

FINNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

*The meeting of Finningham Parish Council will be held on
Tuesday 12th November 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 Parish Council meeting held on 10th September 2019 and the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 26th September 2019.**
5. **To receive any pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations of interest from Members and any Gifts of Hospitality.**
6. **Matters arising from the meetings held on 10th September 2019 and 26th September 2019.**
 - a. Cutting of the long grass in the cemetery. The clerk has had a reply from MSDC to say they need to visit the site to be able to quote, once they have done that they will be in touch.
 - b. Any more instances of the newly installed gate being left open? Is a 'please close the gate sign' needed?
 - c. Has anything been done with the flagpole? Should the council approve for it to be serviced?
 - d. VAS in the village. Did an article go in the newsletter? Were there any responses? Has Cllr. Jane Storey responded to the Chairman's email about funding towards this?
 - e. The polite notice on the vehicle that was parking on the Green next to the recently completed barn has kindly moved. Thank you to whoever owns the vehicle and is now parking in a different place.
7. **Chairman's Report**
8. **Working Groups?**

With Mrs. M. Webb stepping down from the playground working group, has anyone taken her place to report back at meetings?
9. **To discuss the positioning of the new play equipment (monkey bars & log run) on the Green, following on from the extraordinary meeting held 26th September 2019.** What has happened since the extraordinary meeting? Should a notice be placed on the proposed site/area, so people are able to see?
10. **To discuss and approve whether the council should buy banners, to be placed around the village to promote the litter picks.** This was rolled over from the previous meeting, to think about the wording. Should litter picks be more regular than twice a year? Either monthly or bi-monthly. This would make it easier for dates on the banner, and hopefully encourage more people to help and becomes a 'get together each month/bi-month to pick litter'?
11. **To discuss buying a bench (or something similar) and dedicating it to the Jimmy Downie.** Mr. Downie passed away at the beginning of October and served as a Finningham Parish Councillor. The Parish Council would like to do something in memory of him and for what he did for the village.
12. **To discuss and approve the street name and numbering for the new development at land south side of Westhorpe Road, Finningham, Stowmarket.** The developer has proposed 1 – 6 Highbank Meadow and would like this taken into consideration.

13. **To discuss, approve and agree any actions based on the completed play inspection report 2019.**
14. **To discuss what needs to be included within the budget for 2020-2021 as setting the precept will need to be discussed and approved at December's meeting.** The potential to deal with an Ash tree on the Green was mentioned last month. Anything else?
15. **To discuss and approve the purchase of a "Children" road sign to be placed along the B1113 near the Green.** Total price for sign, rail, clips and postage £128.06 (including VAT)
16. **To discuss and approve the purchase of new nets for the goalposts on the Green.** The state of the current nets are very poor. A paid of goal nets including shipping and VAT is £99.90.
17. **After the extraordinary meeting Mrs. Mary. Webb emailed the councillors stating she would be stepping down at the AGM next year and feels after 20 years on the council and helping the village she has nothing left to give.** The council could potentially have 3 vacancies, no longer a vice chair from May and would need someone to take over the play equipment inspection and annual risk report.
18. **Correspondence Received**
 - a. BMSDC have emailed to say postal votes for the general election on 12th December 2019 need to be in by 26th November 2019.
 - b. A static caravan seemed to be left in the layby by the old school on Wednesday 30th Oct. Thank you to Mr. James Black for reporting it to the Police and it was no longer there Friday 1st November.
 - c. The consultation of the division boundaries for SCC has been extended until 2nd January 2020.
 - d. Mr. C. Goddard emailed to say since the resurfacing of Gislingham Road, the white lines at the junction of Wickham Road have not been replaced. He has reported this and was advised 3 weeks, but it's over that time and still no replacement lines at the junction.
 - e. Mr. C. Goddard also informed the council that on 6th October 2019 the manhole covers in along Wickham Road were overflowing. He reported it to the water authorities, and they attended the pumping station and reported that work needed to be completed on 1 of the pumps. 35mm of rain fell on 5th October.
 - f. The clerk has updated information with the Pension Regulator, which needs completing once every 3 years.
 - g. ICO have confirmed renewal and a direct debt has been set up to pay and automatically renew each year.
 - h. Thefts seem to be on the increase recently, ensure everything is secure at all times.
 - i. Keep Britain Tidy are doing a campaign to reduce dog fouling. They say under the cover of darkness, dog owners are less likely to pick up their dog mess. They offer an award-winning solution, glow in the dark signs from £250 + VAT.
19. **Finance**
 - a. Clerk's report
 - b. Requests for payment as listed below and to review matters coming forth.
E: on - £7.73 – September's bill paid via DD
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CHT - £54 – replacement pads for the defib.
MSDC - £82.80 – Dog and litter bin emptying (error in 1st invoice that was paid)
CAS - £299.78 – renewal of insurance
HMRC - £???.?? – PAYE
NEST - £???.?? – pension contribution
N. Hill - £???.?? – salary
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20. **Planning**
 - a. To consider applications.
DC/19/04825 – Erection of a 3 bay cartlodge. The Osiers, Westhorpe Road, Finningham, Stowmarket, IP14 4TW.
DC/19/04903 – Notification of works to Trees in a Conservation Area – T1 (Ash) – Reduction of crown by 30%, T2 (Ash) - Reduction of crown by 30%, T3 (Weeping Willow) – Raise crown and remove leaders – Walnut Tree Cottage, Church Lane, Finningham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4JB.

- b. Decisions & to consider planning matters coming forth.

GRANTED - 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.

Does not wish to object - DC/19/03859 – Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation area – Lift and thin crown on 1 no. Walnut tree (T1) Yew Tree House, Church Lane, Finningham, Stowmarket, IP14 4JB.

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 December's agenda.

Setting precept as the tax base isn't available until 18th November 2019.

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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