

# FINNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

*Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2019,  
in St. Bartholomew's Church, Finningham, starting at 7:32pm*

**Present:** Mr. A. Kilbee, Mrs. M. Webb, Mrs. C. Winter, Mr. J. Miller and Mr. J. Black (late due to train delays from London)

**In attendance:** Miss. N. Hill (Clerk), Cllr Andy Mellen and 1 member of the public.

**19.51 Visiting speakers**

Cllr Andy Mellen spoke about the draft joint Local Plan, which isn't out for consultation yet, but should be around July 2019. In Cotton, the electronic signs that shows the speed, also monitor the vehicles as well as their speed. Discussions are happening again with what to do with the former Bacton Middle School site. It's thought the 5 parishes within the ward including Bacton could all benefit from what could be put at this site and suggested Finningham Parish Council getting involved. Mrs. M. Webb & Mrs. C. Winter showed an interest with attending discussions/meetings about this. Cllr Jane Storey's and the footpath warden's report are on file.

**19.52 Contribution by Members of the Public**

The change in speed limit along the B1113 around Old Newton was mentioned, as it's recently changed from national speed limit (60 mph) to 40 mph and its not known of any major accidents happening to warrant the change in speed limit. In the past, when the Council have asked for speed limits to be reduced, to was mentioned that there haven't been enough major accidents to warrant reducing speed limits.

Cllr Andy Mellen mentioned that on SCC website, there is a 'crash map' showing the recorded accidents that have happened in the county.

**19.53 Apologies and approval of absence.**

Mr. J. Black was running late due to coming from work in London.

**19.54 Approve minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

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.

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

None

**19.56 Register of Interests forms – do any Councillors need to make amendments to their forms?**

No

**19.57 Matters arising from the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

57.01 The chairman has emailed the safety and speed management team regarding the junction at the White Horse pub and has had no response. He has also sent a chasing email about the lack of response.

Mr. A. Kilbee has had a reply and he has suggested 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to meet.

57.02 Suffolk Day Walk – starting at 7pm on the Green. A map of the walk and commentary by Doug Aiken have been printed and hopefully being distributed throughout the village.

57.03 The final payment of the Tesco, Bags for Life grant has been received.

57.04 It was discussed at the last meeting for a piece to go into the next newsletter about councillor vacancies. Has this been done?

Mrs. M. Webb has kindly offered to do this in time for the next newsletter, as the cut off date is 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019.

57.05 Mrs. M. Webb has kindly written a piece for the newsletter about ongoing maintenance and litter picking in the village and how there seem to be fewer volunteers. If no more volunteers come forward, then the parish council will have to consider employing someone to do these jobs.

57.06 2 villages signs have been ordered and chased and should be delivered very soon. These have now arrived and have been handed to the Chairman.

**19.58 Chairman's Report**

Most of the matters I wish to present to you will or have been subjects on the Agenda. It is heartening to see that the Mowing Rota has been going well, together with some unsung heroes who have been cutting the various triangles around the village. To my great delight, I saw that the 30 sign at the entrance to the village from the North had been cleaned. I'm pretty sure that it was not SCC Highways!

I have delivered the Village Walk notices to the Distributors so, they should be out in good time. Doug Aiken has done a sterling job in producing the route map and instructions.

I have investigated the costs of a gate at the Green entrance from the B1113. Clarkes do a 1200mm Diamond Braced gate at £54.22 with a self-closing hinge set at £41.04. In addition, we would require a couple of pieces of fencing (post and rail) to close the gaps – say another £100. Alternatively, we could employ a fencing contractor to do the work.

**19.59 Working Group Report – Recreation area**

The working group have a meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June. A basic plan of the Green with the play items has been drawn up, with the ability of knowing where to put new items in the future.

It's been asked by FoF to move the table tennis table in time for the fete on the Green on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**19.60 To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2018-2019**

Mr. J. Miller proposed, seconded by Mrs. C. Winter and agreed the annual governance statement for 2018-2019.

**19.61 To approve the Accounting Statements for 2018-2019.**

Mr. J. Miller proposed, seconded by Mrs. C. Winter and agreed the accounting statements for 2018-2019.

**19.62 To approve the comments made during the internal audit, completed by Mr. A. Strickland**

Mr. J. Miller proposed, seconded by Mrs. C. Winter and agreed the comments and recommendations made during the internal audit.

**19.63 To discuss and approve to replace the chicane fence at the end of the path on the Green which leads to the B1113, close to the play equipment.**

2 out of the 3 residents living near this fence are happy to have a gate installed. The 3<sup>rd</sup> resident hasn't been asked due to being away often. Having a gate installed would still enable the residents to get their wheelie bins through. The Chairman will now get a quote for employing a contractor to do the job, versus the Council finding volunteers to install it, based on the prices mentioned during his report.

**19.64 To discuss whether to have a sign, along the B1113 near to where the play equipment is stating 'Slow Children'.**

It was suggested to mention this to Mr. Fox, when the Council meet with him to discuss speeding through the village and the incident at the crossroads by the White Horse pub.

**19.65 The Parish Council now have 2 vacancies. Any further forward with filling these?**

1 person had shown an interest and said they would attend this meeting to see what's involved, but they haven't attended.

**19.66 Correspondence Received**

66.01 MSDC have asked about the work with the grass cutting on the Green. As far as I'm aware, everything seems fine with this.

It was asked if MSDC can ensure the Green is cut before 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019 due to the fete on the Green.

**19.67 Finance**

67.01 Clerk's report –

Previous meeting, last balance reported was from 29/04/2019

Current account £9,422.93 (£90.09 not yet presented, so once presented £9,332.84)

Deposit account £3,322.20

**Balances as of 29/05/2019**

Current account £10,079.97 (£323.34 not yet presented, so once presented £9,756.63)

Receipts since 29/04/19 – £1000.00 (final part of the grant from Tesco Bags for Life)

Payments since 29/04/19 - £342.96 (invoices approved at previous meeting)

Deposit account £3,322.20

**67.02 Requests for payment**

Mrs. M. Webb proposed, seconded by Mrs. C. Winter and agreed to authorise the following payments.

FPCC - £25 – internal audit

E:ON - £7.22 – May's bill paid via DD.

A renewal for the electricity tariff has been sent through. To continue with a daily rate of 27p a day but the cost per kWh to go up from 15.78p to 23.68p.

Totalling £32.22

**19.68 Planning**

68.01 To consider applications.

Withdrawn application - DC/19/01733 - Land North Of Gosford House, Station Road, Finningham, Suffolk

68.02 Decisions & to consider planning matters coming forth.

GRANTED – Planning application – Erection of a 2 storey rear extension and the erection of a front porch. DC/19/00692, 1 Appletree Cottages, Walsham Road, Finningham, Stowmarket, IP14 4JH  
Amendment approved – non material amendment allow finish of render to be changed to redwood cedar. Last Oak, Westhorpe Road, Finningham, IP14 4TW. DC/19/02665

**19.69 Questions to Chairman**

None. Mrs. C. Winter is sending her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting in July.

**19.70 Items to be discussed at the next meeting and included in the July's agenda.**

Risk Assessment. Review reserves policy. What play equipment needs to be ordered?  
The Council should start thinking about what to do next year on VE day.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 8.55pm