

FINNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

*Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 13th February, 2018,
in St. Bartholomew's Church, Finningham, starting at 7:31pm*

Present: Mr. A Kilbee, Mrs. M. Webb, Mr. J. Miller, Mrs. C. Winter and Mr. R. Negus (late due to work)
In attendance: Miss. N. Hill (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

17.173 Visiting speakers

None

17.174 Contribution by Members of the Public

The footpath warden was unable to attend, but sent a report to be read out in his absence. As he has been using the footpaths, he has been cutting back from hedges etc to clear access. The report (ref. 4332021) he sent in regarding the lack of waymarking at Saracens Hill. The report has been acknowledged but no action seen as yet. Report (ref 4357804) about a post and byway sign being broken and laying in the verge has been acknowledged and added to their schedule of works. Report (ref 4363259) with regards to waymarking being beneficial in all directions, at the rear of Finningham Lodge has been acknowledged and will be investigated before a decision is made. Report (ref 4357811) the footbridge at Eastlands Lane, crossing a tributary of the River Dove. The foot treads and supports are in decay and inspection is required. This has been passed onto Suffolk Highways bridge dept. They said after inspection and due to the fact the bridge was little used, he would arrange for it to be demolished. The Chairman thanked Mr. D. Aiken for his report and the work he is doing

17.175 Apologies and approval of absence.

Mr. J. Black unable to attend due to work. Mrs. D. Sewell was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. J. Miller proposed, seconded by Mrs. M. Webb and agreed to accept these absences.

17.176 Approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th. January, 2018 & the extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 22nd January 2018.

Mr. J. Miller proposed, seconded by Mrs. M. Webb and agreed that the minutes for both meetings were a correct record and the Chairman then signed the minute book.

17.177 To receive any pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations of interest from Members and any Gifts of Hospitality.

Nothing from any of the Councillors.

17.178 Matters arising from the meeting held on 9th January 2018

- 178.01 WW1 commemoration – can any information be found to go into the pamphlet? Or has this become a non starter? The Church Parish Council had a meeting on 13th February 2018 about having an exhibition in the Church of Finningham Roll of Honour. Therefore as the Church is already doing this, then the pamphlet is a non starter.
- 178.02 Welcome pack for people moving to the village – Following on from the list Mrs. Sewell did, what needs to happen next to make this happen? Carry forward to next meeting.
- 178.03 Water supply in the cemetery – what is the cost of installing a stand pipe? An exact figure hadn't been found, but a member of the public, that lives near to the cemetery said that people normally come prepared with water when they visit. Therefore the Council will no longer pursue getting a water supply at the cemetery.
- 178.04 Can the skip be organised for the same time as the litter pick is done in the village for the compost heaps in the cemetery to be cleared? This will be done to coincide with the litter pick.

- 178.05 WW1 celebration in the village – has anyone heard of anything happening in the village? This has already been covered with what the Church is doing. Nothing else seems to be happening.
- 178.06 The shrubs from the graveyard to Churchyard meadow have already be trimmed by Mr. C. Goddard. Thanks to Mr. Goddard for clearing the footpaths.
- 178.07 The swings have been ordered and installation should be around the beginning of April.
- 178.09 Has Mr. Sewell be able to get costings of the village signs, after a design was agreed on at the last meeting?
Carried forward to the next meeting.
- 178.09 Has anyone found any precedent set elsewhere to help the strategy to get a lower speed limit imposed along Walsham Road? Mr. J. Black found via the government website it's dealt with by local councils. We are aware that Suffolk County Council do not want to look at lowering speed limits around the village.

17.179 **Chairman's Report**

Mr Goldthorpe (Shadwell House) has already paid the parish council for the repair of the gravestone, which was damaged due to one of his trees falling into the Cemetery a few weeks ago. All the timber from the tree has been removed to his side of the ditch. We have received an official quote from Perfitt's for the repair and they need a deposit of £250 to start the job.

Green Farm Yard planning application, the Chairman has been in touch with the architects about the size of the meeting room. As yet he hasn't had any revised proposals but Mr Tanner seemed to think it was possible. A lot of talk has been around the sewage system and the Chairman was able to speak to someone at Anglian Water who knew what was going on. A report was published 13th February by Anglian Water and they have withheld their permission of the development until an acceptable strategy has been agreed on. It seems the developer could be responsible for all or part of the cost to upgrade the sewage system. This could potentially mean that the developer may not be able to accede to our request of having a larger meeting room.

The Chairman has spoken to Mrs Cairns of The Suffolk Preservation Society who has some interesting points on the layout of the proposed scheme to MSDC planning department.

17.180 **Working Groups Report – Defib & Recreation area**

180.01 **Defib**

The electrical equipment is coming through slowly and the earth spike will arrive and be installed soon. The clerk needs to look at electrical costs and present at the next meeting.

