

FINNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

*The meeting of Finningham Parish Council will be held on
Tuesday 8th September 2020,
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 14th July 2020.**
5. **To receive any pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations of interest from Members and any Gifts of Hospitality.**
6. **To co-opt new council member to fill casual vacancy, Nigel Arthur.**
7. **To appoint a Vice Chairman for the remainder of 2020-2021, now Mrs. M. Webb has retired from the Parish Council.**
8. **Matters arising from the meetings held on 14th July 2020.**
 - a. Mr. D. Aiken is underway with the map of Walks in Finningham.
 - b. Benches in the Churchyard. The Diocese have given agreement (excluding the slabs). The slabs that were in front of the benches, have been removed. At some point in the future, something needs to happen to aid grass cutting around and under the benches.
 - c. Mrs. C. Winter needs to take her ID to Barclays as part of her being a signatory on the Barclays bank accounts. As per her email to councillors, she has tried, but due to her work and also Barclays reduced opening days and times due to COVID-19, this isn't as easy as expected.
 - d. The 3 new 'Finningham' signs have been delivered.
 - e. Highways have yet to look at the Council's application on the VAS sites. Therefore, ordering of the VAS has been put. Once out of the EU in January 2021, the 19% VAT on the quote, won't be charged, but there may be import duty and VAT charged on the value of the item (hopefully this VAT charge can be claimed back)
9. **Chairman's Report**
10. **To discuss and agree actions on the current anti-social behaviour, vandalism and graffiti on The Green.** People living next to The Green has made the chairman aware of these issues. What can be done? CCTV has been mentioned. The ICO would need to be informed, as well as signs placed on The Green to state CCTV is in operation.
11. **To discuss an Oak tree on The Green, where a limb broke off during the recent high winds.** Mr R. Negus said he would cut it up. He reminded the Council of his previous comments of the play equipment being close to the Oak trees.
12. **To discuss the trees on the Green and to approve the quote to cut back the dead timber on an Ash Tree that has Ash dieback.** The quote is in the region of £150 and it was said the tree itself is in quite good health and just needs the dead wood removing. With regards to the play equipment close to the Oak trees, should the Council get some of the limbs removed to pre-empt any potential damage of the play equipment due to fallen limbs during high winds?
13. **To discuss the lowering of the speed limit along the B1113 north of the village.** The Chairman has been in contact with Highways whilst chasing the VAS location, to enquire about the criteria to reduce the speed limit to 40mph, considering the B1113 between Old Newton and Stowmarket has recently been reduced.
14. **To discuss and approve the new website accessibility regulations that come into effect from 23rd September 2020.** SALC have given guidance on this and the steps that need taking. The website needs to be checked for any accessibility problems. This has already been done and it's around 80% compliant. A plan needs to be made to address these problems and to fix these within reason. A website accessibility statement also needs to be produced and published. A request has already been put into the newsletter to see if anyone in the village is able to help with this to increase the compliance.
15. **To discuss and approve purchasing grass seed to seed the area within The Green.** Is this even the right time to try and grow grass?

16. **To approve the National Salary Award for 2020-2021.** It's only now, that this has been agreed and to be implemented from April 2020.
17. **To approve the renewal of the ICO registration.** £35 for a year, as it's paid via Direct Debt. This is due to come out of the bank account on 22nd September 2020.
18. **Correspondence Received**
- The Chairman has received a note of Thanks from Penny Downie regarding the bench in the Churchyard in memory of Jimmy Downie.
 - Mrs. S. Miller has emailed the clerk. She has a ledger of parish council minutes she has come across that she has offered to the clerk & Council.
 - The external auditor has emailed confirming the receipt of documents re. notification of exempt status for 2020.
 - Suffolk on Board have confirmed the bus timetables for the 110, 112, 113 & 114 buses have returned to pre COVID-19 timetable.
 - Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils have sent their 124 page of consultation land supply statements to the clerk, which the clerk has sent to all Councillors.
 - 'Respecting the Outdoors' campaign information has been sent to all Councillors. It includes posters encouraging people to 'respect the outdoors; which could be used around within the village.
 - The Noticeboard Company who supplied the new notice board, do not supply a stay to hold the doors open.
 - East Anglian Air Ambulance sent a letter acknowledging receipt of the donation and offered to send a certificate. The clerk replied asking for the certificate to be sent directly to Lorna Doyle at The White Horse pub.
19. **Finance**
- Clerk's report
 - Requests for payment as listed below and to review matters coming forth.
Retrospectively - MR. STOREY - £5.46 – Fuel for the mower
E.On - £7.48 – July's bill paid via DD
E.On - £?.?? – August's bill paid via DD
MISS. N. HILL – £???.?? – clerk's expenses
J. LAWES - £9.40 – Paint & brush for notice board mounts
20. **Planning**
- To consider applications.
DC/20/02955 – Planning permission – Erection of single-storey rear extension (following demolition of garage)(amended scheme to DC/19/0574) – Willow Cottage, Westhorpe Road, Finningham Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4TW.
 - Decisions & to consider planning matters coming forth.
GRANTED – DC/20/02145 – Erection of extension to garage – Southwood, Wickham Road, Finningham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4HT.
- 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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