

GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th January 2022 in Pettiward Hall

Present: Cllr Simon Tarabella (chair) Cllr Peter Turner Cllr Simon Waspe
Cllr Sharon Shipp Cllr Sebastian Reeves Cllr James Spencer
Paula Gladwell – Clerk

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- 2021/2526 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Penny Otton, Cllr John Matthissen
Norman Vendittelli's resignation was noted. Cllr Tarabella led a vote of thanks to Norman for his contribution to the Parish Council during this tenure and previous ones, his commitment to the work of the council and the community will be sorely missed.
- 2021/2527 **Declarations of Interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct and requests for dispensations relating to Discloseable Pecuniary Interests** – None
- 2021/2528 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** - It was proposed by Cllr Tarabella, Sec by Cllr Turner that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved, with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 13th December 2021 were signed as a true record.
- 2021/2529 **Public Participation** – No questions
- 2021/2530 **County Councillor Otton's Report** – Cllr Otton's report had been received and circulated, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
- 2021/2531 **District Councillor Matthissen's Report** – Cllr Matthissen's report had been received and circulated a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
- 2021/2532 **Clerks Report** – It was noted that MSDC had been notified of the councillor vacancy and this will be advertised.
A meeting has been requested with William Todd, Sarah Palmer and Nicki Chine from the Environment agency together with Simon Curl the Flood and Water Manager at SCC a response is still awaited from them all.
It was noted that the Housing Needs Survey responses were still being inputted by Community Action Suffolk with the results expected soon.
It was agreed that a site visit be arranged with a SCC Highway Officer to look at possible positions for White Entrance Gates at the Hitcham end of High Road.
Concerns have been expressed regarding a van parked in the Middlefield Drive car park leaking oil onto the ground. Cllr Waspe will contact the owner to arrange for it to be cleaned up.
Police Precept Survey – it was agreed that councillors will complete this survey individually should they wish to.
24 The Chestnuts - the recurrence of using the kerb and verge as access to the front garden for parking will be reported to MSDC Housing.
Cars meeting in Valley Lane Car Park Friday and Saturday evenings have been highlighted as a concern. This will be monitored further before any decision to report to police.
- 2021/2533 **Planning** – It was RESOLVED to submit the following comments to application; DC/21/06393 Installation of all weather football pitch 58m x 90m with 3m perimeter fencing and extra 5m safety fencing to western boundary. Finborough School, The Hall, Finborough park – "*Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available*"
- 2021/2534 The following MSDC decisions were noted DC/21/05965 & DC/21/05964 Listed Building consent – Installation of wood burner and erection of flue, Dairy Farm Barn, Valley Lane - GRANTED
- 2021/2535 **Finance** – The Finance report for January 2022 was approved.
- 2021/2536 The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Turner with all in favour, Staff salaries for December.
- 2021/2537 HMRC Q3 payment
- 2021/2538 Wave water £16.40
- 2021/2539 MSDC Grass Cutting £834.58
- 2021/2540 The Budget Working Group put forward their recommendations for the 2022/2023 budget. It was RESOLVED to approve the budget with no further amendments. Proposed by Cllr Reeves, Sec Cllr Tarabella with all in favour.
- 2021/2541 It was noted that the precept requirement raised by the budget process of £14136 showed a slight increase over the previous year resulting in an additional £2.05 per Band D household for the year. It was resolved to set the precept for 2022/2023 at £14136 and the request forms were completed and signed. Proposed Cllr Spencer, sec Cllr Reeves with all in favour.
- 2021/2542 It was RESOLVED to award donations to BSEVC £200, Headway £200 and Stowmarket Food Bank £100 under S137 donations. Proposed by Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Spencer with all in favour.

- 2021/2543 **Village Maintenance** – It was noted that no reply had been received regarding the request for a Tree Survey. Other contractors will now be approached for this service.
- 2021/2544 Tree and Hedge Management Plan – Deferred until the survey results are available.
- 2021/2545 **Middlefield Drive Play Area** – Nothing new to report, start date remains for 20th January.
- 2021/2546 It was agreed that the opening event be set for 11am on Saturday 19th February with invitee list confirmed to include MP Jo Churchill, representatives from Kompan, Virador and National Lottery together with local groups and schools and an open invitation in the Newsletter. Cllr Shipp will arrange refreshments (*post meeting, cakes from Osier cafe confirmed at a cost of £60*) to go alongside the Coffee Wagon who have agreed to do hot drinks at cost price. Cllr Shipp will invite Suffolk Radio and EADT. Pop up gazebos will be sought in case of inclement weather. Decorations such as bunting, plaque, ribbon etc will be sourced. It was agreed that Cllr Otton be asked to perform the opening.
- 2021/2547 **Footpaths** – Cllr Spencer had nothing new to report.
- 2021/2548 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.
- 2021/2549 **Street Lights** – A report from the SL Working Group confirmed there had been 36 replies within the deadline date which is a 10% return rate on number of properties. 75% of responders were in favour of replacing all the existing lights. The Working Groups recommendation is to replace 14 street lights with led bulbs and 12 columns – 2 lamps are on existing wooden poles which are to remain.
- 2021/2550 It was RESOLVED to action a project to replace the street lighting. Proposed Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Shipp with all in favour. The Street Lighting Working Group were tasked with taking the project forward including liaison with directly affected residents to establish if any columns needed resiting and sourcing a new detailed estimate from Suffolk County Council before fund raising and grants can be secured.
- 2021/2551 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – None

Next meeting will be held in Pettward Hall on Monday 14th MARCH 2021 at 7.30pm