

FINNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

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), Cllr. Roy Barker & 2 members of the public.

18.126 Visiting speakers

Cllr. Roy Barker spoke about Green Farm Yard, Mr. James Tanner (the agent for the development) had a meeting with a planning officer at MSDC. If the development doesn't include the building of a village room, but just giving the village the land to build a village room on, there is a bigger pot of CIL money that can be accessed through making a request to MSDC, on top of the allocated CIL money the village would automatically get. There seems to be a push on pot holes within SCC/Highways. It was only during the month of September that hedgerows were cut. If it wasn't for local farmers cutting the hedgerows, especially on bends/corners of roads, it would have been dangerous. Every community has done really well in the last week with the 100 year celebration and Armistice day. If any hare coursing is noticed, call 999.

18.127 Contribution by Members of the Public

Footpath warden report.

Ref. 4517974 30th July 2018 – bridleway 7, broken signpost. As previous, no action on this as yet.

Ref. 4548406 4th Sep 2018 – footpath 14 within churchyard, broken signpost. On 14th October I checked and a new post and sign was erected.

FURTHER REPORTS SUBMITTED TO SCC;

Ref. 4574057- footpath 24 Moon Lane, Grid Ref. TM06131 69381 gate post in hedge crossing broken and gate lying to one side. Landowner has temporary 'sheeps pen' style barrier in place.

Ref.457055 – footpath 24 Moon Lane, Grid Ref. TM06170 69388 A branch fallen on to bridge. Also the bridge has no handrail and is slippery when wet.

Note. The Customer service at SCC have acknowledged receipt of these but have for some reason thought that they conveyed a problem at the same point, and I have had to email to them to point out that there were actually two separate reports and points. Also that this system of reporting is tedious and once a report is sent I have no way of checking progress on-line.

Although not reported as yet I have looked at the bridleway/footbridge (15) where it crosses the tributary of the river Dove from the churchyard on to Gislingham Rd. I will check again as there are railings in place, but these have been there for some years, and I'm wondering how strong they are now, and how much weight they might bear, as it would be quite a fall to the river! It could take a structural Engineers view?

I did also report to MSDC on 1st October 2018 that 'Dog waste bins' were overfull at different points in our village.

This was rectified quite promptly, but although I asked for an update, non was received. I love this job!

FOOTPATH WARDEN CONNECTION

As mentioned before, I thought it might be a good idea to connect up the 'Wardens' of each of the villages that touch the boundaries of Finningham, and so far the idea has been received as a positive one, with possibly the odd meeting set up so that we might iron out some of the problems that we are faced with, and of course discuss each others thoughts on how we can improve 'our lot'. It was mentioned that maybe we could invite a member of the 'Ramblers Association' too, as they could add extra 'clout' when dealing with the 'Authorities.

Westhorpe. – I spoke to David Barker, and he didn't think they had a 'warden', but as most of the footpaths there crossed his land, then maybe he was 'the man!'

Gislingham – Clive Copping, who was very informative and would be an asset I believe.

Cotton – Chris Tester.

Wickham Skeith – Mrs Bowes, I have only spoken very briefly to her, and believe she will also ‘come aboard’

- 18.128 Bacton – Yet to contact
Wyverstone – yet to contact

- 18.129 **Apologies and approval of absence.**
None

- 18.130 **Approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th October 2018**
Mrs. M. Webb proposed, seconded by Mrs. D. Sewell and agreed that the minutes were a correct record and the Chairman then signed the minute book.

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

131.01 Mrs. M. Webb has an interest in the planning application for Lautrec.

- 131.02 **Matters arising from the meeting held on 9th October 2018**

131.03 Vandalism on the Green. A picnic table concreted down has been attempted to be moved, causing damage to a bracket of the table.

Installation of meter & electric has happened. What else is needed for it to be in working order? This will be covered during the working group report.

- 18.132 **Replacement Councillor**
No one has offered their services.

Chairman’s Report

A number of people have done a magnificent job in the Church to commemorate the end of the First World War. For those of you who were unable to attend on Sunday, there was a very good turnout from the village. Testimony to the fact that there are villagers who care, it is a pity that we do not see them more often on other village functions.

You will hear later in the meeting that we have received a quotation from the manufacturers of the picnic table for the replacement of the damaged members. This is the first item that I should like to be addressed in the Winter Maintenance programme. We just need to agree on the position of the table, so that it can be anchored down: hopefully preventing further damage. The second item is the replacement of the now missing fence rail and posts around the Green. We can obtain the necessary materials from Lawes and I would like to suggest Saturday morning, 24th Nov.

We also need to consider a date for the cutting the grass in the Cemetery.

