

GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th September 2018 **in the Pettiward Hall**

Present: Cllr Peter Turner
Cllr Robin Fisher
Cllr Martin Burns
Cllr Sebastian Reeves
Paula Gladwell – Clerk

Cllr Simon Tarabella
Cllr Rob Nurton
Cllr Archie Gemmell
County Cllr Penny Otton
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- 2018/1571 **Apologies for Absence** - District Cllr John Matthissen.
- 2018/1572 **Declarations of Interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct and requests for dispensations relating to Discloseable Pecuniary Interests** - None
- 2018/1573 **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 9th July and 24th July 2018 were signed as a true record.
- 2018/1574 **District Cllr John Matthissen** – No report
- 2018/1575 **County Cllr Penny Otton** – deferred
- 2018/1576 **Public Participation** – No questions
- 2018/1577 **Clerks Report** - The response from Highways Officer Mark Steven regarding a residents unauthorised vehicle access to their front garden up over the kerb and the concreting of the verge was noted. Concerns were expressed at the lack of action by SCC and MSDC with the issue. Cllr Otton will be asked to take the matter to Cllr Mary Evans.
MSDC Planning Enforcement has confirmed that a case has now been registered against the unauthorised erection of a wall to the front of no.2 The Green.
It was confirmed that the Local Government Boundary Commissions review of Mid Suffolk final recommendations draft order has been laid before parliament.
The Licensing Team at MSDC's consultation regarding the draft Gambling Act 2005 - Statement of Principles was noted, it was agreed that no comments be submitted at this time.
It was noted that the old Consolidate Stock certificate had been investigated and the Bank of England Gilts required a change of address authority and a letter confirming the bank account details for any redemption proceeds.
- 2018/1578 **Planning** – It was Resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC for applications DC/18/03693 Listed Building - Replace 3no. windows to existing front dormers, 5 Stable Cottages, Church Road - *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2018/1579 DC/18/03710 Full Application - Erection of 7no. dwellings, garages and access road.
Land off, Pear Tree Place -
"Great Finborough Parish Council strongly OBJECT to this application as they have serious concerns regarding the new approach by the applicant for this site. Permission for development of Land off Pear Tree Place has already been granted under application DC/17/04968 for 7 properties on the site referred to in this application and also Outline consent for a further 17 dwellings with all the associated S106 agreements, affordable housing provisions and CIL contributions. This application now seems aimed at seeking permission for an alternative development of 7 market units, gone are the two affordable for this section of the site. It is felt that this application is a blatant attempt to avoid the provision of affordable housing and negate the existing S106 by keeping the number of dwellings below 10. There is serious concern that further individual applications will be submitted for the other two phases, surely this cannot be acceptable. In view of the fact that MSDC can now evidence a 5yr housing land supply this new application is contrary to SB1 of the Local Plan in that its position is outside of the Settlement Boundary. This proposal would also be detrimental to the Visually Important Open Space that is Woodpecker hill, a community woodland and as such is contrary to SB3. With no mitigating provision of community services via affordable housing provision and contributions to the village infrastructure this proposal would be detrimental to Great Finborough and it is felt extremely important to protect our open space and the character and appearance of our village from the deliberate abuse by developers of planning considerations. Extensive work has been put in by parish councillors and, we are sure, by officers at MSDC in order that DC/17/04968 was granted by planning officers and supported by the community, this new application does not sit well and we request that it be Refused."

- 2018/1580 DC/18/0639 Erection of first floor rear extension, 1 Boundary Cottages, Buxhall Road - *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2018/1581 The following MSDC decisions were noted; DC/18/03112 Outline - Erection of 2no. dwellings with shared drive and turning space, Willowmere, Combs Lane - REFUSED
- 2018/1582 **County Cllr Penny Otton** - Cllr Otton gave her report which had been circulated and is attached to these minutes.
- 2018/1583 **Finance** – The Finance report for September 2018 was approved.
- 2018/1584 The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Turner, Sec Cllr Gemmell with all in favour, Staff salaries for July & Aug 2018
- 2018/1585 Gipping Press £187.62
- 2018/1586 PFK Littlejohn Audit £240.00
- 2018/1587 The completion of the PFK Littlejohn external audit was noted, there were no issues arising that required action.
- 2018/1588 Following a review of the asset register and insurance cover it was resolved to accept the renewal quote from CAS at £274.33 proposed by Cllr Turner with all in favour.
- 2018/1589 It was agreed that the phone box should be added to the Asset Register at original cost of £1.00.
- 2018/1590 **To review Internal Controls** - Standing Orders and Financial Regulations together with all policies and procedures were reviewed with no amendments proposed. It was resolved to approve the reviewed documents. Proposed Cllr Turner with all in favour.
- 2018/1591 The Risk Assessments were reviewed with no amendments proposed. It was resolved to approve the review of the Risk Assessment, proposed Cllr Turner with all in favour.
- 2018/1592 **Effectiveness of Internal Control** – A review of the effectiveness of councils governing arrangements and systems of internal control was carried out. All controls in place were felt to be effective and no areas for development were identified.
- 2018/1593 **Allotment Lease** - The Parish council's lease with Great Finborough Allotment Association was reviewed and it was resolved to renew the lease for a further 5 years and to authorise the clerk to sign the new lease, proposed by Cllr Tarabella with all in favour. The necessary documents will be drafted and sent to the Allotment Association for their approval .
- 2018/1594 **Annual Playground Report** – As the report has not yet been received from MSDC this was deferred to the next meeting.
- 2018/1595 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.
- 2018/1596 **Footpaths** – The Footpath Warden reported that all paths were in order. A fallen sign has been reported at Buxhall Vale, it was noted that this was not a Great Finborough path however the clerk will report it to ROW. No other issues reported.
- 2018/1597 MP Jo Churchill's surgery report - Cllr Nurton confirmed that the meeting with Jo Churchill had gone exceptionally well with only one other person attending with three of our parish councillors creating a good opportunity to discuss issues that affect the village. Our MP was very receptive to all our issues and promised to follow up on them and help if she could. Jo took the time to visit the village to see for herself the problems we have with SCC Highways and Planning enforcement. We await Jo's feedback once she has passed on our concerns.
- 2018/1598 **Speed Gun** - It was resolved to purchase a new Speed Gun at a cost of £2250 Proposed Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Turner with all in favour. Cllrs Otton and Matthissen both kindly offered to help towards the costs with their locality funding and it was agreed that the balance come from reserves. It was noted that we will need to formally leave the current Speedwatch group once the new machine arrives and subsequently we will need to source our own signage and arrange for the police to visit for training and registration of the new equipment.
- 2018/1599 **Memorial at Allotment Gardens** - An oak bench has been kindly donation by James Sinclair in memory of John Davey. It was Resolved to place the bench adjacent to the Allotments in acknowledgement of John's commitment to the establishment of the Allotment Gardens.
- 2018/1600 **Replacement Litter bin** - deferred
- 2018/1601 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – It was noted that the drain in the car park at Middlefield Drive was blocked, the clerk will contact Anglian Water

Next meeting of the Parish Council - Monday 8th October 2018 at 7.30pm