

FINNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

*Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 10th March 2020,
in St. Bartholomew's Church, Finningham, starting at 7:30pm*

Present: Mr. A. Kilbee, Mrs. M. Webb, Mr. J. Miller, Mrs. C. Winter & Mr. J. Black (running late due to work).

In attendance: Miss. N. Hill (Clerk) & 1 member of the public.

19.200 Visiting speakers

Cllr Jane Storey's report is on file.

Cllr Andy Mellen's report is on file, which he read during the meeting.

19.201 Contribution by Members of the Public

The member of the public thanked the Chairman for dealing with Anglian Water regarding the ongoing sewage issue in the village, especially during lots of rainfall.

The footpath warden's report was read out on his behalf and is on file. The Parish Council continue to be thankful for the effort put in by the footpath warden.

19.202 Apologies and approval of absence.

Mr. J. Black knew he would be running late and sent his apologies.

19.203 Approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th January 2020.

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

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

None.

19.205 Matters arising from the meeting held on 14th January 2020

205.01 The clerk still has not heard from MSDC about cutting of the long grass in the cemetery.

205.02 Is anything happening in the village for VE day, 8th May 2020? F of F were not sure when asked in January. The Flower festival will be on with a theme around PEACE.

205.03 Has the defib cabinet been fixed so the defib can be used if it's needed?

Yes, it is now working. On file is recent communication from Community Heartbeat Trust and East of England Ambulance Service.

205.04 Regular checks on the play equipment – are any residents of the Green willing to take this role over?

It doesn't seem so.

205.05 New goal nets have arrived and have been fitted. Thanks again to Erlin Quantrill for the donation of these.

205.06 Andy Brownlie is happy to manage the VAS and move it to the different sites once it's been purchased and is up and running.

19.206 Chairman's Report

You may have seen that the Banner for the Litter Pick has been installed since the beginning of the month. I elected to make a permanent arrangement with the poles concreted in with wire supports. This alleviates the necessity of knocking poles in every time we (or other organisations) want to display something. Unfortunately, there is not position on that triangle which gives an uninterrupted view, due to the haphazard arrangement of the telephone cabinets and other street furniture.

I have taken the mower for its annual service and it is now back in the shed, all ready to go for another season. I am currently preparing the mowing rota and am pleased to say that we have had another volunteer (Clive Hart) join our ranks. I expect to commence the mowing in early April, weather permitting.

In spite of continual pleas in the Newsletter, there has not been a flood of applicants wishing to join the Council. Perhaps there is another way of recruiting! Richard Groundwell has expressed his interest but on the proviso that someone else would take over the publication of the Newsletter. I feel that this is highly unlikely, as that job is a bit of a poisoned chalice.

An important item on the Agenda is our reaction to the Bottle Bank question. I shall leave that subject for discussion at the appropriate time.

I should like to suggest that we approach Gislingham PC to see if we could join forces with them to get SCC Highways to erect two new poles on the B1113, by the entrance to Back Street on which we could both place new village signs. The one that is there is a disgrace and the Finningham sign has long since disappeared (if there ever was one). It all you be at our combined cost. What are your thoughts on this? I can get prices from SCC for the poles, we already know how much the sign is and Natalie could send a letter to her colleague at Gislingham.

