

GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 13th November 2017 **in the Pettiward Hall**

Present: Cllr Peter Turner Cllr Simon Tarabella Cllr Robin Fisher
 Cllr Martin Burns Cllr Rob Nurton (part) Cllr Sebastian Reeves

 Paula Gladwell – Clerk Cllr County Cllr Otton (part)
 1 members of public

- 2017/1351 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Archie Gemmell, District Cllr Matthissen
- 2017/1352 **Declarations of Interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct and requests for dispensations relating to Discloseable Pecuniary Interests** - None
- 2017/1353 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** - It was proposed by Cllr Tarabella that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved, with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 16th October 2017 were signed as a true record.
- 2017/1354 **District Cllr John Matthissen** – No report.
- 2017/1355 **County Cllr Penny Otton** – Cllr Otton's report had been circulated and is attached to these minutes.
- 2017/1356 **Public Participation** – No questions.
- 2017/1357 **Clerks Report** – It was confirmed that Cllr Otton's locality grant towards the SID had been received along with acknowledgement that £500 had been approved towards the work at Church Road. Thanks were extended to Cllr Otton for her support of these projects. There had been no confirmation of grant funding from Cllr Matthissen's budgets as yet.
- 2017/1358 It was suggested that a defibrillator poster be printed to cover the scratched Perspex on the phone box, Cllr Turner will have this priced for consideration at the next meeting.
- Planning** – It was Resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC for applications; DC/17/04853 Change of use from commercial to residential use Class C3, Lime Tree House, High Road – *"Great Finborough Parish Council OBJECT to this application on the grounds that this property was for many years a successful Post Office, village stores and newsagents until its demise under the current owners. The Parish Council nominated the premises as a Community Asset which MSDC approved and listed. Following an appeal by the owners this listing was overturned. It is felt that although no shop or Post Office is run from the premises at the present time the facility to offer this in the future should not be removed by a change of use. It is entirely possible that under different ownership a community shop could thrive at this location as it always had in the past, it is reasonable to expect that once sold the building could again be used to further the social wellbeing of the community. The NPPF states that we should "guard against unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services" and to change the use of these premises would be contrary to this. It is felt that to permit the change of use of the existing shop area to residential would create additional need for adequate long term onsite parking and the space for manoeuvring of vehicles to ensure highway safety. The existing parking provision is poor for this property with current residents using the public short term car park opposite for vehicles on a permanent basis. Permanent parking in the village car park causes numerous issues with extensive overflow parking at school pick up and drop times, the permanent parking of some residents is detrimental to the intended purpose of the short term car park and further residential development would only exacerbate this. The Parish Council represent the community in their strong wish for this premises to continue to have the capacity to be a village shop and any protection we can give to the possibility of a shop and PO returning to the village in order to help sustain community life should be a priority."*
- 2017/1359 DC/17/04656 Erection of a timber framed double garage, boundary House, Boundary Cottages, Buxhall Road – *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2017/1360 DC/17/05206 Installation of 103 ground mounted solar panels, Dairy Farmhouse, Valley Lane - *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2017/1361 DC/17/05219 and DC/17/05220 Installation of two air source heat pumps (retention of) Dairy Farmhouse, Valley Lane. *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*

- 2017/1362 The following MSDC decisions were noted; 4129/16 Erection of a two storey extension to residential car home with car park and garden of care home extended to suit, Finborough Court, Pilgrims Way – GRANTED
- 2017/1363 0991/16 Non Material Amendment sought following grant of pp 2905/13 Change of surface dressing to access drive from tarmac to pea shingle and erect rear garden fence to follow red line boundary – CONFIRMED.
- 2017/1364 **Finance** – The Finance report for November 2017 was approved
- 2017/1365 The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Nurton, seconded Cllr Fisher, with all in favour, Staff salaries for October 2017
- 2017/1366 Gipping Press £182.12
- 2017/1367 Bank Charges PT £10.00
- 2017/1368 Heritage Services £174.00
- 2017/1369 Earthwood Tree £200.00
- 2017/1370 CAS Website renewal £60.00
- 2017/1371 Hall Hire £80.00
- 2017/1372 Rewts £288.00
- 2017/1373 Swing seats ST£48.00
- 2017/1374 The first draft of the Budget for 2018-2019 was considered. It was noted that the Budget Working Group will convene to consider their recommendations for the next meeting.
- 2017/1375 **Footpaths** – There were no issues reported.
- 2017/1376 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.
- 2017/1377 It was noted that a Travel Survey had been received from the Primary School and it was agreed that the meeting of all stakeholders in the parking issues could now be actioned. Cllr Turner will contact the headmaster to arrange a suitable date.
- 2017/1378 It was noted that 2500 bulbs had been planted and thanks were extended to the Garden Club and all the volunteer planters.
- Cllr Nurton left the meeting with his apologies.
- Cllr Otton entered the meeting and gave her report.
- 2017/1379 It was noted that the request for an extension to the speed limit along the High Road had again been refused. Further consideration of whether this project should be pursued was deferred to the next meeting.
- 2017/1380 **Motion to exclude temporarily the Public and Press** - It was resolved to exclude the Public and Press pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed concerning staff contracts of employment.
- 2017/1381 **Review of Staff Contracts** -It was resolved to amend the clerks salary to scale point 25 with immediate effect. Proposed Cllr Turner with all in favour.
- 2017/1382 It was agreed that no change be made to the Litter Picker hourly rate.
- 2017/1383 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – None

Next meeting; Monday 11th December 2017 at 7.30pm