

# GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th December 2018 in the Pettiward Hall

Present: Cllr Peter Turner (chair) Cllr Simon Tarabella Cllr Robin Fisher  
Cllr Sebastian Reeves Cllr Archie Gemmell Cllr Rob Nurton

County Cllr Penny Otton (part) District Cllr John Matthissen (part)  
Paula Gladwell – Clerk 5 members of public

- 2018/1661 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Martin Burns
- 2018/1662 **Declarations of Interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct and requests for dispensations relating to Discloseable Pecuniary Interests** - None
- 2018/1663 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** - It was proposed by Cllr Gemmell that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meetings were approved, with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 12th November 2018 were signed as a true record.
- 2018/1664 **District Cllr John Matthissen** – deferred.
- 2018/1665 **County Cllr Penny Otton** – deferred.
- 2018/1666 **Public Participation** – Discussion took place regarding the outcome of the Planning Committee for the development at Pear Tree Place with concerns expressed about the responsibilities for the maintenance of the access road and the possibilities for the second phase of the development.
- 2018/1667 **Clerks Report** - It was noted that Councillor Martin Burns had tendered his resignation with immediate effect, it was unanimously agreed that Martin will be sorely missed for his contribution to the Parish Council and his commitment to the community whilst extending best wishes to him and his family in their new home. It was noted that the co option process is already underway for the existing vacancy and it was agreed that consideration of cooption to fill this vacancy also be taken at the January meeting. It was confirmed that one application had been received to date with a closing date of 24th December.
- 2018/1668 **County Cllr Penny Otton** - Cllr Otton gave her report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
- 2018/1669 **Planning** – It was Resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC for application; DC/18/05284 Formation of new vehicle access from highway to off road parking area, 24 The Chestnuts. *"Great Finborough Parish Council OBJECT to this application, the applicant has been driving over the existing raised kerb and crossing the county owned grass verge to access the property for several months. The Parish Council reported this to Suffolk CC Highways initially under report No. 193237. When the verge area became cut up and muddy the applicant removed the verge, laid concrete down and continued to access the property with vehicles via the raised kerb, verge and pavement. The Parish Council have received complaints regarding the parking of vehicles to the front of this property from neighbouring residents who believe that their amenity is being obstructed by a camper van and various cars on a regular basis. The Parish Council has repeatedly asked for SCC Highways to bring about actions to stop this access over the raised kerb and to reinstate the grass verge. Great Finborough Parish Council own lamppost no.45 (map attached) which is situated in the middle of the proposed dropped kerb creating an unacceptable obstacle and insufficient visibility for safe pedestrian use of the pavement. Allowing the creation of a dropped kerb in this location raises extreme safety concerns with its proximity to the junction for the entrance to The Chestnuts. This proposed dropped kerb is within the splay and visibility of the existing junction and would be contrary to T10 of MSDC Local Plan, which seeks to ensure safe access and egress. The current unauthorised vehicle access to this front garden is extremely unsafe for road users and pedestrians and it is felt that the application should be refused with the applicant asked to stop using the raised kerb to access the property and to remove the concrete and reinstate the grass verge."*
- 2018/1670 The following MSDC decisions were noted; DC/18/02952 Conversion of barn and ancillary single storey building into 5 no. self contained dwellings and joint access yard - variation of Condition 2 to allow amendments to design detail of planning permission 0483/01, Dairy Farm Barn, Valley Lane - GRANTED  
DC/18/04311 Erection of an adjoining annexe extension with flat roof (amended scheme to that approved under 1047/11, Keepers Cottage, Finborough Park - GRANTED
- 2018/1671 **Finance** – The Finance report for December 2018 was approved.
- 2018/1672 The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Gemmell, Sec Cllr Nurton with all in favour, Staff salaries for Nov 2018
- 2018/1673 Gipping Press £228.03
- 2018/1674 Greenscene £187.08

- 2018/1675 Hall Hire £84.50
- 2018/1676 The Budget Working Group recommendations for the 2019-2020 Budget and resulting Precept request were considered. There were no additional amendments suggested and the proposals will be further considered at the January meeting. The quote for additional VAS batteries was highlighted, consideration of which will be added to next agenda.
- 2018/1677 **District Cllr John Matthissen** - Cllr Matthissen gave his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
- 2018/1678 **Correspondence** – Discussion took place regarding the requested support for the Tinklers Meadow Campaign Group and their aim to establish a Local Green Space policy. Cllr Matthissen recommended that any comments or involvement should wait until the draft Local Plan was published in the Spring to see if such a policy was included.
- 2018/1679 There were no comments to further tabled correspondence.
- 2018/1680 **Footpaths** – Cllr Gemmell reported that no bridge or waymarkers had yet been installed for the newly diverted FP41, RofW will be asked when these will be actioned to ensure safe traverse of the new path.
- 2018/1681 Further consideration of volunteer based installation of replacement way markers will be added to the next agenda
- 2018/1682 Consideration of the production of a Footpath Map was deferred to the next meeting.
- 2018/1683 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – The broken 30MPH signs in Borough Lane and High Road will be reported to SCC Highways

Next meeting of the Parish Council - Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.30pm