

FINNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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*Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 13th March 2018,
in St. Bartholomew's Church, Finningham, starting at 7:30pm*

Present: Mrs. M. Webb, Mrs. D. Sewell, Mrs. C. Winter and Mr. R. Negus

In attendance: Miss. N. Hill (Clerk), Cllr Roy Barker and 1 member of the public.

17.191 Visiting speakers

Cllr Roy Barker thanked everyone in the parishes for their patience with the refuse collections as they were delayed due to the snow and weather conditions. Service and collection days are back to normal.

The ward boundary changes are still in consultation stage, with the proposal of moving from 40 wards to 34. More information should be sent out within the next couple of months.

Cllr Barker shared his views on the state of the roads, not just pot holes but sign posts and white/yellow lines on the road, being in the worse state he remembers them.

17.192 Contribution by Members of the Public

None

17.193 Apologies and approval of absence.

Mr. A. Kilbee unable to attend due to working away & Mr. J. Miller sent his apologies for not being able to attend.

Mrs. D. Sewell proposed, seconded by Mrs. M. Webb and agreed to accept these absences.

17.194 Approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th. February, 2018.

Mrs. C. Winter pointed out it wasn't the 'Church Parish Council' who discussed WW1 commemoration, it was a 'group of interested parties' After this amendment of the minutes, Mrs. M. Webb proposed, seconded by Mrs. D. Sewell and agreed that the minutes were a correct record and the Vice-Chairman then signed the minute book.

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

Nothing from any of the Councillors.

17.196 Matters arising from the meeting held on 13th February 2018

- 196.01 Has Mr. Sewell be able to get costings of the village signs, after a design was agreed on at the last meeting? No pricing yet, but things are moving forward. Dimensions are needed from Highways, but due to not being able to speak to them on the phone, an email has to be sent and they take up to 20 working days to respond.
- 196.02 Has Mr. J. Black found anymore information or any precedent set elsewhere to help the strategy to get a lower speed limit imposed along Walsham Road?
Carry over to next meeting.
- 196.03 Mower service – Was Mr. R. Negus able to find a cheaper service price through his contacts? No, therefore the Chairman can book the service at Fieldens as previous years.
- 196.04 Cost of electric for defib. The clerk hasn't had the MPAN code from UK power networks to get prices off electricity suppliers. UK Power networks have been chased.
UK Power networks state they need an exact address before the MPAN code can be released. Mrs. M. Webb said she may have an exact address/grid reference from when she was dealing with BMSDC about installing the defib.
- 196.05 What design/style of badge for the centre of the wreath would the Council like?
Bearing in mind The British Legion said they are able to make the centre badge to a oneoff design, if was suggested and agreed for the village sign to be on the badge with the words 'lest we forget'. It's thought that Richard Groundwell would have a copy of the line drawing in JPEG format to be able to send to The British Legion
- 196.06 Church bridleway and the state of it.
The potholes will be dealt with and filled when the weather is better with no chance of frost.

The area by the gate of the Church and churchyard is another matter. It was felt this should be an agenda item to discuss at the next meeting.

17.197 Chairman's Report

The Chairman sent over a report to be read out in his absence.

The new owner of Shadwell House contacted the Chairman to check if the trees and the damaged gravestone had been dealt with, which they had.

WWI Celebrations in the village – is there any advancement on this? None of the Councillors had heard of anything else going on in the village.

The Chairman had been in communication with Mr. James Tanner – the architect of the development at Green Farm yard and said the meeting room is now 50% bigger and had turned the position of it 90 degrees. The size of it now is 11.8m X 9.29m and the actual meeting room is approx. 10m X 6m. The Councillors were very pleased with this size. Mr. Tanner commented on Suffolk Preservation Society's comments about not wanting the 3 terrace houses in their current location. He felt it wasn't right for the front doors of these houses to be facing Wickham Road as it would encourage postman etc to stop along Wickham Road. There is a unit at the back of the development which has been removed as the planning dept. at BMSDC wasn't keen on it. Mr. Tanner will work with all consultees even though it will be hard to satisfy everyone and currently he hadn't heard from the water company about the sewage issue.

17.198 Working Groups Report – Defib & Recreation area

198.01 Defib

The earth spike just needs to be put into the hole, then the electrician is able to complete his work.

198.02 Recreation area

Wicksteed are meeting on the Green later in the week to discuss the adult equipment and help with where items should be placed, so a full quote can be given. The replacement slide should be a pedestal slide, due to not having a bank on the Green to site the slide. It's felt the project is moving forward and when quotes have been obtained, then they know what figure is needed from grants etc.

