

GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th April 2017 **in the Pettiward Hall**

Present: Cllr. Peter Turner Cllr Sebastian Reeves
Cllr Rob Nurton Cllr. Robin Fisher
Cllr Simon Tarabella Cllr Martin Burns
Cllr Archie Gemmell
Paula Gladwell – Clerk District Cllr Matthissen (part)
0 members of public County Cllr Otton (part)

2016/1182 **Apologies for Absence** -None

2016/1183 **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Burns declared a pecuniary interest in Item 6a (min no. 2016/1189)

2016/1184 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** - It was suggested that a correction be made to 2016/1180 to correct the minute and that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were amended and presented for approval and signing at the next meeting.

2016/1185 **Public Participation** – No questions

2016/1186 **County Cllr Penny Otton Report** – Cllr Otton gave her report which is attached to these minutes.

2016/1187 **District Cllr John Matthissen** – Cllr Matthissen gave his report which is attached to these minutes.

2016/1188 **Clerks Report** – A response from BT regarding the adoption of the phone box is still awaited. The Community Heartbeat Trust have been asked for information on the steps council need to take to provide a defibrillator.

Site Submissions for the new Joint Local Plan have now closed. There are two proposed sites for Great Finborough, one to the rear of Pear Tree Place and the other behind Boundary Cottages. We will need to wait for the analysis from MSDC as to which if any make it to the Site Allocations list.

Electronic provision of the Newsletter needs to go up for consultation. The format of the questionnaire is already approved, the clerk will amend the sizing for circulation within the newsletter.

Cllr Burns left the room

2016/1189 **Planning** – It was resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC Planning, Proposed by Cllr Turner with all in favour, Application; 886/17 and 887/17 Erection of a three bay cart lodge with workshop, alterations and outbuildings, and external and internal alterations including replacement windows, insulation and retiling roof. Demolition of front porch, replacement of staircase and balustrade, inserting partition walls, all in accordance with the proposal and mitigation table in the design and access statement. Valley Farm, Valley Lane – *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*

Cllr Burns returned to meeting.

2016/1190 Application 4455/16 Amendment Erection of 300 dwellings, access, internal roads, garages, fences, walls, parking, landscaping, public open space, ecological works, drainage infrastructure and associated works. Land to south of Union Road, Onehouse *"Great Finborough Parish Council reiterate their original comments and express concerns about the impact on the existing infrastructure that the scale of this development will cause. The level of traffic using Star House Lane in particular will be increased; this single track in places lane will need to be significantly improved if traffic is to flow well enough not to cause congestion. Council have considerable concerns about Combs Lane, this is at present an unclassified road that already takes a large amount of traffic including HGV and buses that wish to avoid the town centre of Stowmarket especially since the introduction of traffic lights within the town and the need of drivers to reach the Ipswich bound A14."*

It has proved almost impossible to get any maintenance or improvements to the lane which are desperately needed now because of the high levels of traffic and the obvious increase in traffic resulting from this proposal to build 300 properties will only compound the issues already present. Combs Lane needs urgent attention to improve safety by regular cutting of hedges and verges and maintenance of the "step up" so that pedestrians can use it safely; reclassification as a 'B' road is essential if this development is to go ahead. The provision of medical facilities in the area is under considerable strain; Combs Ford Surgery has closed its list to new patients, Violet Hill Medical Centre has very little parking available which causes considerable difficulties not only for patients but also passing traffic. It is essential that provision of additional Health Centre facilities are considered as well as additional school places.

The proposed footpath links between Onehouse and Stowmarket are commendable however the Parish Council would like to see some consideration given to linking this network for cyclists and pedestrians to Great Finborough."

2016/1191 There were no MSDC decisions to note.

2016/1192 **Finance** – The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Turner, with all in favour, Staff salaries for March 2017

2016/1193 Gipping Press Ltd £170.12

2016/1194 It was resolved to increase the budget for the Herb Garden to £300 and approve the payment for herbs to laurel Farm Herbs at £257.00 Proposed Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Turner with all in favour.

2016/1195 It was resolved to purchase a picnic table at £399.99 Proposed Cllr Burns, sec Cllr Nurton with all in favour.

2016/1196 It was resolved to purchase a Water Bowser at £288.00 Proposed Cllr Tarabella sec by Cllr Fisher with all in favour.

2016/1197 Section 1 of the Annual Return, the Internal Control and Annual Governance Statement, was completed, approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr Turner with all in favour.

2016/1198 The final accounts for the year ending 31st March 2017 were approved and section 2 of the Annual Return was signed. Proposed by Cllr Turner with all in favour.

2016/1199 **Footpath Report** – Cllr Gemmell confirmed that there were no issues to report.

2016/1200 **Protocol for Pre Planning Application Policy** – The draft document was approved and it was Resolved to adopt the Protocol for Pre Planning Application Policy, proposed by Cllr Nurton, sec Cllr Tarabella with all in favour.

2016/1201 **Vehicle Activate Sign** – Discussion took place regarding the provision of a VAS to compliment the Speedwatch scheme in combating speeding vehicle through the village. It was suggested that the first step is to have Highways assess sites along the High Road for suitability.

2016/1202 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.

2016/1203 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – It was suggested that areas in Church Road be cleared and surfaced to improve and properly designate as parking areas. Consideration of this will be added to the next agenda.

Next meeting; Monday 8th May 2017 at 6.45pm