

# FINNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Notice of Meeting

The *virtual* meeting of Finningham Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021, Via Zoom (link on website) or call 0203 695 0088, meeting ID 541 287 3394, numeric password 788523, 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 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**
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 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**
  - a. Andy Mellen kindly looked at the flooding along Westhorpe Road and couldn't find any outfall from the road drains. He's looked into the plans and contacted the planning dept to ensure they are being followed with regards to drainage etc. He's also heard from Simon Burgess from Burgess homes (the developer) who believes there's a large soakaway and he's offered to excavate it and try to enlarge it. Mr Burgess said they sweep the road every day.
  - b. The cutting of trees on the Green and getting quotes have been put on hold whilst in the current situation of Tier 4 and now national lockdown.
  - c. As stated last month, Mr. J. Miller will look at the hedge along the walkway from the Green to the pub once it's dried out.
7. **Chairman's Report**
8. **Update from the Track on The Green working group.**
9. **Update from the Village Footpath map working group.**
10. **To discuss the monitoring of traffic speed within the village.**
11. **To discuss the decent flooding within the village along B1113 by the Green as well as along Gislingham Road and Westhorpe Road.** Also, the knock on effect of all this rain, where drains along Gislingham Road have been backed up for days. What can be done in the future? Signs for residents/councillors to put out?
12. **To discuss the statutory consultation for a solar energy farm and battery storage facility near Burwell, Newmarket by Sunnica Energy Farm.** Do the parish have any comments they formally wish to submit?
13. **To finally decide whether the maintenance of the Track on The Green, whether it should not be as a one off.** The Chairman has looked into the different byways/bridleways/footpaths etc within the village and what has to be maintained by the Parish Council?
14. **To discuss and approve the purchase of 4 dog bin.** Last month it was discussed and approved to have 4 more door bins and the sites were agreed. Glasdon offer plastic bins, red or green 25ltr capacity £90.85 + VAT with a plastic liner or £9.22 for a metal liner. Post mounting brackets free but need £16.72 tamtorque banking kit to fit 70-100mm post. A metal 50ltr capacity one including hook for dog lead is £205.65+VAT. Glasdon do free delivery over £100.  
Broxap offer steel body bins, 40ltr capacity £115 + VAT or 60ltr capacity £124 + VAT. Post mounting bracket £10 and both bins include a hook for dog lead. Delivery charge is £41.  
Glasdon smallest bin, 25ltr? totals £116.79 + VAT each and Broxap smallest bin 50ltr totals £125.00 + vat each + £41 delivery. Should different capacities be purchased and swap with current ones that get full quickly?
15. **To discuss and approve the purchase of 2 new flags for the Flagpole on the Green.** 2yd Union Flag, anti fray £87.20 & 2yd St. George's Flag, handsewn, anti fray £60.24. Delivery of £11.94, totalling £159.38 including VAT.
16. **To discuss the budget for 2021-2022.** Rolled over from last meeting as the clerk hadn't fully completed. Councillors would have received this before the meeting.
17. **To discuss whether the parish council have a meeting in February 2021.** Part of the reason for not having a meeting in February was due to the cold temperatures in the Church where the meetings are normally held. As they are currently being done via zoom, would it make sense to have a meeting?
18. **Correspondence Received**
  - a. Knock & Check on a neighbour is a Mid Suffolk communication. A poster has been put on the notice board, as well as asking it to be put onto the villages Facebook page.

- b. SALC stated it is unlawful to have physical meeting whilst Suffolk was in Tier 4. With a full national lockdown, physical meetings are not lawful either.
- c. The landlady of The White Horse pub had emailed the office of Jo Churchill after the zoom meeting raising a few points. One being she didn't think there was a 'cross road' sign as you enter the village. Also adding that Bacton have a flashy speed light sign and is it up to Finningham to raise the funds for this and where does the money go from the events held by the parish council. A letter has been posted to the landlady informing her there is a crossroad sign and you enter the village. Also, explaining about the VAS recently purchased and the council do not hold events to raise money, but gets a very small proportion from the council tax the parishioners pay.
- d. Ladywell Accountancy Services have emailed to say they are ceasing their services as of the end of March 2021. SALC offer these services for £38+VAT a year for the same service that Ladywell Accountancy Services currently do, who charged £40 a year. Does anyone know of someone to do this payroll service?
- e. Police & Crime Commissioner has published proposals for the policing element for the council tax precept for 2021-2022. There is a survey to complete, which has been emailed.
- f. The clerk has received the full electoral registers for 2020-2021.
- g. E;on have emailed stating they made an error and took the direct debt too early. They would be refunding it as quickly as they could and then taking the DD at the correct time.

**19. Finance**

- a. Clerk's report
- b. Requests for payment as listed below and to review matters coming forth.  
E.On - £12.60 – December's bill paid via DD

**20. Planning**

- a. To consider applications.
- b. Decisions & to consider planning matters coming forth.

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 February's/March'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.*

***Natalie Hill***

Parish Clerk. Elmer Farm, Walsham Road, Finningham. Suffolk, IP14 4JN. Tel: 07802 492495.

Email: [finninghamparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:finninghamparishclerk@gmail.com)

6<sup>th</sup> January 2021