- 19.207 To discuss the emails from the landlady of The White Horse pub regarding the bottle bank.** It has been requested that all revenue raised from the bottle bank since she took ownership of the pub should be given to a charity/not for profit organisation of her choice, rather than in being paid to the Parish Council. Mrs C. Winter proposed, seconded by Mr. J. Miller and agreed to pay £480.06 which is the total revenue from the bottle bank from August 2014 until July 2019 (the most recent credit) to a charity of the landlady's choice. A letter will be drafted for everyone to read before it is posted.
- 19.208 To discuss Finningham signs along B1113.** A Gislingham sign is sited on a pole that has seen better days. There currently isn't a Finningham sign the other side. Should the council approach Gislingham PC to offer to go halves on the installation of a new pole and we then each buy new villages signs? Also coming from Cotton into Finningham, the sign and poles have been knocked down by a tree during high winds. Could a replacement sign be attached to the poles which are already in place for the Cotton sign? In May 2019 2 x Finningham signs were bought for £177.62 + VAT. It was thought it was a good idea to contact Gislingham PC. With regards to the village sign by the water tower going into Cotton, it was felt to wait to see if the tree is dealt with by the owners first.
- 19.209 To discuss and approve the siting of the poles where the VAS can be used.** There is a 'speed' meeting on 11th March with Cotton and Bacton PC's to see if a joint effort will help curb speeders through the villages. Highways have the final say on the positioning of the poles, but ideally to have them in the following positions. Opposite Quest, where the dog bin is. Along Westhorpe Road, near the dip. Wickham Road heading towards the pub, just past the entrance for the Green. Gislingham Road before you get into the houses coming into the village and along Walsham Road, by the Church Road triangle
- 19.210 To discuss the flooding along Westhorpe Road.** It's worse than normal. Could it be the works at the development of new houses along there?
The flooding is no worse than other winters, but it is bad every year. The clerk needs to contact Highways to get this looked into. This flooding isn't due to the new development there.
- 19.211 To discuss the ongoing issue along Gislingham Road/ Wickham Road when there is excess rainfall and the system can't cope.** Anglian Water attended, and water jetted the system. Has this helped? Are they putting a camera down to ensure the water jetting has done what they hoped?
It seems to have helped, apart from creating issues where debris seemed to go back up pipes, to the extent that people had to have their pipes rodded. The Chairman said he would make Anglia Water aware of this.
- 19.212 To discuss and approve positioning of the benches for Jimmy Downie and Mr. Bell.** Who will fit them? Mr James Black has offered to help fit them and concrete them in. It was thought to put one near the path in the Churchyard, near the ashes and the other one near the memorial at right angles to the existing one there.
- 19.213 When and where should the council have the Xmas meal/Spring meal?**
A date couldn't be found where everyone could attend.
- 19.214 To approve the use of the village Green by a resident for a marquee to be used with a bouncy castle.**
Mrs C. Winter proposed, seconded by Mr.J. Miller and agreed for the Green to be used as long as they have adequate insurance in place.
- 19.215 Correspondence Received**
- 215.01 Confirmation the £500 Andrew Mellen offered from his locality budget will be paid soon. Police connect –
- 215.02 Police are urging residents to review the security of their sheds, garages and outbuildings. 2 barns along Rectory Road, Bacton were broken into. A ride on lawnmower was taken from one and gardening equipment was stolen from another.
- 215.03 Mud on Westhorpe Road where the new house development by Burgess Homes is taking place.
- 215.04 Confirmation of the precept has been received. It's actually a decrease of 1.12% on 2019/2020.
- 215.05 Saturday 27th June 2020 The Botesdale Health Centre Patient Participation Group (PPG) will be holding a Community Event for all of it's Patients, should they wish to attend.
- 215.06 MSDC have informed about increases to litter and dog bin emptying for 2020/2021. Litter bin will go from £35 to £36.05 and the dog bin will go from £41 to £42.23 excluding VAT.

- 215.07 The parish register/electoral register for the village has been received for 2019/2020.
- 215.08 On Friday 28th February there was an accident at the crossroads at the pub. It's believed there were no injuries to the people involved.
- 215.09 Hayley Seeley is happy on put local information onto the village Facebook page e.g. bus passes for school children and Ricklinghall health Centre.
- 215.10 MSDC grass cutting along the B1113 4th May and 20th July and within Finningham on 15th June. This is from the schedule they have published.

19.216 Finance

- 216.01 Previous meeting, last balance reported was from 27/12/2019
Current account £11,056.65
Deposit account £3,327.18
Balances as of 28/02/2020
Current account £9,892.94
Receipts since 28/12/19 – £299.70 -(donation of goal nets & for 1 bench)
Payments since 28/12/19 - £1,463.41 (invoices approved at previous meeting)
Deposit account £3,327.18 -

216.02 Requests for payment

Mr. A. Kilbee proposed, seconded by Mr. J. Black and agreed to authorise the following payments
E: on - £8.42 – January's bill paid via DD
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MISS. N. HILL - £350.50 – clerk's salary
NEST - £32.28 – pension contribution for clerk
MISS. N. HILL – £14.65 – clerk's expenses
HMRC - £92.20 – PAYE
LADYWELL ACCOUTANCY SERVICES - £40.00 – PAYE services
J. LAWES - £25.36 – supplies to install litter banner (posts, post mix & rope)
KEVIN HAXELL - £69.80 – service on the mower
T. KILBEE - £22.22 – expenses for mileage to and from mower service place
TECHNIX - £559.14 – rubber matting for new play equipment

19.217 Planning

To consider applications.
DC/20/00395 - Planning Application - Erection of two storey side extension and single storey front extension following demolition of existing single storey extension) Location: 5 Westhorpe Road, Finningham, Suffolk, IP14 4TN.
The Council have no issue with this application.
Decisions & to consider planning matters coming forth.
Approved - Application for Non Material Amendment following grant of planning permission DC/19/00962 dated 22/5/2019 - Change rendered finish on the northern and eastern walls of the 2 storey rear extension to a painted wooden cladding finish. Location: 1 Appletree Cottages, Walsham Road, Finningham, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4JH
Granted - DC/19/05784 – Planning Application – Erection of single-storey rear/side extension (following demolition of garage). Willow Cottage, Westhorpe Road, Finningham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4TW.
Granted - DC/19/05841 – Planning Application - Erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions following demolition of existing structures: Internal and external alterations as per Schedule of Works. Shadwell House, Church Lane, Finningham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4JB.
Granted - DC/19/005842 – Listed Building Consent - Erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions following demolition of existing structures: Replacement of fenestration to dwelling and outbuilding. Shadwell House, Church Lane, Finningham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4JB.
All planning applications received up to the date of the meeting will be discussed.

19.218 Questions to Chairman

Mrs M. Webb asked who would like her copy of minutes when she steps down as Councillor.
Mrs. M. Webb said she would forward details onto the clerk about a Comic Relief grant.

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

A replacement notice board of aluminium construction which is then powder coated. Similar size to the current one, initial costs seem around £835 + VAT.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 9.20pm