that the accounts had once again very kindly been internally audited by Dave Cadman’s daughter Becky. They have been sent to Hacker Young for external auditing.

5 Assessment of Bus Shelters – Beverley Howes proposed that a risk assessment of the 3 bus shelters owned by the Parish Council (Freeby, Stapleford and Brentingby) should be inspected annually to check the state of repair and ensure they are still sound. Frances Waberski and Beverley Howes will set a date and if any other Councillors want to come they are welcome.

6 First Aid Course - Beverley read out the email from the chairman of the Vale First Responders group. They are affiliated to the British Heart Foundation and authorised to deliver their ‘heartstart’ course. They have an approved internal training delivery director and East Midlands Ambulance Service are their clinical directors. East Midlands Ambulance Service are their clinical directors.

The course is undertaken in a single evening and is usually around 2 1/2 hours long. They generally start no later than 7 pm. They cover: conscious patients; unconscious patients; recovery position; CPR; choking; major bleeds; use of a defibrillator. It isn’t a certified course but there is a booklet given and attendance certificate given at the end.

The course is free, but some groups choose to give a donation to VPR.

It was agreed that a course should be held in Freeby Village Hall for all residents in the Parishes. Frances Waberski will contact the chairman, Rod Whitehead.

7 Freeby Village Bus Shelter – James Brown confirmed that the Freeby Estate would still like the village bus shelter to be moved as this will then allow greater vehicular access to the development of the building behind it. A planning application has currently been submitted to MBC for the building's conversion into office space.

A copy of the Planning Permission from MBC to the Parish Council for the initial building of the bus shelter in 1987 has been obtained by Frances Waberski. She has given James Brown a copy of it.

After a general discussion, the Parish Councillors told James Brown that they would, in principle, agree to the bus shelter being moved as a concession to the Freeby Estate. The Parish Council will expect the Freeby Estate to pay the full cost of the move. James Brown confirmed his plan would be to set it into the bank on the opposite side of the village street. It would then be on Freeby Estate land and he would want the Parish Council to enter into a licence. This will run in perpetuity and would be rent free. The Parish Council will advise James Brown what name would go onto the licence. James will assess the bus shelter to decide if it can be dismantled and moved successfully. If he feels it wouldn't survive the move, he will come back to the Parish Council. Beverley Howes told James that if it needs repairing as a result of the move, the Freeby Estate will have to pay the cost of putting it right.

8 Saxby Station – Beverley Howes said that she is concerned that the new bright orange coloured crates that are currently being stacked on top of each other along the side of the B676 on the edge of the Saxby Station site are very distracting to drivers and could be a road hazard, as well as being very unsightly. Chris Hewerdine said that he frequently sees fires burning on the site at night.

James Brown confirmed that he has been looking into the planning position at the site. The orange coloured crates are classed as temporary structures and as such do not need planning permission to be put there. There are also no planning regulations which could stop them being the bright orange colour. Malise Graham said that there had been a large inspection of the site about 4 years which Jim Worley had carried out personally with the police. They went through each unit on the site but could find nothing irregular. Although there have been concerns that people may be living on the site, there is no evidence that that is the case.

9 Grit bin at Wyfordby – Following the previous Parish Council meeting, James Brown said that he has obtained plans which show in detail the verges and land. He is still of the opinion that the Freeby Estate own the part of the verge where the grit bin is sited and as such would require the Parish Council to enter into a licence before the grit bin could be put on the verge. There then followed a general discussion about how necessary a grit bin is on the hill. Chris Hewerdine said that he had suggested that it might be a good idea to have a grit bin, but given the siting and positioning issues with regard to land ownership, he would like to retract that suggestion. It was therefore agreed that it would not be taken any further.

10 Melton Mowbray Eastern Distribution Road – Ian Manchester outlined the correspondence he has received from LCC Highways in relation to the proposed Melton

Eastern Distribution Road. There are 2 proposed routes which the road might take. Both cross the A607 in the same place to the east of Thorpe Arnold. Option one then cuts to the west of Shipman's Barn Stud and more or less follows the route of the Swing Bridge Lane until it cuts in to join the A606. Very little information has been given to the landowners who might be affected. Malise Graham will ask Joe Orson to set up a meeting with a LCC representative and affected landowners and tenants.

7 Planning –

Land behind Woodbine Farm – James Brown confirmed Class Q approval has been given.

Saxby Church Door – Approval has now been given for the new door

Mill Cottage, Stapleford – Variation of Condition - Approval has been given

The Old Bake House, Freeby – Frances Waberski, Ian Manchester and Simon Faulks declared a conflict of interest. Beverley Howes confirmed an application has been made to convert the Old Bake House into office space by Freeby Estate. The Parish Council has not objected although it has requested that the historic village bread oven and copper inside the building could be retained as features.

Any Other Business –

Wyfordby post box - Beverley Howes has had a letter from the Post Office to say they are assessing the usage before a decision will be made about replacing the post box. She made the point that the post box couldn't always be used as birds would nest in it every year.

There are potholes in Saxby and on the Freeby Lane by Freeby Wood. Malise Graham suggested Frances rings the potholes number and reports them.

Frances Waberski is to chase up Highways about the white lines on the road at Wyfordby.

James Brown informed the meeting that the B676 will be closed on the 5th October and the work will take between 8 to 10 weeks. The culvert is being replaced. James Brown will send Frances the contact names of the Highways engineers involved and she will ask for a more detailed diversion map.

The bridleway leading off Church Lane in Saxby towards Freeby village is inaccessible and needs clearing. Frances will write to Buckminster Estate.

Date of next meeting – Monday 9th October 2017 at 7.30 pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.