

FINNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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*Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 9th October 2018,
in St. Bartholomew's Church, Finningham, starting at 7:32pm*

Present: Mr. A. Kilbee, Mrs. M. Webb, Mr. J. Miller, Mrs. C. Winter, Mrs. D. Sewell and Mr. J. Black

In attendance: Miss. N. Hill (Clerk), 2 members of the public & Stefan Henriksen (Community Engagement Officer, Police)

18.109 Visiting speakers

Stefan Henriksen (Community Engagement Officer, Police)

It was explained that social media is used more to reach out to people, but the police still try and get to public events. He is looking after Mid-Suffolk and trying to get to parish meetings at least once a year. He was asked for advice regards to vandalism in the village and he said to report to the Police, especially if the people are known, as they will then visit the parents and speak to them as well as the children and worse case, will take it further. He advised that crimes can be reported online, rather than calling 101, if they are non-urgent.

Mr. Henriksen said it's best for the Police to approach and deal with the individuals committing these crimes, rather than the best will of a member of the public.

Hare coursing is on going and 2 weeks ago it was reported, but they were not caught. If 4x4's are seen in a field with whippet/greyhound type dogs, then make a note of the registration of the vehicle and dial it through on 999.

18.110 Contribution by Members of the Public

No footpath report.

18.111 Apologies and approval of absence.

Mr. R. Negus unable to attend due to childcare.

Mr. A. Kilbee approved, seconded by Mrs. M. Webb and agreed to accept this absence.

18.112 Approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th September 2018.

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

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

None

18.114 Matters arising from the meeting held on 11^h September 2018

114.01 Potholes – has anyone had any success in getting these filled? The Chairman is reporting about this in his report.

114.02 Electricity supply for the defib – E:on have arranged for the meter to be installed on Thursday 18th October. UK Power Networks are attending on Tuesday 16th October and Wednesday 17th October. Is anyone able to attend the site, with the key on the above days? Mrs. M. Webb is able to attend for part of the day.

114.03 Winter Maintenance plan – Minute 15.75 in 2015, it was agreed a maximum of £100 per month to be put on the account at Law's without additional parish approval. Is the damaged picnic table and damaged fence on the Green being dealt with under the winter maintenance plan? Yes

114.04 Village signs 'FINNINGHAM' either missing or damaged. The chairman has emailed Highways to get these replaced. Highways will not replace these.

18.115 Chairman's Report

Mr. R. Negus has decided that, due to family commitments, he is unable to remain on the Council. This is very unfortunate but, as you know, Councillors are required to attend meetings and an absence of more than six consecutive meetings results in dismissal from the Council. Mr. R. Negus has forestalled this by resigning now. He has offered to remain as a source of help and advice whenever necessary. I propose that we accept his resignation and ask our Clerk to write him a letter of thanks.

This leaves us with a vacancy so, please give it some thought and submit any names of people who you feel would be interested in joining us.

I have had correspondence with James Tanner, who is the representative of the developer's architects for Green Farm Yard. My purpose was to find out the situation regarding this development, as we have not heard anything from Planning Department for some time. He is just in the dark as the Parish Council.

With regards to pot holes, having spoken to someone at Highways, they have a procedure to work to and cannot deviate from that. They did offer to organise a trip to their depot at Rougham to see what they do and raise any questions.

With regards to the missing road signs (our village name plates), Highways said they are not regulatory but just information, so they will not be replacing them. The Council would have to bear the costs either by hiring a contractor or engaging SCC to do it. If the poles are still useable, I propose that we investigate buying the signs and bolting them on ourselves.

I have been chasing the replacement of the Church Green sign on the B1113 which has fallen down due to the posts rotting. This falls under MSDC but they may expect us to pay for it.

Lastly, many thanks to the small band of volunteers who helped with the Letter Pick. There were 15 bags of rubbish collected. The team who did Walsham Road had a very hard job and collected 8 bulging bags.

18.116 Working Groups Report – Defib & Recreation area

116.01 Defib

Nothing extra to report

116.02 Recreation Area

One of the picnic benches has been damaged and another bench has been attempted to be moved. It seems both items will need to be concreted down.

18.117 To discuss and approve the payment of £100 to FoF for the use of the website and newsletter.

Mrs. M. Webb proposed, seconded by Mr. J. Miller and agreed the payment to FoF.

18.118 To discuss and consider what to include in the budget for 2019-2020. What does the council want to achieve during 2019-2020?

The clerk will draft a budget to be discussed at the next meeting.

18.119 To approve the renewal of the parish council's insurance. £438.86 is due for period 1st October 2018 – 30th September 2019.

Mrs. D. Sewell proposed, seconded by Mrs. C. Winter and agreed to renew the council's insurance.

18.120 To discuss vandalism and the defibrillator. Can the police advise on preventative measures to ensure the defib isn't damaged? Thank you to Mrs. M. Webb for producing a note about vandalism to get into the next newsletter.

This was discussed when the visiting speaker spoke.

18.121 Correspondence Received

ICO have confirmed receipt of payment and have issued a certificate.

18.122 Finance

122.01 Clerk's report –

Previous meeting, last balance reported was from 29/08/2018

Current account £6,761.90 (£139.60 not yet presented, so £6,622.30)

Deposit account £3,317.24

Balances as of 28/09/2018

Current account £10,051.24 (£40 not yet presented, so £10,011.24)

Receipts since 29/08/18 – £3,447.50 (2nd half of the precept)

Payments since 29/08/18 - £158.16 (invoices approved at last meeting & unpresented cheque)

Deposit account £3,318.89 - £1.65 interest

122.02 Requests for payment

Mr. J. Black proposed, seconded by Mrs. D. Sewell and agreed to authorise the following payments

J. LAWES - £3.00 – bin bags for litter pick

CAS - £438.86 – renewal of insurance

Mr. COOTE - £12.00 – petrol for the mower (retrospective approval needed)

FoF - £100 – use of newsletter and website

Totalling £553.86

18.123 Planning

123.01 To consider applications.

DC/18/04118 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of cartlodge.

Last Oak, Westhorpe Road, Finningham, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4TW

No Comment

DC/18/04125 - Notification of works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Beech (T1) Removal. Lawsons

Cypress (T2 and T3) Removal. Willow (T4 and T5) Removal.

Shadwell House, Church Lane, Finningham, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4JB

No Comment

123.02 Decisions & to consider planning matters coming forth.

DC/18/03430 - Outline Planning Application has been refused (All Matters Reserved) - Erection of 1 No. dwelling

18.124 Questions to Chairman

None.

18.125 Items to be discussed at the next meeting and included in the November's agenda.

The budget and 'Finningham' signs.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 8.45pm