

FINNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

*Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 9th April, 2019,
in St. Bartholomew's Church, Finningham, starting at 7:32pm*

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

In attendance: Miss. N. Hill (Clerk) and no members of the public.

18.1 Visiting speakers

None. The Police newsletter was read out and Cllr Jane Storey's report had already been sent to all Councillors.

18.2 Contribution by Members of the Public

None

18.3 Apologies and approval of absence.

Mr. J. Black sent his apologies for not being able to attend due to work and Mrs. D. Sewell sent her apologies for being unable to attend due to not feeling well.

Mrs. M. Webb proposed, seconded by Mrs. C. Winter and agreed to accept these absences.

18.4 Approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th March 2019.

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

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

None.

18.6 Matters arising from the meeting held on 12th March 2019

None.

18.7 Chairman's Report

This was read out during the annual parish meeting. The Chairman did want it noted his and the Council's Thanks to Mr. J. Miller for removing the old swings.

18.8 Working Group Report – Recreation area.

Mrs. M. Webb said the slide is up and is being used. There is no news as to whether the Council have been successful with the grant application submitted to Cllr Jane Storey.

Final photo's are needed to be taken to send to Tesco to get the final part of the grant.

18.9 To discuss having Parish Council meetings at Westhorpe Village Hall (carried over from last month). Did the Council wish to have their meetings in a more comfortable environment?

Westhorpe PC have their meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Would having the meeting out of the village have an effect on public attendance?

The Council decided to not change things and to keep having the meetings at the Church.

18.10 To discuss and approve a plaque for the new slide. Thanking Tesco and the people who took part in the scheme to enable the grant to be awarded.

It was suggested to check with Tesco as to whether they have any particular style or design.

- 18.11 To discuss if there should be a notice on the Green stating how to treat the equipment.** An email has been received around how some individuals are treating the play equipment and not in the manner it's intended. Like other play areas in other villages, should a Do and Don't notice be produced and placed by the play equipment.
Could people take photo's of notice boards at other play areas to see what is stated.
- 18.12 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, totally £230.62 + VAT
Mrs. M. Webb proposed, seconded by Mrs. C. Winter and agreed to order 2 replacement Finningham signs once the Chairman has checked that the current poles can still be used.
- 18.13 To discuss what the Council does next with regards to the junction at the White Horse.** To get better signage and the white lines re-done, as suggested by Cllr Roy Barker and Cllr Jane Storey. Is there anything else?
The Clerk is to contact Highways/SCC to see what is happening as far as they are concerned.
- 18.14 To discuss and approve installing a dog bin at Rob Hall corner.** Someone has requested a dog bin near Rob Hall corner. The village already have 9 dog bins and it doesn't seem viable to just move 1 of those bins, having discussed and investigated that during the last meeting. The cost of a dog bin being emptied is £41 a year. Pricing for a dog bin starts from £86.52 + VAT. Currently only 1 person has come forward requesting this. With the cost of buying the bin as well as the ongoing cost of having it emptied, it hasn't been budgeted for. Therefore, the Council will not approve for an extra dog bin and will discuss again when setting the budget for next year and also see if there's a bigger need for this additional bin.
- 18.15 Welcome packs.** Mrs. Sewell confirmed in the January meeting that she has the welcome packs and they are ready to hand out. Have any of the councillors asked Mrs. Sewell for a welcome pack to give to any new residents? It's believed there are quite a few new people to the village and it's not known whether they have received a welcome pack.
Someone needs to get the welcome packs off Mrs. D. Sewell.
- 18.16 To discuss the installation of the slide and the next steps.** The slide has been installed, but it isn't central within the area and the installer wrongly advised to change the position of the way the slide faces. The Chairman has been speaking to Wicksteed about this.
After discussing, the Chairman should state to Wicksteed that if orders are placed in the future, full site visits should be completed before installation as it put the councillor present on the install day of the slide in an awkward and embarrassing situation.
- 18.17 Correspondence Received**
- 17.01 An email has been received regarding the removal of the hedging on the site between Gosford House and Highfields.
The Clerk needs to reply again, stating his comments have been brought to the Parish Council's attention and state that some of his concerns are not within the Parish Council's remit.
- 17.02 An email has been received regarding the installation of the new slide and the ongoing issue with anti-social behaviour on the Green and the treatment of the equipment on the Green.
It was suggested that when new play equipment is order, to ask his suggested as to where it should be placed on the Green.
- 17.03 The question has been asked, why is the polling station no longer in the village and is now at Westhorpe village hall. The clerk is waiting for an answer from the electoral team.
An answer has since come back stating there were complaints to MSDC that it no longer has wheelchair access due to the pool table being in the voting room.
It was mentioned by a Councillor that the polling station has been in the Church before.
- 17.04 It seems finally there is ultrafast broadband along Walsham Road, but only currently through BT.
- 17.05 Finningham have an uncontested election this year, with 4 people duly elected as Parish Councillors. Therefore, from May 2019 there will be 3 vacancies within Finningham Parish Council.
It was mentioned that there was interest by 1 person within the village, but due to work, they would be unable to make many meetings and asked if they could be a backseat councillor. The Council have never heard of this and would like councillors to attend meetings regularly.
- 17.06 The Clerks networking and information day provided by SALC are now a free event.

17.07 The locality budget application form has been sent to Cllr. Jane Storey. Thank you, Mrs. M. Webb, for completing this.

18.18 Finance

18.01 Clerks report

Previous meeting, last balance reported was from 29/01/2019

Current account £12,231.89 (£112.31 not yet presented, so once presented £12,119.58)

Deposit account £3,320.54

Balances as of 29/03/2019

Current account £11,836.12 (£90.09 not yet presented, so once presented £11,746.03)

Receipts since 29/01/19 – £206.37

Deposit account £3,322.20 - £1.66 interest

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

Mrs. C. Winter proposed, seconded by Mr. J. Miller and agreed to authorise the following payments.

WICKSTEED - £5,663.70 – slide and installation of slide

E:ON - £6.98 – March's bill paid via DD.

SALC - £250.63 – Annual subscription

MRS. M. WEBB - £9.56 – refreshments for litter pick

MR. A. KILBEE - £10.60 – fuel for the mower

18.19 Planning

19.01 To consider applications.

DC/17/06190 – Green Farm, Wickham Road, Finningham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4HT
Planning Application – erection of 14 dwellings, construction of new access and associated works following demolition of farm buildings. Please see amended drawings received 18th March 2019 and change in application description.

No additional comments.

DC/19/01234 – Green Lane Farm, Green Lane, Finningham, Stowmarket, IP14 4TJ

Full Planning Application – erection of 1no. dwelling

No comment.

DC/19/01225 – The Paddocks, Walsham Road, Finningham, Stowmarket, IP14 4JE

Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area – Fell 2no. Eucalyptus Trees.

No comment.

19.02 Decisions & to consider planning matters coming forth.

GRANTED – Application for Listed Building Consent – repairs and works to two storey front gable projection and single storey extension following damage. DC/19/00559 – White Horse Inn, Station Road, Finningham, Stowmarket, IP14 4TL

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

18.20 Questions to Chairman

None

18.21 Items to be discussed at the next meeting and included in the May's agenda. Before this meeting the Annual Council Parish meeting will take place at 7pm.

Suffolk Day

To consider whether the Council pay for someone to litter pick at the people within the village are getting older and they litter picks were not greatly attended.