

GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 December 2016 **in the Pettiward Hall**

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

2016/1108 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Archie Gemmell

2016/1109 **Declarations of Interest** – None

2016/1110 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** - It was proposed by Cllr Burns, that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 4th November 2016 were signed as a true record.

Adjournment for:

County Cllr Penny Otton Report – Cllr Otton gave her report which will be attached to these minutes.

Public Participation – Concerns regarding safety for pedestrians in Combs Lane were expressed. A vehicle check was requested together with maintenance to the step up and verges and hedges. The damage to the step up will be reported again and concerns regarding the classification of the lane and its lack of maintenance will be highlighted within any comment submitted for the planning application in Union Road.

Meeting resumed:

2016/1111 **Clerks Report** – No replies have been received to the electronic newsletter consultation, it is understood that the letters have not yet been sent out.

2016/1112 A positive response has been received from BT for the proposal to site a defibrillator in the phone box. BT does not usually allow adoption of the newer boxes however they do make exception for defibs. Once the consultation period is over and if MSDC support the parish council's application to adopt the box confirmation should be received and the next steps of the process taken.

2016/1113 Donation requests have been received from EA Air Ambulance and SARS. The S137 budget stands at £450, it was agreed that consideration of charity donations would be added to the next agenda.

2016/1114 Enquiries have been made about an additional sign for Willow Close, agreement from the Parish Council as to exactly where this might be sited is needed before a price can be confirmed, it is unlikely that MSDC will fund an additional sign however re positioning of the existing may be possible. A site visit will be arranged.

2016/1115 The meeting with stakeholders regarding the car parking issues has been postponed at the request of the chair of governors for the school. A recent meeting of the governors has actioned a new Travel Plan and the new breakfast club has seen the concentration at morning drop off reduced. Once back up information has been collated by the Governors a stakeholder meeting can be rearranged to discuss measures to address the complaints regarding inconsiderate parking

2016/1116 Additional transparency funding has been applied for to cover the website hosting charge that has been made by CAS.

2016/1117 It was noted that no comments will be forwarded at this time to the Minerals and Waste Local Plan Consultation or the Suffolk Police request for feedback on their recent Suffolk Local Policing Review.

2016/1118 **Planning** – It was resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC Planning for Applications 4455/16 Erection of 300 dwellings, access, internal roads, garages, fences, walls, parking, landscaping, public open space, ecological enhancement works,

drainage, infrastructure and associated works – land to the south of Union Road, Onehouse.

"Great Finborough Parish Council have 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. (photos of current issues attached)

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."*and

2016/1119 Reconsultation on 4034/16 Proposed detached cart lodge & first floor ancillary accommodation above, Broadlands, Borough Lane – *"Great Finborough Parish Council have noted the agents response to objections submitted for this application and the changes made to the design of the cart lodge by removing the first floor accommodation however neither addresses the concerns that this building would still be imposing even at the reduced height of 4.000m and forward of the building line of properties in the lane.*

The Parish Council OBJECTION to this proposal remains, the erection of garaging of this size and height, forward of the building line of the property will materially reduce the residential amenity of the adjacent properties and be contrary to H16 of the MSLP with the position forward of the property and, in councils view 1.00m is, tight against the front boundary will have a detrimental effect to the current open and rural character of the entire lane."

2016/1120 The following Mid Suffolk DC decision was noted; 4129/16 Erection of a two storey extension to residential care home with car park and garden of care home extended to suit, Finborough Court, Pilgrims Way - GRANTED

Adjournment for:

District Cllr John Matthissen Report – Cllr Matthissen reported that the plan for devolution to Suffolk/Norfolk joint council had been shelved as Norfolk councils had pulled out. Concerns were being expressed regarding the Union Road development proposals however council were vulnerable to this type of application in view of their lack of a 5 year land supply. There has been a review of sheltered housing with some redesignations. Homeless issues are being debated with the revelation that many families are being kept in B 7 B accommodation as no properties are available.

Meeting resumed

2016/1121 **Finance** – The Finance report for December was approved.

2016/1122 The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Turner, with all in favour, Staff salaries for Nov 2016

2016/1123 Gipping Press £170.85

2016/1124 Hitcham PC amended invoice for Speedwatch signs £77.23

2016/1125 Heelis & Lodge Audit £108.00

2016/1126 CAS website hosting £60.00

2016/1127 Hall Hire £62.00

- 2016/1128 **Correspondence** – It was agreed that a note of support be sent to the consultation on the proposed change in speed limit at Finborough Road, Onehouse from derestricted (60mph) to 40mph.
- 2016/1129 There were no comments to other tabled correspondence.
- 2016/1130 **Footpath Report** – Nothing to report
- 2016/1131 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – None

Next meeting; Monday 12th December at 7.30pm