

# South Ferriby Parish Council

Minutes of the Flood Relief Fund meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014 at 7.00pm  
in South Ferriby Village Hall, Horkstow Road, South Ferriby

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## Present

Cllr Sara Haddon (Chair)  
Cllr Alan Fisher

Cllr Dewi Bennett  
Cllr Dave Mouncey

Cllr Paul Heathfield

## Co-opted Community Representatives

Mr Nigel Appleyard (Rugby Group Benevolent Fund)

Mr Michael Barwick (South Ferriby Methodist Church)

Cllr Ken Bates (Chair of Saxby All Saints Parish Council)

Mr Phillip Baynes Clarke (CEMEX UK Ltd)

Revd David Rowett (St Nicholas's Church, South Ferriby)

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### 1. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Holloway (South Ferriby Parish Council) and Cllr Harriman (Bonby Parish Council).

### 2. Declarations of Interest

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Cllr Bennett	Agenda Items 5-9 Pecuniary	South Ferriby Resident & Flood Affected
Cllr Fisher	Agenda Item 5-9 Prejudicial	South Ferriby Resident
Cllr Haddon	Agenda Items 5-9 Prejudicial	South Ferriby Resident & Flood Affected
Cllr Heathfield	Agenda Items 5-9 Pecuniary	South Ferriby Resident & Flood Affected
Cllr Mouncey	Agenda Items 5-9 Pecuniary	South Ferriby Resident & Flood Affected

#### b) Dispensations given:

- Dispensations to stay, discuss and vote given to **ALL** Councillors in regard to agenda items 5-9. (Meeting would be inquorate without such a grant).

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014 were approved and duly signed. Proposed: Cllr Fisher, Seconded: Cllr Bennett.

#### Update from Cllr Haddon

- Three Councillors have left since the last Flood Appeal meeting hence the need for resubmission of dispensation requests.
- Most residents in public housing have moved back in.
- Some individual householders have moved back too. Much is dependent upon their method of drying (rapid dry etc) or extent of their flooding.
- Other residents are still many months away from getting back in due to various reasons (economy, insurance etc).
- The Parish Council held a 'Meet the Council' afternoon on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2014 which was well attended (approximately 40 plus people). Most who

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attended were struggling in one way or another, with issues such as stress-related illnesses. Some are suffering in silence and there are children showing anxiety too.

- Two residents' insurance companies have ceased trading.
- At least 5 new families have moved into Andrews Road.
- It is anticipated that people will worry when the high tides start again.

## 4. Fund Total

- Fundraising has slowed down.
- Due to the extended deadline for submission of Phase 1 applications and Cllr Mouncey actively seeking out residents to confirm whether they wish to apply a very large proportion of flood affected residents have received payment.

### Statement of accounts:

As at 23/6/2014:

	Bank Balance	£41,093.18	
Less	Uncleared Phase 1 Cheques	£1,300.00	
Add	Unbanked Cheque/Cash	£167.99	
	Adjusted Balance	<u>£39,937.17</u>	
	2 residents - unknown if they wish to claim Village Hall claim (underwritten by Appeal Fund)	£1300.00	
		£650.00	
	Tonight's Phase 1 residential apps	£5,850.00	
	Tonight's Phase 1 non-residential apps	£900.00	
	Total	<u>£8,700.00</u>	
	Phase 2 Funds Available		<b>£31,237.17</b>

Other:

- £100 Sainsburys Vouchers (£20x5) Expiry Jan 2016
- £80 M&S Gift Cards (£20x4) Expiry 2016
- £29 George Gift Card

## 5. Received Phase 1 Applications

- a) It was **RESOLVED** that all Phase 1 applications received are genuine and valid. Proposed: Cllr Fisher, Seconded: Cllr Mouncey.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to pay £650 to the following Phase 1 applications:
  - Applications 111, 112, 113, 114 and 115.Proposed: Cllr Fisher, Seconded: Cllr Mouncey.
- c) It was **RESOLVED** to pay £650 to the following Phase 1 residential applications received after the agenda had been posted:
  - Applications 116, 117, 118 and 119.Proposed: Cllr Fisher, Seconded: Cllr Mouncey.

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- d) After due consideration and input from the community representatives it was **RESOLVED** to make a goodwill payment of £250 to application 96 (car expenses). Whilst it was acknowledged that the non-residential applicant did indeed assist in evacuating residents from the flood (residents corroborated this fact), they did not provide comprehensive financial evidence to enable the Flood Committee to award them their full request. Furthermore the Committee felt that the financial focus should be on residents of the village.  
Proposed: Cllr Fisher, Seconded: Cllr Heathfield.
- e) It was **RESOLVED** to pay £650 to applicant 91 (car expenses) after production of financial documentation.  
Proposed: Cllr Fisher, Seconded: Cllr Mouncey.

## 6. Future Phase 1 Applications

It was **RESOLVED** that Phase 1 applications received after tonight's meeting would be processed until a cut off date of the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014.  
Proposed: Cllr Fisher, Seconded: Cllr Heathfield.

## 7. Second Round Distribution

- a) It was discussed at length of how to address the second round of distribution.

The key points raised were:

- As a Parish Council it will be difficult, it not impossible, to means test applicants.
- Cllr Haddon felt that the committee should encourage people not to apply if they don't really need it.
- Cllr Fisher commented that it would be fairest if those that do not need it do not claim and have a tight deadline for submission of applications – less flexibility than Phase 1.
- The Revd Rowett commented that the phrasing of the letter is crucial as he would not wish to discourage vulnerable people who may feel that they shouldn't apply.
- Cllr Haddon reminded the committee that there were many variations with regards to residents insured status and hence losses. Some only had property cover not contents, some both, and some none at all with other configurations besides these.
- Cllr Bates said it will be difficult to assess the nuances of people's finances. Encourage them to stop and think before an application is put in.
- Mr Baynes-Clark felt that it should not be distributed evenly to all flood-affected residents but some form of application process followed as in Phase 1.
- Mr Appleyard felt that it was right to ask what/why the applicant needed this additional funding. Rugby Benevolent Fund had received three claims thus far.
- Mr Barwick suggested a more stringent deadline for applications to reduce those that may claim. The form should also request a reply regardless of whether they wish to apply or not.
- Cllr Heathfield felt that people may well have a better handle of their financial needs by September/October 2014.

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It was **RESOLVED** to take the middle ground by writing to those that had applied for Phase 1 monies and encourage those with ongoing financial difficulties to apply for Phase 2 via an application form.

Proposed: Cllr Fisher, Seconded: Cllr Mouncey.

- b) It was **RESOLVED** that the wording of the draft letter and application form for remaining funds would be sent to **ALL** members of the Flood Appeal Committee for consideration/comment.

Proposed: Cllr Fisher, Seconded: Cllr Mouncey.

## 8. Procedure/Administration

- a. No action required with regards to conditional donations.
- b. Letter and application form to be sent out in August 2014.

## 9. Donations of Furniture and Other Items

- The Rotary Club are organising a small number of new white goods.
- Donated goods/furniture need to be out of Jonathon Well's barn by 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014.
- Unwanted goods etc to be donated to Homestart and Jerry Green.
- Books to South Ferriby School.
- There are still goods in Winterton to be sorted – Cllr Mouncey to follow up.
- Cllr Bennett has agreed to purchase all the donated vouchers with that money going back into the fund.

## 10. Any Other Business

None.

## 11. Next Meeting

October 2014. Date and time to be confirmed.

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