

GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th July 2022 in Pettiward Hall

Present: Cllr Simon Tarabella (chair) Cllr Simon Waspe Cllr James Spencer
Cllr Lee Morgan Cllr Peter Turner
Paula Gladwell – Clerk
0 member of public

- 2022/2689 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Sebastian Reeves, Cllr Penny Otton, Cllr John Matthissen
The resignation of Cllr Sharon Shipp was noted and it was confirmed that the Notice of Vacancy had been published by MSDC. Cllr Tarabella led a vote of thanks to Sharon for her contribution and commitment to the Council during her time as a Parish Councillor with all in agreement that she will be greatly missed.
- 2022/2690 **Declarations of Interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct and requests for dispensations relating to Discloseable Pecuniary Interests** – None
- 2022/2691 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** - It was proposed by Cllr Morgan that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved, with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 20th June 2022 were signed as a true record.
- 2022/2692 **Public Participation** – No questions
- 2022/2693 **County Councillor Otton's Report** – Cllr Otton's report had been circulated and a copy is attached to these minutes.
- 2022/2694 **District Councillor Matthissen's Report** – Cllr Matthissen's report had been circulated and a copy is attached to these minutes.
- 2022/2695 **Woodpecker Hill Group** – Consideration of the requests for equipment and tree works at Woodpecker Hill were deferred until the group volunteers could attend a meeting.
- 2022/2696 **Clerks Report** – It was noted that all Code of Conduct forms were now complete and would be sent to MSDC for adding the each Councillors Register of Interest.
- 2022/2697 **Planning** – It was RESOLVED to submit the following comments to applications; DC/22/03225 Erection of building for new performing arts centre, Finborough School, The Hall, Finborough Park. *"Great Finborough parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2022/2698 DC/22/03124 Erection of porch extension (following removal of existing) raise part of rear roof to enlarge bedroom including alterations to fenestration. Poplar Cottage, High Road. *"Great Finborough parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2022/2699 The following MSDC decisions were noted; DC/22/03154 Discharge of Conditions for DC/21/06550 – Condition 3 (Manufacturers details of Fireplace) Valley Farm, Valley Lane APPROVED
- 2022/2700 **Finance** – The Finance report for July 2022 was approved.
- 2022/2701 The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Turner with all in favour, Staff salaries for June.
- 2022/2702 HMRC Quarter 1 payment
- 2022/2703 Jubilee Event expenses TB £274.31
- 2022/2704 Robinson Arnold £174.96
- 2022/2705 **Village maintenance** – Replacement Posts at Church Road Village Green – It was RESOLVED to replace all broken or rotten posts. Proposed Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Waspe with all in favour. Cllr Turner will circulate costs for approval before purchase.
- 2022/2706 Tree Survey & Tree and Hedge Management plan – It was noted that Robinson Arnold had agreed to carry out a tree survey and the report is awaited. Consideration of a Tree and Hedge Management Plan will be actioned on receipt of the survey.
- 2022/2707 Valley Lane Hedge & Tree Work – The quote for reducing the height of the hedge adjacent to Valley Lane and removal of overhanging limbs of a Field Maple was considered. It was noted that a donation had been offered by the neighbouring resident towards this work. It was RESOLVED to reduce the hedge height and reduce limbs of field maple at a cost of £530.00. Proposed Cllr Spencer, sec Cllr Waspe with all in favour. It was noted that ongoing maintenance of the hedge at the lowered height would be added to the Open Space Contractor's list.
- 2022/2708 Car park signage – Following the site visit it was agreed that four directional information signs were needed. It was suggested that these be sited on existing light columns and a VAS post. It was noted that SCC Highways permission would be required. Quotes for signs will be sought and SCC permission requested.

- 2022/2709 Middlefield Car Park – Discussion took place regarding commercial vehicle parking. Although concerns were expressed that some vans had been left for several days without movement and some damage has been caused to the surfacing of the car park it was noted that if commercial vehicles were banned from the car park they would likely just be left on the surrounding roads which was thought to not be an acceptable solution. The current car park rules permit a maximum of 3.5tonnes which the concerning vehicles are below. It was agreed to monitor the situation ongoing and to request that all oil/fluid leaks or spillages be cleaned away properly by the vehicle owners.
- 2022/2710 **Footpaths** – Cllr Spencer reported that he had cut back the side growth from the permissive path adjacent to the allotments following complaints. The overgrowth along FP31 had been reported to Rights of Way. Issues have been raised about FP2 and the complainant will be asked to clarify exactly what these are to enable them to be addressed.
- 2022/2711 **Correspondence** – It was agreed that the request to insert a 4 page flyer in the newsletter should be charged at £60.
- 2022/2712 There were no comments to any further tabled correspondence.
- 2022/2713 **Local Needs Housing** – It was confirmed that we are waiting on MSDC Planners to agree a date for the site visit. Orwell Housing have agreed to meet with the working group and a date will be arranged. No response has yet been received from Hastoe Housing, the Clerk will chase this.
- 2022/2714 **Street Lights** – The SL Working Group are awaiting an updated quote from SCC Engineers. An expression of interest form will be completed for the Suffolk Climate Action Community Matchfund grant process.
- 2022/2715 **Notice Board** – It was RESOLVED to purchase the Man made timber 2 bay notice board with posts from Greenbarnes at a cost of £2147.00 + carriage + vat. Proposed by Cllr Tarabella, Sec by Cllr Turner, with all in favour. Cllrs Otton and Matthissen will be asked if they can contribute from their locality grants.
- 2022/2716 **Village Entrance Gates** – No reply as yet from SCC Highways to the application for a licence. Further consideration deferred.
- 2022/2717 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – None

Next meeting will be held in Pettward Hall on Monday 12th September 2022 at 7.30pm