

Great Finborough Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Great Finborough Annual Parish Meeting held on 14th May 2024 **Held in Pettiward Hall**

16 members of public present

Chairman – Cllr James Spencer, Clerk – Paula Gladwell,

Apologies – June Nathan, Rev Sarah Jenkins, Judith Cameron, Mary Smyth, Delia Prior, David Preece.

1. The minutes of previous meeting of 10th May 2023 were approved and signed.
2. Cllr Otton gave her report, which is attached to these minutes.
3. Cllr Matthissen gave his report, which is attached. Cllr Matthissen added that he is pleased to support the flood alleviation group and noted that the planning application for Green Farm would probably be some months before it reached a planning committee for decision. In the meantime planning committee councillors would visit the site to establish more clarity of the permissions already granted and the uses of each building on the site. Cllr Matthissen confirmed that land owned by MSDC adjacent to Wash Lane had invasive Himalayan Balsam present and efforts to eradicate this were under way. A work Party is planned for June 11th and all are welcome to join in. Cllr Matthissen confirmed that he had contributed to the rebuilding of Pettiward Hall chimney from his locality budget and that his new fund is now open for applications.
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 - a. Cllr Spencer gave his report from the Parish Council which is attached to these minutes and thanked the Parish Councillors for their commitment over the past year. The clerk provided a summary of the financial statement for 2023/24, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
 - b. Neil Watts gave a report from Rev Sarah Jenkins, St Andrew's Church which is attached.
 - c. Mary Preece gave a report for the Pettiward Hall Management Committee which is attached.
 - d. Judith Cameron's report from the Garden Club was read by Peter Turner and is attached to these minutes.
 - e. There was no report from Great Finborough Primary School
 - f. The chair read a report from June Nathan from the Woodpecker Hill Volunteer Group a copy of which is attached.
 - g. Ann Squirrel read the report from Mary Smyth for the Allotments Association which is attached.
 - h. Ant Mann gave a report from the editorial team for the Newsletter which is attached.
 - i. Ant also gave a report from the Community Speedwatch team which is attached.
 - j. The chair read the report from Great Finborough & Buxhall Under 5's a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
 - l. There were no further parish reports.
5. Any other matters – Lee Morgan gave an update on the project to provide a brick plinth for the village sign and to confirm the launch of a Village Green appeal for funding to replace the circular bench that once stood around the Chestnut Tree that was planted 90 years ago.

6. John Matthissen commented on the proposed memorial for the Paupers Graves at Onehouse. Students have carried out work on the poor house records including one on Union Way and burial records from the 19th Century, money has been raised for the memorial which will be opened on Friday 19th July. There are 300 plus names of people from local villages and everyone is welcome to come along.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.