

FINNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

*Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 12th March 2019,
in St. Bartholomew's Church, Finningham, starting at 7:30pm*

Present: Mrs. M. Webb, Mr. J. Miller, Mrs. C. Winter & Mr. J. Black (late due to work).

In attendance: Miss. N. Hill (Clerk) & 1 member of the public.

18.191 Visiting speakers

None

18.192 Contribution by Members of the Public

A question was asked whether there was any information with regards to Green Farm after the extraordinary meeting. Mr. John Pateman-Gee had said he is waiting for amended plans. The footpath warden's report was read out on his behalf and is on file.

18.193 Apologies and approval of absence.

Mrs. D. Sewell was unable to attend due to her daughter being ill and Mr. A. Kilbee was unable to attend due to being on holiday and Mr. J. Black knew he would be running late and sent his apologies. Mr J. Miller proposed, seconded by Mrs. C. Winter and agreed to accept these absences.

18.194 Approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th January 2019 & the extraordinary meeting held on 21st February 2019.

Mr J. Miller proposed, seconded by Mrs. C. Winter and agreed that both minutes were a correct record and the Vice - Chairman then signed the minute book.

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

None

18.196 Matters arising from the meeting held on 8th January 2019

196.01 An order has been placed for the slide with expected delivery date of April.

196.02 Accident at the crossroads – an update and what still needs to happen?

No one has heard of any updates or any news on this matter.

196.03 Replacement Councillor – 1 person has applied and have asked if they wish to attend March's meeting.

196.04 Cutting of the long grass in the cemetery.

There has been positive feedback and thanks to the people who have cut the long grass in the cemetery. Thanks to Mr. A. Kilbee and Mr. Black for doing this.

196.05 Any further information since the extraordinary meeting with regards to Green Farm development? Apart from what was mentioned earlier in reply to a question from the member of the public.

18.197 Chairman's Report

None

18.198 Working Groups Report – Recreation area.

Mrs. M. Webb talked about the coffee morning where ideas were sought from the children in the village and with 8 turning up, quite a few ideas were given.

18.199 To discuss having Parish Council meetings at Westhorpe Village Hall. Did the Council wish to consider having their meetings in a more comfortable environment? Westhorpe PC have their meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Would having the meeting have an effect on public attendance? It was agreed to roll this item over to the next month, as there's only 3 councillors present.

