

# Newton Flotman Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25 February 2020, 7.30pm

Present David Gibbs (Chairman) Julie King (Clerk)  
Bob Kelf  
Bob McKelvey  
David Segens  
Paul Weeks

Members of the public: William Ball, Chairman of the Village Centre Committee.

## 1. Apologies for Absence

**It was agreed to accept apologies from Jeffrey Billings – away.**

## 2. Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda and Dispensations

Paul Weeks declared an interest as he is the coordinator for the village's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary VE Day events.

## 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 January 2020

**These were agreed as a true record of proceedings with no amendments.**

## 4. Public Participation

Paul Weeks and William Ball explained that the organising committee consisting of representatives of the Village Centre Committee, Newton Flotman and Saxlingham Thorpe Heritage Group (NFaST), the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and the Women's Institute. They had met on two occasions and had begun to plan a series of events for the 75<sup>th</sup> VE Day celebration weekend. There would be an event held at the Village Centre which would be organised by the Village Centre Committee, events held at the Church organised by the PCC and NFaST, an event at Olive House Nursing Home, organised by the home and it was hoped a street party. The coordinating committee were asking that the Parish Council organise the street party event.

It was hoped that this event could be held on and around the old bridge at the end of Old Street, at around lunchtime on Sunday 10 May. The event would take the form of a 'bring and share' meal with tables and chairs provided from the Village Centre and the Church (Bob McKelvey offered to store these in one of his outbuildings). Olive House were keen for their residents to attend and if the weather was inclement, then the Village Centre could be used.

## 5. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day – 8-10 May 2020

**It was agreed in principle that the Parish Council would organise the street party event.** The clerk and Paul Weeks would conduct a risk assessment, liaise with Highways regarding a possible road closure, liaise with those who lived on Old Street and Waterside Gardens to ascertain their support and investigate the insurance implications and any costs involved. The Parish Council would then meet to consider the findings and to agree whether to proceed with the event.

It was noted that a grant of up to £200 could be obtained from South Norfolk Council for the 75th anniversary VE Day celebration events and **it was agreed that the clerk would submit an application on behalf of the Parish Council.**

**6. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 31 March 2020, 7.30pm however it was noted that it was likely that an additional meeting would need to be called before 31 March to consider the findings as detailed above.

The meeting closed at 7.52pm.