I am hoping that Mary has some good news for us regarding the Tesco initiative. The photo that Natalie sent round of the containers on the last day of the campaign showed that we were ahead. Short of a last-minute flurry by our competitors, we should be in a good position for a very valuable contribution to our Recreation Area fund. It is now up to the working group to make sure that we spend it wisely.

Thanks to Mary for all the work she has put in to make this fund-raising opportunity a reality.

- 18.133 **Working Groups Report – Defib & Recreation area**
133.01 architect) regarding the progress of the planning application. As I have previously reported, it seems to have stalled due to the intransigence of the planning officer. He is trying to get a face to face meeting with the officer to thrash it out, once and for all.

- 133.02 **Defib**

It’s working and live on the CAD system. 6 people have signed up for training. It’s thought that signs should be put up around the village to indicate where the defib is.

- 18.134 **Recreation**
Waiting to hear back from Tesco as to where the council finished to then know what to do.

- 18.135 **To discuss and approve the payment of £35.89 + VAT to Glasdon.** This is for the replacement parts needed to repair the picnic bench which was damaged.
Mrs. M. Webb proposed, seconded by Mrs. D. Sewell and agreed for these replacement parts.

- 18.136 **To discuss and approve the budget for 2019-2020.**
Mrs. M. Webb proposed, seconded by Mrs. D. Sewell and agreed after discussion to increase the precept by 3%.

- 18.137 **Update on the Tesco for bags grant scheme that finished at the end of October.** Where did the Council come and what size of grant will the Council get?
Already mentioned that we don’t know where the Council finished or the size of the grant.

18.138 **To approve the code of conduct.** This hasn't been reviewed for a while, and was on June's agenda, but no approved as not everyone had had a chance to read it.
Mr. A. Kilbee proposed, seconded by Mrs. D. Sewell and agreed to accept the code of conduct as it is.

18.139 **To discuss and approve whether to insure the defib.** The cost of insuring it for the remainder of the year, bearing in mind the renewal was paid last month, is £15.90. A whole year's premium is £17.60.
139.01 Mrs. D. Sewell proposed, seconded by Mr. J. Black and agreed to insure the defib as long as the additional premium isn't more than £20.

139.02 **Correspondence Received**

139.03 Dog & litter bin emptying. Prices within BDC & MSDC are different, so from 2019-2020 these are going to be the same. Will be £41 per dog bin and £35 per litter bin + VAT.

139.04 Friday 30th November, Jo Churchill will be hosting an older persons fair between 10am – 12pm at Needham Market Community Centre.

139.05 Fieldens will no longer be able to service the council's equipment & advised to contact the manufacturers directly to find a service centre.

SALC membership subscription 2019-2020. The SALC proportion of the fee will not increase but the MALC proportion will increase by 1.99%. An invoice will be sent out in April 2019.

18.140 Mr. A. Brownlie has been informed not to cut the long grass within the cemetery and also to not proceed
140.01 with the area outside of the Church gates.

Finance

Clerk's report –

Previous meeting, last balance reported was from 28/09/2018

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

Deposit account £3,318.89

Balances as of 29/10/2018

Current account £9,513.25 (£3 not yet presented, so £9,510.25)

140.02 Receipts since 28/09/18 – £52.87 (recycling credit)

Payments since 28/09/18 - £590.86 (invoices approved at last meeting & unrepresented cheque)

Deposit account £3,318.89 -

Requests for payment

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

HMRC - £109.80 – PAYE

CAS - £15.51 – additional premium for insure defib.

GLASDON - £43.07 – replacement parts for picnic bench

N. HILL - £423.31 – clerk's salary

NEST - £32.98 – pension contribution

18.141 N.HILL – £14.04 - clerks expenses

141.01 Totalling £638.71

Planning

To consider applications.

DC/18/04834 – Caravan at Green Lane Farm, Green Lane, Finningham, IP14 4TJ.

Erection of a 4 bedroom dwelling and double cartlodge

No Comment

Mrs. M. Webb leaving the meeting to enable the next planning item to be discussed.

141.02 DC/18/04675 – Lautrec, Gislingham Road, Finningham, IP14 4HY

Erection of new front porch & single storey rear extension including the installation of PV panels.

No objection.

Decisions & to consider planning matters coming forth.

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

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

DOES NOT WISH TO OBJECT - DC/18/04125 - Notification of works to Trees in a Conservation Area -

18.142 Beech(T1) Removal. Lawsons Cypress (T2 and T3) Removal. Willow (T4 and T5) Removal.

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

18.143 Questions to Chairman

None.

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

Play equipment inspection report.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 8.45pm

