

FINNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

The *virtual* meeting of Finningham Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 9th March 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 9th February 2021.**
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, Lisa Charter.**
7. **Matters arising from the meetings held on 9th February 2021.**
None
8. **Chairman's Report**
9. **Update from the Track on The Green working group.**
10. **Update from the Village Footpath map working group.**
11. **To discuss the monitoring of traffic speed within the village.**
12. **To discuss flooding within the village.**
13. **To discuss the COVID-19 situation and current lockdown within the community/village.**
14. **To discuss the cutting of the hedge along the 'footpath' from The Green to the White Horse pub.** It appears this has been recently cut.
15. **To approve the amended order for 2 new flags.** It was approved in January 2021 to order 2 x 2yard flags to replace the current ones. It was noticed when placing the order, that previously the council had ordered 3yard flags. Therefore, a quote for 3yard flags has been obtained, this is £242.51 including VAT. The previous quote approved was £159.38 including VAT.
16. **To discuss whether Finningham should have an emergency plan.** A copy of Woolpit's emergency plan has been sent to all councillors.
17. **To discuss whether the Parish Council should do anything to mark VE day on 8th May 2021.**
18. **To discuss whether a litter pick and village clean should take place on the 3rd Sunday of March 2021.** Do current lockdown restrictions mean this can't happen?
19. **To discuss and approve the service of all Parish Council equipment.** The mower, hedge trimmer, push along strimmer etc. The Chairman is proposing to take all items down at the same time. An approx. cost will be £250.
20. **To discuss and approve the budget for 2021-2022 now there's a figure for cemetery cutting.** The cutting of the cemetery was quoted as £100 per cut, being completed twice a year.
21. **To discuss the Leisure, Sport and Physical activity strategy by BMSDC.** There's a questionnaire to be completed by 15th March. Do the Parish Council have any thoughts/views to be fed back?
22. **To discuss and approve the quotes from Askew to fill in potholes and relay a surface of the track by The Green.** £2,890 + VAT with no rumble strips or £?,???.?? + VAT with rumble strips. It's understood the residents will each contribute £80 towards this and as previously discussed and in the minutes, the Parish Council have agreed to this on its merits and the fact it currently has the funds, via CIL, to be able to carry out this work.
23. **To discuss the request in a letter from a young resident of the village as to whether Astro turf could be laid on part of The Green.** Pricing depends on the length of the faux grass, 19mm in height £7.99m², 30mm height £12.49m² or 40mm height £13.99m². Where could this be laid and would it interfere with cutting of the natural grass?
24. **To discuss and approve the reimbursement to Andy Brownlie, for him charging the 4 batteries that power the VAS.** It's been worked out it costs 50p a week to charge the batteries and Andy Brownlie to should request annually for this money.
25. **Correspondence Received**
 - a. A resident of Finningham has emailed with regards to the proposed further development along Westhorpe Road. She is opposed to it and is sending her own response to BMSDC. The Chairman has replied to her and as yet we haven't heard anything back.

- b. A list of potential grants that the PC could apply for has been emailed to the clerk.
- c. A new consultation with regards to planning, a model design code has been received and forwarded to all councillors.
- d. SALC have emailed over details of a free webinar about sleep and it's been forwarded to all councillors.
- e. Suffolk Highways have emailing saying they are undertaking a re-filling of the county's grit bins following on from the recent severe weather. This prevents people having to log individual bins to be re-filled. This is being done as a one off due to the extreme weather.
- f. A MidSuffolk area forum invite has been received to join the meeting via zoom. This information has been emailed to all councillors, as places must be booked in advance.
- g. An email has been received that if prospective election candidates wis to attend meetings, they are able to, but they do not have the right to automatically speak.

26. Finance

- a. Clerk's report
- b. Requests for payment as listed below and to review matters coming forth.
Retrospectively approve Mr. M. BAIRD - £2,385.00 – final payment due to the completion of the replacement post and rail fence around the Green.
E.On - £15.70 – February's bill paid via DD
N. HILL - £???.?? - clerks expenses including monthly zoom fee
N. HILL - £????.?? – clerks wages
HMRC - £???.?? – PAYE for the clerk
NEST - £???.?? – pension contributions
HARRION - £242.51 – 2 x 3yard flags

27. Planning

- a. To consider applications.
DC/21/00366 – Application for outline Planning Permission (all matters reserved) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Erection of up to 8No dwellings with garages. Land South of, Westhorpe Road, Finningham, Stowmarket.
DC/21/00990 – Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area – T1 (Ash) – Pollard to 50% existing height. Kent House, Gislingham Road, Finningham, Suffolk, IP14 4JA.
DC/21/01095 – Application for Listed Building Consent. Addition of 2no top level window – lights in a panelled front door. Old Black Horse Farm, Walsham Road, Finningham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4JN.
- b. Decisions & to consider planning matters coming forth.
DOES NOT WISH TO OBJECT – DC/2/00590 - Works to trees in a Conservation Area – Fell 1No Plum tree and ground stump. Fell section of conifers within mixed hedge and ground stumps at Walnut Tree Cottage, Church Lane, Finningham, Stowmarket, IP14 4JB.

All planning applications received up to the date of the meeting will be discussed.

28. Questions to Chairman

29. Items to be discussed at the next meeting and included in the April'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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