

FINNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

*The meeting of Finningham Parish Council will be held on
Tuesday 10th September 2019,
in St. Bartholomew's Church, Finningham, starting at 7.30pm.
All council members are duly summoned to attend.*

AGENDA

1. **Visiting speakers**
2. **Contribution by Members of the Public**
3. **Apologies and approval of absence.**
4. **Approve minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 13th August 2019.**
5. **To receive any pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations of interest from Members and any Gifts of Hospitality.**
6. **Matters arising from the meeting held on 9th July 2019 and 13th August 2019.**
 - a. Cutting of the long grass in the cemetery. The clerk is waiting to hear back from MSDC to see whether they can cut this and what the cost would be.
 - b. The gate has now been installed, with a spring attached, rather than a self-closing mechanism.
 - c. Has anyone heard any more news about the bus service?
 - d. Any news on anyone wanting to become a councillor?
 - e. Hedges at the crossroads by the pub. Has this been cut back bearing in mind Highways were due to be dealing with this.
 - f. Has the Chairman heard anything back from Highways with what it would involve, including the cost to have a footpath from the crossroads by the pub to the Green?
 - g. Bank holiday on Friday 8th May 2020, 75 years of VE day. What are the Friends of Finningham doing to commemorate/celebrate this day?
7. **Chairman's Report**
8. **Working Group Report – Recreation area**
9. **To discuss and approve whether the Council should purchase their own VAS (vehicle activated sign).** The cost would be in the region of £2500 - £3000. Cllr Andy Mellen has kindly offered £1000 towards this, from his locality award budget. Other fund raising/grants would need to be found to make the difference up. If approve, then a working group would need to form, to help with fund raising etc. Who would like to be involved with this?
10. **To discuss and approve having the flagpole serviced.** Since the installation of the flagpole in 2016, the pole hasn't been serviced. The cost of a service is £269 + VAT. This price includes a replacement halyard only and assumes the pole can be lowered to ground level.
11. **To discuss and approve the reserve policy.** It was recommended during the internal audit to amend the reserves policy to include an amount that is for play equipment or the amount of grants received but unspent at the year end. Also, to increase the election cost. Currently policy states £1000 (for election costs) but that cost is £1,300. If there are any grants unspent at the end of the year, then should it be noted within the reserve policy what the amount is and why? Therefore, the reserve policy reviewed in March each year, just before the end of year accounts are produced.
12. **To discuss and approve whether October's meeting should be brought forward by a week?** Both the Chairman and Mrs. C. Winter have already stated they would be unable to attend the October's meeting due to take place Tuesday 8th October. Leaving the 3 remaining councillors having to attend. Therefore, if the meeting was brought forward by a week to Tuesday 1st October would more councillors be able to attend?

13. **To discuss and approve the renewal of ICO – the data protection fee.** The cost is £40. If a direct debt is set up then there is an annual reduction of £5. Therefore, would the council approve of setting up a direct debt to renew the ICO?
14. **To discuss and approve whether the council should buy banners, to be placed around the village to promote the date of the litter picks.** With 2 litter picks each year, could banners help promote and make people aware of when they are? Have it where the date can be changed, or something put over it, to enable the banners to be re-used.
15. **To discuss and approve replacing the pads on the defibrillator.** These need replacing every 2 years, regardless of whether they have been used or not. The cost is in the region of £35.
16. **To discuss what projects the council wish to embark on next year. Budget setting will need to place soon, so what would be good to happen in and around the village?** A dog bin at Robb Hall corner? More Finningham signs? A replacement notice board? Needing to deal with an Ash tree on the Green? Could a working party be formed to help with tasks around the village, namely putting play bark around the new play equipment once it's installed?
17. **To discuss and approve the insurance renewal.** The information has been sent out to councillors, as it would be moving to a new policy called Parish Protect, underwritten by Royal and Sun Alliance Insurance Group, still through CAS. Renewal price, if committing for 3 years is £299.76, or £315.56 if not in a long term undertaking. Last year's renewal price was £438.86 with the policy through Zurich. Are the council happy to move to the Parish Protect policy and go for the cheaper option of £299.75?
18. **Correspondence Received**
 - a. Register of Interest forms have been published on MSDC website, as these haven't changed. A link has been sent to Mr. J. Black for him to complete his, as he didn't register to be a Councillor in May and was co-opted back onto the council.
19. **Finance**
 - a. Clerk's report
 - b. Requests for payment as listed below and to review matters coming forth.
E: on - £7.48 – July's bill paid via DD
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20. **Planning**
 - a. To consider applications.
DC/19/04053 – Erection of single storey front extension, fenestration alteration to side and insertion of roof window to front. Carousel, Westhorpe Road, Finningham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4TW.
DC/19/03859 – Works to Trees in a Conservation Area – lift and thin crown on 1 no Walnut Tree (T1). Yew Tree House, Church Lane, Finningham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4JB
 - b. Decisions & to consider planning matters coming forth.
Does not wish to object - DC/19/03031 – Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation area – T1 (Maple tree) – reduce crown by approx. 40%. Martins, Church Lane, Finningham, IP14 4JB
Granted - DC/19/02074 – Full planning application – Construction of a ménage. Eastlands Farm, Eastlands Lane, Finningham, IP14 4HX
Reserved matters have been approved – DC/19/03437 – Reserved matters granted under Outline Planning Permission DC/18/05535 for the scale, appearance, landscaping and layout for 6No. dwellings with associated parking and vehicular access.
Granted – DC/19/03163 – Erection of 1no. dwelling. Land North of Gosford House, Station Road Stowmarket, Suffolk

All planning applications received up to the date of the meeting will be discussed.
21. **Questions to Chairman**
22. **Items to be discussed at the next meeting and included in the October's agenda.**

All members of the public are cordially invited to attend but are respectfully asked not to contribute during the meeting unless invited to do so by the Chairman.

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5th September 2019