

FINNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

The *virtual meeting of Finningham Parish Council* will be held on Tuesday 13th April 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 March 2021.
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 9th March 2021.
 - a. Flying the flag on 8th May now the order has been placed for the new flags.
 - b. The PC outdoor equipment has been taken by the Chairman for servicing.
 - c. Bacton PC opposed the planning app for 8 dwellings and the planning app for 51 dwellings.
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 flooding within the village.
12. To discuss future meetings. The current legislation allowing from virtual meetings ceases on 7th May 2021. Face to face meetings are unable to happen until 17th May 2021. Therefore, the PC meeting on 11th May 2021 cannot go ahead. Should it take place before 7th May 2021, via zoom, or after 17th May 2021, face to face? Unless things change, once back to face to face meetings, people cannot attend virtually.
13. To discuss an emergency plan after it was agreed at the last meeting that the PC should have one. Who is willing to handle this, using Woolpit's emergency plan as a template?
14. To discuss if a litter pick and village clean should take place on the 3rd Sunday of May 2021, 16th May 2021.
15. To discuss a village welcome pack. Should the PC do it or Friends of Finningham? The Chairman of FoF did state they could always fold and it's less unlikely the PC would.
16. To discuss the quote for tree work on the Green. To deadwood and target prune lateral branches and to reduce weight on six mature turkey oaks and to remove all material. £1,600.00 + VAT
17. To discuss the installation of the new dog bins and switching of 2 current dog bins with bigger ones. The bins have arrived and ready to be installed.
18. To discuss whether to install plastic grid along the route from The Green to the crossroads by the pub.
19. To discuss the request in a letter from a young resident of the village as to whether Astroturf could be laid on part of The Green. Carried over from last month. Where could this be put on the Green and would it interfere with cutting of the natural grass? Pricing depends on the area of the faux grass, 19mm in height £7.99m², 30mm height £12.49m² or 40mm height £13.99m². This excludes prepping the area and labour.
20. To discuss the annual appraisal of the clerk. Is anyone wishing to complete this with the clerk, or for the Chairman to complete?
21. To discuss and approve the updating of the reserves policy. It currently states the council maintains "equal to 50% of the precept". During the internal report last year, it was recommended to included unspent Grants. Therefore, update the reserves and business risk policy to "The Council maintains a reserve policy equal to 50% of the precept, Election costs of £1100, any unspent Grants including CIL and other contingencies not yet known"
22. Correspondence Received
 - a. A resident of Finningham has made the PC aware of rubbish being buried on the site of the 6 houses being built along Westhorpe Road. The Chairman has submitted the complaint online with MSDC and has also made the district councillor, Andy Mellen aware.
 - b. A resident of Finningham has been in contact with regards to raw sewage smell along Moon Lane and concerned that a chemical toilet is on site and it's unknown where it's emptied.

- c. SALC have been asked to circulate info from the Public Health Team at SCC with regards to any place-based groups on Facebook. SCC are wanting to know the purpose of the group, is it opened or closed and contact details of the administrators.
- d. SCC/Highways have finally installed the long-awaited poles which the VAS can be attached to.

23. Finance

- a. Clerk's report
- b. Requests for payment as listed below and to review matters coming forth.
 - E.On - £9.47 – March's bill paid via DD
 - N. HILL - £???.?? - clerks expenses including monthly zoom fee
 - FSAC - £100.00 – replacement cheque to FoF, as it wasn't presented within 6 months.
 - GLASDON - £870.87 – 4 new dog waste bins
 - SALC - £266.61 – Annual membership

24. Planning

- a. To consider applications.
 - DC/21/0170 – Householder Planning Application - Erection of boundary wall and replace garage rood (following demolition of exiting damaged wall. Church Mouse Barn, Gislingham Road, Finningham, Stowmarket, IP14 4JA.
- b. Decisions & to consider planning matters coming forth.
 - DOES NOT WISH TO OBJECT – 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/19/05842 – Discharge of Conditions Application - Condition 3 (Fenestration. Shadwell House, Church Lane, Finningham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4JB.

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

25. Questions to Chairman

26. Items to be discussed at the next meeting and included in the May'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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