

GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th July 2015 **in the Pettiward Hall**

Present: Cllr. Peter Turner Cllr. Robin Fisher Cllr Simon Tarabella
 Cllr Archie Gemmell Cllr Martin Burns Cllr Rob Nurton

Paula Gladwell – Clerk
0 members of public

County Cllr Otton (part)
District Cllr Matthissen (part)

2015/763 **Apologies for Absence** -PCSO Steve Pendergast
2015/764 **Co option of vacancies** – There have been no applications
2015/765 **Declarations of Interest** – None
2015/766 **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 8th June 2015 were signed as a true record.

Adjournment for:

County Councillor Penny Otton – Cllr Otton's report had been received and circulated.
District Councillor John Matthissen – Cllr Matthissen gave his report and it was noted that he had attended the executive committee meeting that day where the facility for members to ask questions has been implemented. Discussions took place regarding the lack of a 5 year land supply as it is thought that the council is not dealing quickly enough with this although there have been no speculative planning applications as yet. The accounts for MSDC were not made public on the website by 30th June as is legally required, the penalty, if any, is unknown. There has been a significant under spend showing on the accounts in excess of £500K, this is thought to be from underperforming due to a lack of officers in place and not just under spending with only half the Capital budget being spent. Suffolk is preparing its own "northern powerhouse" in a scheme similar to the devolution of social care in Manchester. The outline bid has already been approved by SCC and will be put out for consultation to District Councils, the NHS and Police before being put to government. There is no time or inclination it seems to engage with the huge majority of elected councillors who serve within the Town and Parish Council sector.

SNT Police – PCSO Steve Pendergast's report had been received and circulated.

Public Participation – No questions

Meeting resumed:

2015/767 **Clerks Report** – External Auditors BDO have requested further information regarding the asset register and asked that replacement items be listed separately such as replaced street lights and replacement posts on the green. Amendments have been made to the Asset Register in line with their suggestions.

2015/768 Ordinance Survey Mapping is now set up. Cllr Tarabella has online access.

2015/769 It was noted that the path adjacent to the Allotments had now been cleared and nettles dealt with.

2015/770 It was agreed that in light of the new free website the domain name registration need not be renewed at this time.

2015/771 Following the request for a structural testing of the street lights it is understood that SCC no longer have the capacity to arrange these tests independently from their routine checks. We have been offered a "maybe" slot next year only. The alternative is to pay £1000 a day to engage the contractors specially. It was agreed that we request a copy of the report from the last visual check carried out by SCC which resulted in the condemning of no. 66. Investigation will be carried out to find alternative structural engineers who might carry out a survey.

- 2015/772 We have received no reply from Cllr Finch regarding the cutting of the "step up" path along Combs Lane.
- 2015/773 It was agreed that council support the Salc proposals regarding; the removal of the Localism Act provision to impose automatic precepts, ensuring that small developments of fewer than 10 dwellings include affordable housing, CIL and S106, and to give councils the right to appeal against planning decisions.
- 2015/774 **Planning** – There were no planning applications to consider.
- 2015/775 The following MSDC decisions were noted – 1215/15 Erection of two storey rear extension, Poplar Cottage, High Road - GRANTED
- 2015/776 **Finance** – The clerk's financial report for July 2015 was approved.
- 2015/777 The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Turner with all in favour, Staff salaries for June,
- 2015/778 Gipping Press £169.10 and £159.85,
- 2015/779 MSDC Election Costs £87.50
- 2015/780 Bench and Picnic Table £699.98 and £33.20
- 2015/781 Anglian Water £11.73
- 2015/782 It was resolved to register with the Information Commissioners Office regarding the electronic use of personal information under the Data Protection Act at an annual cost of £35. Proposed by Cllr Turner with all in favour.
- 2015/783 It was resolved to approve the Data Protection Policy as drafted, Proposed Cllr Turner with all in favour.
- 2015/784 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.
- 2015/785 **Village Maintenance** –
Adventure Play, the installers of the play area are no longer trading and the new company who have pretty much taken over exactly as before deny all responsibility, as was expected therefore the repairs will need to be carried out independently. Quotes will be sought for the repairs to failed part of the surfacing and advice on what can be done to prevent further deterioration. Cllr Turner will seek information on the initial installation terms.
- 2015/786 Consideration of a landscaping scheme to the car park area was deferred.
- 2015/787 A quote has been received for new car park signage at £75 for sign and £75 for wording to replace size wise like for like. If two signs are ordered the total cost should not exceed £250 maximum. The exact wording and colours are to be confirmed by the next meeting.
- 2015/788 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – It was noted that the wildflower meadow had been harrowed and Cllr Turner will ensure that spraying is carried out in the autumn.

Next meeting Monday 14th September at 7.30pm