

GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th October 2020 held remotely via Zoom platform

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

- 2020/2150 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Sebastian Reeves
- 2020/2151 **Declarations of Interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct and requests for dispensations relating to Discloseable Pecuniary Interests** - Cllr Tarabella declared a pecuniary interest in Item 8b, Planning DC/20/04097
- 2020/2152 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** - It was proposed by Cllr Turner that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meetings were approved, with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 14th September 2020 will be signed as a true record.
- 2020/2153 **County Cllr Penny Otton** – Deferred
- 2020/2154 **District Cllr Matthissen** - Deferred.
- 2020/2155 **Public Participation** – None
- 2020/2156 **Clerks Report** - All footpath issues have been reported with the exception of the overgrown FP45 which has been cleared.
It was noted that the Finborough Hall School planning application 3886/15 Continued use of Sports Hall for school and local community purposes and additional use of first floor for wedding receptions, functions, conferences and other events. Internal alterations. has been withdrawn with no formal decision ever being made.
MSDC have confirmed that there has been no call for an election to fill the current vacancy therefore the parish council are free to co opt. Posters have been put on the notice board, in the newsletter and on the website with a closing date for applications of 14th November.
Street Lights - it was noted that the project fits the criteria for Green Suffolk's £2000 grant however does not meet the requirements for the Virador scheme. SCC Engineer Carl Lockwood has confirmed that nothing can be done to prolong the lifespan of the bases. Further funding options will need to be investigated via the budget process, borrowing and grants.
Play Area - A review of the Risk Assessment has revealed that for the majority of the time the measures introduced are working well and visitors are abiding by the restrictions in numbers and general hygiene. However unfortunately at school pick up time the rules are not being observed at all with numbers of children exceeding the maximum allowed and parents/carers congregating around and outside the play area in high numbers. Finborough Primary School have sent out a generic email to all parents for us asking them to take note of the current changes to the use of the play area however this does not seem to have improved. Cllr Tarabella will ask the school to remind parents again and to inform them that unless the use of the play area at school pick up time improves the play area will have to be closed once more. Councillor will monitor the use over the next week before reviewing the decision.
The broken post for the speed indicator sign has been reported to SCC Highways for repair.
Insurance - Came & Company's quote has come back more expensive than the renewal cost and as agreed the renewal has been confirmed with CAS.
It was noted that a Budget Working Group meeting should be set to consider the first draft of the budget before the November meeting. Members were confirmed as Cllrs Tarabella, Turner and Reeves.
- 2020/2157 **Planning** - It was RESOLVED to submit the following comments to MSDC for applications; DC/20/03512 Application under S73 for the variation or removal of conditions relating to DC/18/04311 Condition 2 (approved plans and documents) - Revised scheme as per drawing ref no 3958-07D to include provision of day room - Keepers Cottage, Finborough Park - *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2020/2158 DC/20/03929 Erection of home office outbuilding with studio and first floor rear extension - Re consultation for additional plans to include a first floor rear extension - Old Police House, High Road - *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"* Proposed Cllr Tarabella with all in favour.
- 2020/2159 The following MSDC decisions were noted DC/20/03185 Erection of two storey side extension - 4 Boundary Cottages, Buxhall Road - GRANTED
DC/20/03556 and DC/20/03144 Erection of a single storey extension to dining hall (Retention of), Finborough School, The Hall, Finborough Park - GRANTED

DC/20/03393 & DC/20/03394 Erection of first floor rear extension and construction of internal staircase. Chestnut Cottage, High Road - GRANTED

Cllr Tarabella left the meeting and Cllr Turner took the chair for one item.

2020/2160 It was RESOLVED to submit the following comments to MSDC for application DC/20/04097 Erection of Half Way Hut building - Stowmarket Golf Club, Lower Road, Onehouse - *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"* Proposed Cllr Turner with all in favour.

Cllr Tarabella returned to the meeting.

2020/2161 **Finance** – The Finance report for October 2020 was approved.

2020/2162 The following payments were approved, Proposed Cllr Spencer, with all in favour; Clerks salary September

2020/2163 Litter Pickers wages September

2020/2164 HMRC Q2 payment

2020/2165 Gipping Press £161.28

2020/2166 Green Scene £112.32

2020/2167 CAS Website £60.00

2020/2168 CAS insurance £302.40

2020/2169 Wave £6.39

2020/2170 **County Cllr Penny Otton** – Cllr Otton gave her report which has been circulated and is attached to these minutes.

2020/2171 **Middlefield Drive Play Area Annual Inspection** - The annual report returned an overall level of Low Risk. The report was considered and an action plan created to address the recommendations of the inspector.

2020/2172 **District Cllr Matthissen** - Cllr Matthissen gave his report which has been circulated and is attached to these minutes

2020/2173 **Footpaths** – Cllr Spencer - Nothing new to report.

2020/2174 **Correspondence** – The litter picker has given notice of her wish to resign from the post. Cllr Tarabella and the Clerk have interviewed the second applicant and it was Resolved to offer the position to them on the same terms with a start date to ensure continuity of the job. Proposed by Cllr Tarabella with all in favour.

2020/2175 There were no comments to other tabled correspondence.

2020/2176 **Wildflower Garden Information Board** - Cllr Turner will arrange for a second quote and a final draft of the design for consideration at the next meeting.

2020/2177 **Consultations** - It was agreed that no further comments be submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission draft recommendations for new divisions, division boundaries and division names for Suffolk County Council.

2020/2178 Following consideration of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government Planning for the future consultation and the comments submitted by Mid Suffolk DC and Suffolk County Council it was agreed that a comment be submitted that fully supports the comments of MSDC/SCC.

2020/2179 **White Entrance Gates** - Further consideration was deferred.

2020/2180 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – None

Next meeting of the Parish Council - Monday 9th November 2020 at 7.30pm