

# GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in Pettiward Hall

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

- 2021/2378 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Sebastian Reeves, Cllr Sharon Shipp
- 2021/2379 **Declarations of Interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct and requests for dispensations relating to Discloseable Pecuniary Interests** – None
- 2021/2380 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** - It was proposed by Cllr Vendittelli, Sec Cllr Turner that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved, with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 were signed as a true record.
- 2021/2381 **Public Participation** – Concerns were expressed regarding persistent speeders in Combs Lane. It was noted that traffic survey cables had recently been in place, Cllr Otton will ask for the data from the survey. Query was raised as to the status of the planning application at this location. Concerns were expressed regarding the overhanging trees on Combs Lane. It was suggested that Suffolk Highways be contacted for advice on how to get these cut back. A resident of Valley Lane requested help with the re planting of a hedge, Francis Jannaway, Suffolk Tree Warden Coordinator had suggested that the Parish Council could help with an application for donated hedgerow plants. It was agreed that replanting the hedge at this location would be beneficial and the Clerk will apply for a 50m hedgerow pack from STWN's next annual Tree & Hedgerow Pack offer.
- 2021/2382 **Clerks Report** – It was noted that Carl Lockwood, SCC Street Lighting engineer had been asked to revisit last year's estimates for both Option 1, full replacement of the street lights and Option 2, replacement of the lamps and has confirmed that he would require at least six weeks notice to carry out a structural survey. Cllr Tarabella had recently attended an Understanding CIL session the presentation from which has been circulated to all councillors. It was confirmed that the new batteries have solved the problems with the Solar VAS sign and it is now working well. Thanks are extended to Ian Cameron for his time and efforts to repair this sign which has made a huge saving on a replacement one. It is confirmed that Footpath 31 is not on the cutting list and therefore must have been landowner maintained in the past. It was noted that it could possibly be added to the MSDC contractor cutting list but that it would inevitably be at the expense of one already on the list.
- 2021/2383 **County Cllr Penny Otton** – Cllr Otton gave her report which had been circulated and is attached to these minutes.
- 2021/2384 **Planning** – It was RESOLVED to submit the following comments to application DC/21/03344 Erection of a three bay cart lodge with external staircase to provide home office/storage room over. Keepers Cottage, Finborough Park – *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"* Proposed by Cllr Tarabella with all in favour.
- 2021/2385 There were no MSDC decisions to note.
- 2021/2386 It was noted that Appeal APP/W3520/W/20/3253907 Land adjacent to Buxhall Lodge, Erection of 28 dwellings had been DISMISSED
- 2021/2387 **Finance** – The Finance report for July 2021 was approved.
- 2021/2388 The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Turner with all in favour, Staff salaries for June.
- 2021/2389 Solagen £294.00
- 2021/2390 HMRC Q1 Payment
- 2021/2391 DC Armstrong £340.00
- 2021/2392 ICO Renewal £40.00
- 2021/2393 Wave Water £17.94
- 2021/2394 **Middlefield Drive Play Area** – The Risk Assessment was reviewed. There are no issues currently and it was agreed that the play area would remain open and that all COVID rules and notices would remain in place.
- 2021/2395 Refurbishment Project – Cllr Tarabella reported that he is finalising the Virador and Lottery applications intending to get both stage 2 applications submitted by the end of July. It was noted

that of the three quotes received the Komplan one at £90,826 inc vat was recommended by the Working Group and would be used as a basis for the grant applications. It was noted that we have been invited to a meeting with MSDC Public Realm and Infrastructure teams to discuss our CIL application.

2021/2396 **District Cllr John Matthissen** – Cllr Matthissen gave his report which has been circulated and is attached to these minutes. It was noted that the meeting with SCC floods manager and representatives from the Environment Agency had taken place. Parish Councils are being asked to look at areas highlighted on EA maps as locations of Standing water and suggest which had the potential to be developed.

2021/2397 **Footpaths** – Cllr Spencer had nothing new to report. Cllr Vendittelli reported on an accident involving a mobility scooter at the junction of FP 31/26 where overgrown vegetation had obscured the path causing the mobility scooter to fall into the ditch. Cllr Spencer will report this to ROW and ask for their views on what more can be done to improve disabled access to our footpaths.

2021/2398 **Correspondence** – It was noted that a complaint regarding a lack of verge cutting had been received. It had been explained that SCC cut the verges on B roads only twice a year and that the schedule can be found on their website.

2021/2399 There were no comments to further tabled correspondence.

2021/2400 **Local Housing Needs Survey** – It was RESOLVED to approve the Terms of Reference for the LHNS Working Group. Proposed by Cllr Tarabella with all in favour.

2021/2401 Following lengthy discussion around a failed attempt to find volunteers to join the working group, whose remit is only to action the survey, concerns were expressed that the Parish Council has quite a few projects running at the current time and it is becoming difficult to find councillors who will come forward and lead this working group. Concerns were expressed regarding the Councils capability to action a project of this kind should the survey discover a need for a local housing development in the village. It was agreed that further discussion be deferred to the next meeting before any commitment is given to Community Action Suffolk to begin work on the survey.

2021/2402 **White Entrance Gates** – It was RESOLVED to purchase two white entrance gates for Stowmarket end of the High Road from Glasdon at the quoted cost of £1973.76 Proposed by Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Vendittelli with all in favour. It was noted that installation as per SCC guidelines would incur additional costs and these will need to be confirmed. Cllr Turner will seek official permission from the landowner to site part of one gate on their property.

2021/2403 **Automatic number plate recognition** – It was noted that as we already have three speed signs and an active Community Speedwatch it is unlikely that any of our sites would match the criteria for this scheme. It was agreed that no application would be made at this time.

2021/2404 **Queens's Platinum Jubilee 2022** – It was agreed that the Parish Council would be pleased to co ordinate various suggested events in celebration of the Jubilee. Suggestions already received included a children's treasure hunt, possible BBQ at Valley Lane and an event at the pub. Conversations will be had with both the Church and Pettiward Hall to discuss any involvement they may wish to have and further discussion will be added to the next agenda.

2021/2405 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – None

Next meeting will be held in Pettiward Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm