

FINNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

*The meeting of Finningham Parish Council will be held on
Tuesday 10th December 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 12th November 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 12th November 2019.**
 - a. Cutting of the long grass in the cemetery. The clerk is waiting for MSDC to visit the site before they can quote.
 - b. Has anything been done with the flagpole?
 - c. The "children" road sign has been delivered.
 - d. Mr E. Quantrill has kindly offered to donate money to cover the cost of the replacement football nets.
 - e. Is anything happening in the village for VE day, 8th May 2020?
 - f. Hedge near the crossroads in the village, this has been trimmed/cut.
 - g. Any news on whether there can be a footpath from the Green along B1113 to the crossroads by the pub?
7. **Planning** - To consider application
DC/19/05472 - Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation area – T1 (Mature Ash) – Reduce overhanging branches back to growth points - Kimberley, Gislingham Road, Finningham, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4HY
8. **Chairman's Report**
9. **Working Groups?**
10. **To discuss and approve the precept for 2020-2021.** The tax base has increased by 3% from last year, therefore the base rate for Band D will decrease if the precept is kept the same as last year. The Council need to consider a new notice board and potentially tree work for 2020-2021.
11. **To discuss and finalise the new play equipment after the positioning was marked out on the Green and people living nearby have given their feedback/views.** It was fed back, that the positioning of the log run is under trees, which it was suggested to the PC that they shouldn't do with new equipment. Should the council not purchase the log run and the money be used to purchase the rubber safety matting that will be needed for the monkey bars and potentially the basketball hoop.
12. **To approve the purchase of safety matting and pegs for the monkey bars and basketball hoop.** The grass around the table tennis table is thinning out, so could some matting be placed where people stand.
13. **To discuss and approve the litter pick banner.** The design has already been emailed, cost is £45 + VAT.

14. **To approve buying 2 benches at £216.45 + VAT each.** Dedicating one to Jimmy Downie. Mrs Bell said she would like one for her late husband and would donate to the Council to cover the cost.
15. **To discuss, approve and agree any actions based on the completed play inspection report 2019.** It was mentioned at the last meeting to discuss when everyone met on the Green, but a discussion wasn't had.
16. **Correspondence Received**
 - a. SALC have confirmed they will increase their part of the membership fee by 3% for 2020-2021.
 - b. The defibrillator is currently out of action as the lock on it isn't working properly. Well done to Mrs. C. Winter for noticing this during her routine checks.
 - c. BMSDC have sent an email explaining that they are working on the assumption that services for 2020/2021 will increase by 3%.
 - d. Annual collection calendar and Christmas bin information has been emailed. A copy of the annual collection calendar for 2020 will be put on the notice board.
17. **Finance**
 - a. Clerk's report
 - b. Requests for payment as listed below and to review matters coming forth.
E: on - £7.73 – November's bill paid via DD
N. Hill - £?? - expenses
18. **Planning**
 - a. To consider applications.
 - b. Decisions & to consider planning matters coming forth.
Withdrawal of application DC/19/04226 - Planning Application - Erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions following demolition of existing structures. Shadwell House, Church Lane, Finningham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4JB.
Withdrawal of application DC/19/04227 – Listed Building Consent - Erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions following demolition of existing structures: Internal alterations as per Schedule of Works. Shadwell House, Church Lane, Finningham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4JB.
GRANTED – DC/19/04825 – Erection of a 3 bay cartlodge. The Osiers, Westhorpe Road, Finningham, Stowmarket, IP14 4TW.
Does not wish to object - 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) – Rouse crown and remove leaders – Walnut Tree Cottage, Church Lane, Finningham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4JB.
All planning applications received up to the date of the meeting will be discussed.
19. **Questions to Chairman**
20. **Items to be discussed at the next meeting and included in the January'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 December 2019