180.02 **Recreation area**

The slide should be replaced a.s.a.p, but the embankment style slide is out of the question due to there being no natural embankment on the Green. A medium pedestal slide from Wickstead is £6,500. It is suggested to install the replacement slide at the location of the old slide.

Other equipment has been looked into – wooden based trail equipment, which can be used by both adults and children. Being wood the lifespan is shorter and would need soft matting. Cost for 5 different items in wood, £3000 +VAT & installation. Metal based fitness equipment would cost £4,500 + VAT & installation for 5 items.

These are more suitable to adults and no soft padding is needed and the metal equipment would last longer.

So for the slide and 5 x adult pieces of equipment, £10,000 + VAT & installation would be needed

An all weather cricket square has been looked into, cost's being around £940 which includes installation. MCC suggested there are untapped funds that could be used to help fund this.

The Chairman was very pleased with the work done and said it's now a case of seeing what funding is about . Mr. Negus was asked to look into getting a grant for the cricket square.

17.181 **To discuss and approve the fixing of the broken section of the fence on the Green.** Quote for this repair is £120 to include 5 posts and coachbolts.

Mr. R. Negus proposed, seconded by Mr. J. Miller and agreed to accept this quote for the fixing of the broken fence.

17.182 **To discuss and approve to get the mover serviced.** The cost should this should be around £100.

Mrs. C. Winter proposed, seconded by Mr. R. Negus and agreed to get the mower serviced.

17.183 **To discuss when to have a Spring litter pick.** The national date is the weekend of 2nd – 4th March 2018. Can clearing the heaps of grass/compost in the churchyard also be done at the same time?

Sunday 8th April is the date set for the Spring litter pick and to meet on the Green at 10.00 to collect equipment/rubbish bags.

17.184 **To discuss and approve the purchase of a wreath from Finningham Parish Council.** Due to the centenary of the RAF this year, a round wreath of blue, white and red, 17" in diameter is suggested. This will cost £25.

Mrs. M. Webb proposed, seconded by Mr. R. Negus and agreed for the Council to purchase this wreath. A decision still needs to be made on what the centre badge should be.

17.185 **To approve the repairing of a gravestone that was broken when a tree from Shadwell House fell on it in the cemetery.** The cost of the repair is £600 which is being reimbursed by the owner of Shadwell House

Mr. A. Kilbee proposed, seconded by Mrs. M. Webb and agreed to pay this once the invoice has been received and in the interim to pay the £250 deposit.

17.186 Correspondence Received

- 186.01 Police have issued posters via email due to recent burglaries from outbuildings and also theft from vehicles in the local area.
- 186.02 Mrs. D. Sewell's Business Planning and Developing Policies training session has been cancelled by SALC due to a staff shortage.
- 186.03 Mr. Doug Aiken is doing a twig pick up within the churchyard and Mr. Colin Winter has left a small trailer nearby to enable the twigs to be placed to be able to dispose of them.
- 186.04 BMSDC has confirmed the precept of £6,895 for 2018/2019 which is an increase of 3.08%.

17.187 Finance

- 187.01 Clerk's report
Previous meeting, last balance reported was from 29/11/2017
Current account £7,743.67 (£156.00, £315, £120, £8.63, £132, £628.80 not yet presented, afterwards £6,698.23)
Deposit account £3,313.36

Balances as of 29/01/2018

Current account £6,318.17 (£655.30 not yet presented, afterwards £5,662.87)

Receipts since 29/11/17 – £0

Payments since 29/11/17 - £1,425.47

Deposit account £3,313.94 – 58p interest

187.02 **Requests for payment**

Mr. R. Negus proposed, and seconded by Mrs. C. Winter and agreed to authorise the following payments

MR. A. KILBEE - £28.18 – Chairman's allowance

LARK TECHNOLOGY GROUP LTD - £324.80 – electrical items needs for connecting defib to cabinet

PERFITT - £250 – Deposit for repairs to broken gravestone

17.188 Planning

To consider applications.

DC/17/06190 – 15 Dwellings at Green Farm Yard - Suffolk Preservation Society has submitted their views, which a copy has been emailed to all councillors.

Decisions & to consider planning matters coming forth.

Granted. DC/17/05871 – Erection of 1No single storey dwelling and access road – Gosford House, Station Road, Finningham, Stowmarket, IP14 4TH

All planning applications received up to the date of the meeting will be discussed.

17.189 Questions to the Chairman

The Church bridleway is getting in a bad state of repair. It seems the residents have discussed that state of the bridleway and were going to fill the pot holes etc once the weather is better.

17.190 Items to be discussed at the next meeting and included in the March's agenda.

Welcome pack

Cost of electric supply for defib.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 9pm