

The Parish of **FINNINGHAM**

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*Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on
Tuesday, 10th April, 2018
in St. Bartholomew's Church, Finningham, starting at 7.00pm.*

Chairman: Mr. A. Kilbee.

In attendance: Mr. A. Kilbee (Chairman), Miss N. Hill (Parish Clerk), 4 members of the Parish Council (Mrs. M. Webb, Mrs. C. Winter, Mr. J. Miller & Mrs. D. Sewell) and 3 members of the public.

1. Welcome & introduction by the Chairman

Apologies from Mr. J. Black & Mr. R. Negus for being unable to attend the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. He reminded the members of the public this meeting is their opportunity to give feedback on the activities within the Parish.

2. Minutes already approved of the Meeting held on 9th May 2017. The minutes were approved on 13th June 2017 during the Parish Council meeting.

3. Annual report from the Chairman of Finningham Parish Council.

The past year has been an active one for the Council, not least punctuated by the proposal to build a number (currently 14) in the Green Farm Yard. Such was the interest in this development that a special meeting was held, at which 43 people attended.

Thanks to the Friends of Finningham initiative, the village is looking particularly attractive this spring. The daffodils that the team of volunteers planted have made a beautiful addition to our verges and triangles. I believe that this is the start of an on-going campaign.

This floral enhancement of our village was augmented last Sunday by the Spring Litter Pick and Churchyard Clean-up. In spite of the rather damp conditions, we had a reasonable turn out of volunteers, who were able to collect a considerable amount of rubbish from the verges and other public areas. With the number of people who came, we were able to cover all the roads in the village but Walsham Road was so bad that it could not be completed.

By now, the replacement swing should have been installed but the weather has been against us; with the result that the Green was flooded. It will be scheduled to be done in another two weeks. This is the first phase of a planned expansion of our play area. An adult exercise area is also planned but both are dependent on being able to obtain grants. We are also considering an all-weather cricket pitch on the Green.

It is very unfortunate that, due to rising costs, we have had to increase the Parish Council's portion of the Council Tax burden. We have kept this to an absolute minimum and we can only do this by being a self-help Parish. Whenever we call for volunteers it is usually the "Good Old Faithfuls" who come to our aid. It would be wonderful if this band of Merry Men and Ladies could be enlarged, perhaps by canvassing for new recruits.

One of our major issues is the communication with residents. Of course, there is the Newsletter, which is a very good medium but, as it is published only every two months, information can become dated and forgotten. We also have a website (actually run by FoF) and there is a Facebook page and now many people are on the Neighbourhood system. In spite of all these, we still find it difficult to get the message across. If anyone has any ideas how we could improve matters, please let us know.

4. Other Reports:

The following had been invited to report, subject to availability:

County Councillor Cllr Jane Storey

Cllr Storey was unable to attend and the report (held on file) was read out on her behalf.

District Councillor Cllr Roy Barker

Cllr Barker was unable to attend.

Footpath Warden

Mr. D. Aiken was unable to attend but sent a report which was read out on his behalf.

PROW REF. 4363259 17TH JAN 2018 – WAYMARKING AT REAR OF FINNINGHAM LODGE, FOOTPATHS 1 & 4 ACKNOWLEDGED BY SCC 23RD JAN, AND WAYMARKING POST AND INDICATORS FOR FOOTPATHS IN PLACE WHEN INSPECTED 13TH MARCH 2018

PROW REF. 4357804 16TH JAN 2018 – BYWAY 20, POST AND SIGN BROKEN ADJACENT TO QUEST ANTIQUES. ACKNOWLEDGED BY SCC 17TH JAN, AND REPLACEMENT POST AND SIGN IN PLACE WHEN INSPECTED 13TH MARCH 2018
AT FOOTPATH 24 GRID REF TM06169 69385 MOON LANE. A WAYMARKING POST AT THIS POINT WAS FALLEN, BUT UNBROKEN. ALSO KINDLY REPORTED BY MARY WEBB VIA NATALIE HILL. ON 15TH MARCH I RE-SET POST AND WAYMARKING IN THE GROUND AT THIS POINT. ANOTHER WAYMARKING PLAQUE FIXED TO BOUNDARY FENCING ON MR CRACKNELL'S LAND JUST EAST OF THIS POST WAS NOTED TO BE FIXED TO A LOOSE POST, BUT STILL SHOWING CORRECT DIRECTION, AND HELD SOMEWHAT BY THE WIRE FENCING, SO HAVE CONSIDERED IT ADEQUATE AT THIS TIME.
FURTHER PROW REPORTS SUBMITTED;
REF. 4332021 WAYMARKING – THIS WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO SCC 7TH DEC. 2017 – ACKNOWLEDGED BUT I BELIEVE LOST IN SYSTEM, SO RE – SUBMITTED REF. 4419808 ON 8TH APRIL AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY SCC ON 9TH APRIL.
REF. 4419814 FOOTPATH 2, SIGN BROKEN AT BASE. SITED BESIDE C555 WALSHAM RD. JUST BEYOND ROB HALL CORNER HEADING WEST. SUBMITTED 9TH APRIL AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY SCC ON 9TH APRIL
REF. 4419815 BRIDLEWAY 19, PARTIALLY BLOCKED BY HEDGING/BRAMBLES ADJACENT TO MILL HOUSE, MILL LANE. SUBMITTED 9TH APRIL.

Friends of Finningham (FoF)

Mr. C. Winter was unable to attend, but sent a report which was read out on his behalf. The money raised from the disco was used to purchase mannequins for training with the defib. E-mail myself, colinwinter@hotmail.co.uk photos of the daffodils around the village, as they are hoping to fill in any gaps as it would help identify where the gaps are. The Christmas meal was at Stoke Ash pub as it's hard to find another venue to cater for the amount of people attending. The bonus ball and the hiring of the marque fund this. 18th August 2018 is the Finningham Fete on the Green. There is a meeting of the FoF on 17th April at the White Horse pub at 7.30pm.

Finningham Community Speed Watch

Mr. Brownlie was unable to attend but did ask that if anyone was interested in helping the group then to speak to him.

Open Forum.

Nothing was raised.

There were no other matters raised and the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:32pm.