- 18.200 To discuss and approve the next stage of the recreation ground development.** After the feedback from the children in the village, there's a list of items they would like. What items should the council consider and is Mrs. M. Webb able to supply Cllr. Jane Storey the information she needs to Finningham Parish Council to request a grant from her?
The following items were requested by the children, Basketball Goal at £1,618.40, Horizontal Money Bars at £683.05, Scramble Net at £2,115.85, Single Trapeze Swing at 976.95, Log Run at £899.75 totalling £6,294.00 . The money remaining in playground fund is £2,571.79, leaving a shortfall of £3,722.71 if all these items were purchased. A Zip Wire (30m) was also requested by the children, but this is the most expensive item of all at £8,628.90.
Mr J. Miller proposed, seconded by Mrs. C. Winter and agreed to try to obtain all the play equipment items except the zip wire. Mrs. M. Webb said she would complete the grant form to send to Cllr. Jane Storey.
- 18.201 To discuss the plight of Swifts – Saving Suffolk Swifts.** Is there anything the Council can do to help?
Mrs. C. Winter talked very passionately about a talk her heard about swifts and how their numbers are dwindling. Also, how they come back to England the same time each year and their importance to the ecosystem. It's felt swift boxes should be included within the plans of new developments and the Council should consider requesting swift boxes be added when planning permissions are discussed. It was suggested whether the Church can erect swift boxes to the Church.
- 18.202 To discuss and approve replacing the Finningham signs that are no longer in place along the roadside.** To order 2 x FINNINGHAM signs for Walsham Road and Wickham Road.
To roll over to the next meeting, as the exact prices are needed for the Council to make a decision.
- 18.203 To discuss and approve the removal of the old swings.** Could this be done on one of the litter pick days, Sunday 7th or 14th April when volunteers can help? Would the Council need to hire some equipment?
Mr. J. Miller has offered to remove these, once the ground is dry. The Council are very grateful for this kind offer.
- 18.204 To discuss and approve moving a dog bin.** Someone has requested a dog bin near Robb Hall corner. The village already have 9 dog bins and the footpath warden was asked whether a current bin, which isn't really used much, could be moved, or would the council have to consider purchasing another dog bin and paying for that to be emptied.
Mr. Aiken, the footpath warden, has done a great piece of work with seeing whether moving a dog bin is viable, but it seems it would mean other dog bins would also need to be moved to give coverage in the areas needed. The Council are very thankful of the work put into this.
The Council wish to look at the cost of a new bin and ongoing emptying cost before making a final decision as to whether to have a dog bin at Rob Hall corner.
- 18.205 Correspondence Received**
- 205.01 The precept form has been received and confirmed by MSDC. For 2019-2020 Council Tax Band D is £34.41 for Finningham, which is a decrease in council tax of 1.78% from 2018-2019.
- 205.02 MSDC are encouraging people to register for online billing for their council tax, rather than receive the paper document once a year.
- 205.03 Due to elections on 2nd May 2019, Purdah (the period of time between announcement of an election and the election date) is between 12th March 2019 – 2nd May 2019. During this time the Council and Councillors must not affect public support for a political party.
- 18.206 Finance**
- 206.01 Clerk's report
Previous meeting, last balance reported was from 28/12/2018
Current account £9,583.89 (£129.82 not yet presented, so £9,454.07)
Deposit account £3,320.54
- 206.02 **Balances as of 29/01/2019**
Current account £12,231.89 (£112.31 not yet presented, so once presented £12,119.58)
Receipts since 28/12/18 – £3,397.54 (£3000 grant from groundworks/Tesco & £397.54 credit from E:on)
Payments since 28/12/18 - £749.54 (invoices approved at last meeting & unrepresented cheque & payment to E:on which they said they wouldn't take)
Deposit account £3,320.54 -
Requests for payment
Mr. A. Kilbee proposed, seconded by Mrs. D. Sewell and agreed to authorise the following payments
LADYWELL ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES - £30 – paye services
N. HILL - £15.31 – clerk's expenses
N. HILL - £410.53 – clerk's wages

HMRC - £106.60 – paye
NEST - £31.98 – pension via DD
E:ON - -£397.54 – Jan’s bill which is in credit and asked to be put back into bank acct.
E:ON - £7.72 – Feb’s bill paid by DD

18.207 Planning

207.01 To consider applications.

DC/19/00692 –1 Appletree Cottages, Walsham Road, Finningham, IP14 4JH.

Householder Planning Application – Erection of a 2 storey rear extension and the erection of a front porch.

207.02 The council have no comment.

Decisions & to consider planning matters coming forth.

DOES NOT WISH TO OBJECT - DC/19/00346 – Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area – Cut back and reshape mature Walnut Tree. Hollis House, Wickham Road, Finningham, Stowmarket, IP14 4HT.

DOES NOT WISH TO OBJECT – DC/19/00428 – Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area – Fell T1 (Silver Birch) Hollis House, Wickham Road, Finningham, Stowmarket, IP14 4HT.

GRANTED - DC/18/05280 – Erection of 1no. dwelling and garage. Land adjacent to Gosford House, Station Road, Finningham, IP14 4TH

GRANTED – DC/18/05535 - Outline planning application (access to be considered) – erection of up to 6no dwellings with parking and creation of vehicular access.

Land south side of, Westhorpe Road, Finningham, IP14 4TW.

RESERVED MATTERS HAVE BEEN APPROVED - DC/18/05257 – Application for reserved matters, submission of details under Outline Planning Permission DC/18/01264 access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the Erection of a 4 bedroom bungalow with integral garage. Land adjacent to Gosford House, Station Road, Finningham, IP14 4TH.

GRANTED – DC/18/05314 - Full planning application – creation of vehicular access. Green Lane Farm, Green Lane, Finningham, IP14 4TJ

GRANTED – DC/19/00317 – Outline planning permission (all matters reserved) – erection of 1 detached dwelling – Meadowbank Farm, Westhorpe Road, Finningham, Stowmarket, IP14 4TW.

18.208 Questions to Chairman

None

18.209 Items to be discussed at the next meeting and included in the April’s agenda. Before this meeting the Annual Parish meeting will take place at 7pm.

Nothing extra over the items that have been carried over to the next meeting.

The Vice - Chairman then closed the meeting at 8.51pm