

GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th January 2015 **in the Pettiward Hall**

Present: Cllr Vendittelli Cllr. Peter Turner Cllr. Robin Fisher
Cllr Mrs. Mary Preece Cllr. Martin Burns

Paula Gladwell – Clerk County Cllr Otton PCSO Ryan Brunning
2 members of public District Cllr Matthissen

- 2014/661 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr. Rob Nurton, Cllr. Ian Cameron
2014/662 **Declarations of Interest** – None
2014/663 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** – It was proposed by Cllr Turner that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 8th December 2014 were signed as a true record.
2014/664 **Planning** - It was resolved to send the following comments to MSDC for applications;
3814/14 Permission required for additional roof light to master bedroom on the southwest elevation as permitted development rights removed under approval 0426/13 – Erection of a one and a half storey dwelling and creation of a shared access and driveway, Hillside, Buxhall Road. *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
2014/665 3548/14 Erection of 2 storey rear dormer extension. Erection of single storey side extension. Installation of larger dormer window on front elevation, Jordan, The Green, Church Road. *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
2014/666 The following MSDC decisions were noted including: 3157/14 Repair and restoration works to Ha Ha existing wall. Infill works along the trench along the length of the Ha Ha and grass over, leaving the walls coping stone exposed, Finborough School, The Hall, Finborough park – GRANTED and
3539/14 Replacement external 5 no. Windows and 2 no. Doors. Removal of rear chimney stack and associated kitchen stove recess. Removal of living room tiled fireplace and surround for replacement fire opening with multi fuel stove with back boiler and oak beam over (this fireplace item is retrospective) 4 The Green, Church Road - GRANTED
2014/667 **Finance** – The clerk's financial report for January 2015 was approved.
2014/668 The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Vendittelli with all in favour, Staff salaries for December,
2014/669 HMRC Q3 Payment
2014/670 REWTS bacs £300.00
2014/671 Gipping press £137.85
2014/672 Heelis & Lodge Internal Audit £75.00
2014/673 MSDC Grass Cutting £720.00
2014/674 A report from the Budget Working Group was received with a recommendation to approve the circulated version of the budget which generates a precept requirement of £8884.00. It was resolved to approve the budget for 2015/16 as recommended, proposed by Cllr Turner with all in favour.
2014/675 It was resolved to set the precept for 2014/115 at £8884 and the request forms were completed and signed. Proposed Cllr Vendittelli, seconded Cllr Preece with all in favour

Adjournment for:

SNT Police – PCSO Ryan Brunning gave his report which has been circulated.

District Councillor John Matthissen – Cllr Matthissen gave his report which has been circulated.

Cllr Penny Otton – Cllr Otton gave her report which has been circulated.

Public Participation – Concerns were expressed regarding the lack of salt grit on the roads and pavements. It appears that although there is salt in the bins residents are

reluctant to spread it for fear of not being insured in the event of an accident. Council confirmed that as long as volunteers were known to the clerk they would be covered under Parish Council insurance to spread grit on the pavements. Details of the scheme would be posted in the next newsletter.

Meeting resumed:

- 2014/676 **Newsletter** – Concerns regarding the loss of advertisers for the newsletter have been raised. The newsletter does not currently cover its own costs and has to be significantly subsidised by the precept. It was agreed that the current rates charged for advertising were in line with other publications locally so no change was needed at this time. Printing costs were thought to be competitive and more importantly convenient for collections, it was agreed that more cost effective options could be considered should any other local printers be sourced. It was agreed that council would not want to lose the newsletter and it was suggested that even if advertising did not cover costs at this time that the council should cover the shortfall in order to continue to provide the service. Cllrs Turner and Preece offered to be proactive in seeking new advertisers to see if the newsletter could be put back on a stand alone financial footing as soon as possible.
- 2014/677 **Village Maintenance** – Nothing to report.
- 2014/678 **Correspondence** – It was agreed not to provide a donation for the request from Home Start.
- 2014/679 It was agreed that a special meeting be arranged to consider the MSDC & BDC Joint Local Plan consultation once councillors had had time to digest the information.
- 2014/680 There were no comments to other tabled correspondence.
- 2014/681 **Footpaths** – A copy of the definitive footpath map has been received from SCC. It was agreed that this along with an old list of footpath numbers and descriptions found in the archives would be scanned and put on the website. It was agreed that no hard copy footpath map would be produced at this time.
- 2014/682 **Street Lighting** – Discussion took place regarding replacement of the street lights, various options were considered and several questions raised regarding the possibility of protecting the existing from further erosion and whether the 30mph limit meant that they had to be retained/replaced. It was noted that any savings made by replacing with LED lamps would barely cover the interest payments should the funding be borrowed. Public consultation would be needed firstly to justify replacement, unless the 30mph required the lights and secondly to provide remit to seek a Public Works Loan. Further investigation will be done to establish the rules on lighting the 30mph stretch before taking the project further.
- 2014/683 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – Cllr Burns confirmed that the website was ready to go live. It was agreed that a letter of thanks and complimentary 12 month advert be sent to previous administrator.

Next meeting Monday 9th March 2015 at 7.30pm