

GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 11th December 2017 **in the Pettiward Hall**

Present: Cllr Peter Turner Cllr Simon Tarabella Cllr Robin Fisher
 Cllr Martin Burns Cllr Rob Nurton Cllr Sebastian Reeves
 Cllr Archie Gemmell
 Paula Gladwell – Clerk
 0 members of public

- 2017/1390 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr County Cllr Otton, James Sinclair
2017/1391 **Declarations of Interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct and requests for dispensations relating to Discloseable Pecuniary Interests** - None
2017/1392 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** - It was proposed by Cllr Tarabella that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meetings were approved, with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 13th November 2017 and 27th November 2017 were signed as a true record.
2017/1393 **District Cllr John Matthissen** – Cllr Matthissen's report is attached to these minutes.
2017/1394 **County Cllr Penny Otton** – Cllr Otton's report had been circulated and is attached to these minutes.
2017/1395 **Public Participation** – No questions.
2017/1396 **Clerks Report** – It was confirmed that the Street Light columns that were required for the VAS sign had passed the structural tests carried out by SCC and could now be used.
2017/1397 Cllr Turner confirmed that the stakeholder meeting regarding the car park was still to be arranged. Local residents in Oak Close will be consulted regarding any current issues before a meeting is fixed with the school, police and council.
2017/1398 **Planning** – There were no MSDC planning applications to consider.
2017/1399 The following MSDC decisions were noted; DC/17/04199 severance of part of existing residential curtilage and erection of 1 no. single storey dwelling - The Cottage, High Road – GRANTED.
2017/1400 **Finance** – The Finance report for December 2017 was approved
2017/1401 The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Burns, seconded Cllr Tarabella, with all in favour, Staff salaries for November 2017
2017/1402 Padlock for tap PT £9.07
2017/1403 D J Hiall – Church Road resurfacing £5098.00
2017/1404 The Budget Working Group presented their recommendations for the 2018/19 budget. Following discussion and consideration no further amendments were proposed and it was resolved to approve the budget for 2018/2019, Proposed by Cllr Nurton, seconded Cllr Fisher with all in favour.
2016/1405 It was noted that the precept requirement raised by the budget process of £11769 showed a slight increase over the previous year resulting in an additional £3.18 per Band D household for the year. It was resolved to set the precept for 2018/2019 at £11769 and the request forms will be completed and signed at the next meeting. Proposed Cllr Nurton, sec Cllr Fisher with all in favour.
2016/1406 It was resolved to pay a third share of the estimated £50 cost to replace the speed gun batteries, proposed Cllr Tarabella with all in favour.
2017/1407 **Footpaths** – There were no issues reported by the Tree Warden.
2017/1408 It was resolved to submit the following response to the proposed Diversion of Footpath no. 41; *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to the diversion of footpath 41 however do suggest that the area between points H and S and some way toward R of the proposed new route will be very wet and boggy during any inclement weather. The area at H on the current path experiences severe problems and this will be exacerbated with the proposed route. It is hoped that some drainage and surface work can be carried out to ensure that the new route is always easily accessible for walkers if the hard surfaced current route is to be removed."*

- 2017/1409 **Correspondence** – It was agreed that Parish Council street lights should mirror the schedule of SCC over the Christmas and New Year period.
- 2017/1410 There were no comments to further tabled correspondence.
- 2017/1411 Following consideration of the Allotment Associations request for assistance with some maintenance issues it was agreed that a new padlock would solve the tap problems and a replacement post for the fence could be included in the Church Road order.
- 2017/1412 Following consideration of the refusal from SCC to extend the speed limit along the High Road it was agreed that commissioning a speed survey at the quoted £1500 was not financially viable and therefore the application to extend the speed limit could not be pursued further at this time.
- 2017/1413 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – Concerns were expressed regarding tree roots pushing up the pavement at The Chestnuts, this will be reported. It was noted that the incorrect positioning of one new post for the VAS sign had not been corrected, this will be chased with SCC.

Next meeting; Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.30pm