No further forward with the cricket square. It was asked what is the difference between a Green and a recreation ground and whether people within the village would be against having a cricket square.

17.199 To discuss and review the Clerk's salary to the next tier, from SCP 17 to SCP 18. The Chairman has recently completed the clerk's annual appraisal.

Having read the appraisal the Councillors felt it reflected the clerk lower than they would have placed her. The clerk explained that it was completed with agreement of both herself and the Chairman.

Mrs. M. Webb proposed, seconded by Mrs. D. Sewell and agreed for the clerk's salary to move up to the next tier SCP 18.

17.200 To discuss and approve for the Chairman to use his chairman's allowance of £25 to go towards a contribution for teas/coffees/biscuits to be provided in the Church on 8th April 2018 at 10am for all the volunteers participating in the litter pick.

Mrs. D. Sewell proposed, seconded by Mr. R. Negus and agreed for the Chairman to use his allowance for this.

17.201 To discuss and approve whether the meeting in June 2018 could be moved to another date in June. It's currently on 12th June (the 2nd Tuesday of the month) but the clerk will be unable to attend a meeting on 12th June.

It was discussed, and Mrs. C. Winter proposed, seconded by Mrs. D. Sewell and agreed for the June 2018 meeting to be on 5th June 2018.

17.202 To discuss the welcome pack and what needs to happen next to get these produced.

Mrs. D. Sewell showed one of the welcome packs she had produced, having purchased some plastic wallets. It contains a covering letter, a list of contact details and leaflets. The Councillors thought this was very good and praised her for this.

17.203 To discuss the issue of gas bird scarers that a villager has raised with the Council aware.

As Defra's guidelines are being complied to, the Council do not feel that there is a need for the farmer to be contacted and it's felt it isn't the Council's responsibility as there are no noise regulations/rules being broken.

17.204 To discuss the comment 'church premises are in a sorry state' being raised by a villager.

The Church is a Grade I listed building, therefore nothing can be done with the Church itself. As a bridleway goes through the churchyard, this is maintained by SCC therefore it is volunteers that maintain the churchyard. These volunteers are covered by insurance and trained and the villager raising the point is more than welcome to offer their services to the volunteering group.

17.205 Correspondence Received

205.01 Recycling claim from the bottle bank has come through, awaiting for £58.46 to go into the bank.

17.206 Finance

206.01 Clerk's report.

Previous meeting, last balance reported was from 29/01/2018

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

Deposit account £3,313.94

Balances as of 27/02/2018

Current account £6,134.69 (£574.80 not yet presented, afterwards £5,559.89)

Receipts since 29/01/18 – £800 (£600 for gravestone repair and £200 for wood from Ash tree)

Payments since 29/01/18 - £983.48

Deposit account £3,313.94

206.02 **Requests for payment** as listed below and to review matters coming forth.

Mrs. M. Webb proposed, and seconded by Mrs. C. Winter and agreed to authorise the following payments

MR. A. BROWNLIE - £120 – repairs to fence posts on the Green

HMRC - £97.80 - PAYE

N. HILL - £386.45 – Clerk's salary

N..HILL - £33.88 – clerks expenses

LADYWELL ACCOUINTANCY SERVICES - £30 – PAYE services

NEST - £14.67 – pension contribution via direct debt

Totalling £682.70

17.207 Planning

207.01 To consider applications. All planning applications received up to the date of the meeting will be discussed.
None to consider.

207.02 Decisions & to consider planning matters coming forth.
None

17.208 Questions to the Vice Chairman

Could Friends of Finningham use the Green on 18th August 2018 for an event. None of the Councillors could see a problem with this, but it will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

Is the Parish Council doing anything for Suffolk day on 21st June 2018? It was suggested to do an evening walk along the footpaths and 'beat the bounds'.

What is happening with the gravemarkers? Due to the cost, these haven't been purchased. Mr. R. Negus suggested that paving slabs would be a lot cheaper and would do the same job and could look just as attractive as the light grey granite quoted for.

The old railings, what is happening with them? It isn't known what is happening with them and what state of being repaired they are at.

17.209 Items to be discussed at the next meeting and included in the April's agenda.

Suffolk Day 21st June 2018

Can Friends of Finningham use the Green on 18th August 2018

The ground outside the gate of the Church. Who's responsibility is it and can a 'No Parking' sign be put there?

The Vice Chairman then closed the meeting at 9.10pm

