

# GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 in Pettiward Hall**

Present: Cllr Simon Tarabella (chair) Cllr Norman Vendittelli Cllr Peter Turner  
Cllr Sebastian Reeves Cllr James Spencer Cllr Simon Waspe  
Paula Gladwell – Clerk Cllr Penny Otton (part)  
Cllr John Matthissen (part)  
2 members of public

- 2021/2432 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Sharon Shipp
- 2021/2433 **Declarations of Interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct and requests for dispensations relating to Discloseable Pecuniary Interests** – None
- 2021/2434 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** - It was proposed by Cllr Tarabella, Sec by Cllr Vendittelli that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved, with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were signed as a true record.
- 2021/2435 **County Councillor Otton's Report** – Deferred
- 2021/2436 **District Councillor Matthissen's Report** – Deferred
- 2021/2437 **Public Participation** – None
- 2021/2438 **Clerks Report** – It was confirmed that Rufus Gardner has been added to our volunteer list and as part of his Bronze Duke Of Edinburgh will be helping out at Woodpecker Hill, Valley Lane and the Allotments, a Risk Assessment of his duties has been carried out.  
It was confirmed that the Garden Club will take on the re barking of the Allotment path, thanks were extended to them for this.  
It was confirmed that the Neighbourhood CIL payment for Oct 21 had been received.  
It was confirmed that the application for outline planning for a development by the Golf Club had been received but too late to be discussed under this agenda. An extension for comments has been requested.
- 2021/2439 **Planning** – It was RESOLVED to submit the following comments to applications; DC/21/05137 Erection of open fronted barn/cart lodge, Butterfly Barn, Borough Lane – "*Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available*" and DC/21/05217 and DC/21/05218 Listed Application - External alterations to replace modern and create new windows and doors, works to refurbish and upgrade the thermal performance and minor internal remodelling. Re roofing of two outbuildings. Valley Farm, Valley Lane. "*Great Finborough Parish Council SUPPORT this application, it is felt that the proposals will enhance and help to preserve an important historical asset to the village as well as bringing it up to the living standards needed for a family home. We do however, as always defer to the expertise of heritage officers for the preservation of important individual parts of the house.*" Proposed by Cllr Tarabella with all in favour.
- 2021/2440 The following MSDC decisions were noted; DC/21/04141 Erection of first floor rear extension and construction of internal staircase. Alteration to external cladding of previously approved DC/20/03393 – Chestnut Cottage, High Road – GRANTED and DC/21/04176 Construction of vehicular access, Land adjacent to Stone Barn, Home Farm – GRANTED
- 2021/2441 **County Councillor Otton's Report** – Cllr Otton gave her report which had been circulated and a copy is attached to these minutes. It was noted that Cllr Otton had been copied into the email from a resident requesting the provision of a Zebra crossing for the High Road. It was agreed that a SCC Highways officer would be asked to take a look at the viability of this based on location. It was confirmed that a project such as this would cost several tens of thousands of pounds however the Parish Council were open to investigating any and all measures to improve road safety for residents. It was confirmed that the first step for residents concerned about crossing the road was to garner further support from the community and any evidence to support the concerns.
- 2021/2442 **District Councillor Matthissen's Report** – Cllr Matthissen gave his report a copy of which is attached to these minutes. It was confirmed that our request for help from Cllr Matthissen's locality budget towards the White Gates was still outstanding.
- 2021/2443 **Finance** – The Finance report for October 2021 was approved.  
The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Spencer, sec Cllr Vendittelli with all in favour, Staff salaries for October.
- 2021/2444 HMRC Payment
- 2021/2446 Gipping Press £175.11 and £192.60
- 2021/2447 Swing Bolts ST £147.80
- 2021/2448

- 2021/2449 Wave Water £10.54
- 2021/2450 Community Heartbeat £223.20
- 2021/2451 CAS Website £60.00
- 2021/2452 It was RESOLVED to approve the insurance renewal with Came and Company at the quoted £592.84 under a 3 year Long Term Agreement. Proposed Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Turner with all in favour.
- 2021/2453 It was RESOLVED to approve an amendment to the Internet Banking payment limits. Proposed Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Turner with all in favour. The bank forms were duly signed.
- 2021/2454 **Middlefield Drive Play Area** – It was noted that both the National Lottery and Virador funding applications have been successful and all funding required is now in place. Thanks and congratulations were extended to Cllr Tarabella and the Clerk for their work to achieve this. The MDPA Working Group recommendation is to place an order with Kompan as per the design provided as part of the quote with some minor amendments to the younger children's equipment to provide a tunnel. It was confirmed that this is the design the children preferred during the consultation process and attracted the most smiley faces and includes a double gate at one end.
- 2021/2455 It was RESOLVED to place an order with Kompan as per their quote at a cost of £82,410.02 Proposed by Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Waspe with all in favour.
- 2021/2456 **Footpaths** – Cllr Spencer had nothing new to report. It was noted that the fingerpost at Jacks Lane end of FP48 was either missing or obscured; Cllr Spencer will check it and clear or report if necessary.
- 2021/2457 **Correspondence** – A residents concerns regarding speeding on High Road and a request to extend the 30mph limit were noted. A response from SCC Highways on another application was awaited.  
A residents request for a Zebra crossing had been dealt with under 2021/2442.  
It was noted that several residents had expressed concerns regarding the Golf Club application for 9 dwellings and it was confirmed that consideration of this application would be on the next agenda and the main hall would be booked if thought necessary.
- 2021/2458 **Local Housing Needs Survey** – The report from the Working Group confirmed that distribution must take place over the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November. All households will be divided between all Councillors for hand delivery. It was confirmed that the contract with CAS to provide the survey had been signed and that payment would be covered by the grant from Mid Suffolk DC.
- 2021/2459 **White Entrance Gates** – A quote is awaited for the installation.
- 2021/2460 **Street Lights** – A report from the SL Working Group confirmed the location and number of lights owned by the Parish Council and what replacement would entail. It was noted that two columns may need to be re located from private property onto the verge. It was agreed that all residents directly adjacent to lights would be written to and all lights involved would have posters attached. It was noted that no 66 currently shines directly into a properties upstairs windows and it was suggested that during the process thought could be given to mitigating this by relocating this column too. The working group recommended that the consultation process to establish an overview of whether residents would like the lights replaced or removed should be carried out in the Dec/Jan newsletter and a draft questionnaire would be circulated for the next meeting. It was RESOLVED to have the column posters printed at estimated £40 cost. Proposed by Cllr Turner with all in favour.
- 2021/2461 **Flood maps** – It was noted that no feedback had been received from Buxhall PCor Rattlesden PC in regard to the mitigation possibilities for flooding issues. Both Councils reported that they had heard nothing back from the meeting between Cllr Matthissen and the EA and SCC Flood Management.  
Cllr Waspe confirmed that he had walked the River Ratt through Great Finborough and Combs Lane and suggested that the main mitigation work should be proper dredging of the river to increase capacity. It was agreed that for the Parish Councils that have concerns about the flooding issues at Onehouse Road/Combs Lane junction to be refused attendance to participate in the meeting set up by Cllr Matthissen was unfair. It was agreed that the EA and SCC Flood Management be asked again to meet us to discuss face to face what could be done to improve the issues.
- 2021/2462 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – It was noted that the Defib pads would need replacing in December and that this expense had been budgeted for.  
Cllr Turner requested that a small part of the fencing at Valley Lane be repaired with a view to it then being strong enough to hold back the gate to the car park. Cllr Turner will provide a quote to the next meeting for the repairs.

Next meeting will be held in Petteward Hall on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm