

GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th November 2015 **in the Pettiward Hall**

Present: Cllr. Peter Turner Cllr. Robin Fisher
 Cllr Archie Gemmell Cllr Simon Tarabella
 Cllr Rob Nurton
 Paula Gladwell – Clerk
 10 members of public District Cllr Matthissen

2015/853 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Martin Burns

2015/854 **Declarations of Interest** – None

Adjournment for:

Public Participation – A large number of residents expressed their objections to the planning application submitted by Finborough School, with concerns raised that the proposal includes plans to hold up to 30 commercial events a year and to extend the operating times.

It was suggested that such events were considered to be inappropriate in a rural setting and could cause serious loss of amenity especially to those households directly impacted by additional noise, light pollution and disturbance. Concerns regarding the increase in vehicle activity associated with additional highly populated events were raised such as noise and headlights shining into neighbouring properties at and after midnight. It was noted that the original planning permission granted for the erection of the sports hall included conditions to ensure community access to the facility and concerns were expressed that expansion into commercial use may restrict this. Concern was expressed that the application states the proposal will promote economic growth however no additional jobs would be created. There was fear expressed that opening the facility for commercial use with probable licensing to serve alcohol could threaten the community value of the village pub and Pettiward Hall, both of which have had considerable time and money invested in the last few years.

Cllr Matthissen suggested that due to the obvious strength of feeling by a number of residents that he was of a mind to call the application in for decision to be made by committee at MSDC rather than by a sole planning officer.

Meeting resumed:

2015/855 **Planning** – After careful consideration of all the points raised and discussion around the content of the application documents it was resolved to submit the following response to application no. 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. Finborough School, Finborough Hall. – *"Great Finborough Parish Council OBJECTS to this application on the basis that it would cause severe loss of amenity value to neighbours from inappropriate activities and disturbance at normally quieter times of day. The impact of prolonged night time illumination on the character of the area, increased vehicle activity and additional noise will be detrimental to the amenity of neighbouring residents and would be in direct contravention of Policy H16 of Mid Suffolk Local Plan which is there to protect the existing amenity of adjacent dwellings. It is felt that there is a need to safeguard other community facilities in the locality and ensure that the sports hall continues to only be used in a manner appropriate to its countryside location within the setting of the heritage buildings. Council have some concerns that the existing S106 agreement attached to the original planning application for the erection of the Sports Hall under Application No. 3410/10 has not been adequately controlled in that although the village primary school use the hall on occasion no attempts have been made to agree the promised timetable for the use of Members of the Local Community within the five surrounding parishes each year.*

Council ask that you Refuse this application; there has been no change in circumstance since the original restriction regarding use was stipulated as class C2 when granting the original planning permission to construct the Sports Hall."

2015/856 There were no MSDC decisions to note.

2015/857 **Finance** –The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Turner with all in favour,
Chapple Signs £464.81

2015/858 Gipping Press £308.73

2015/859 Heelis & Lodge Internal Audit £108.00

2015/860 Great Finborough PCC £200.00

2015/861 **Play Area Maintenance** – The revised quote from Soft Surfacing had been received. It was resolved to approve the quote for £4257.50 + vat to repair and replace a 200mm edging to the surfacing below all items of equipment. Proposed Cllr Turner with all in favour.

It was noted that application had been made to both Cllr Matthissen's and Cllr Otton's Locality Budgets to a value of £1000 each. Further funding sources will be sought. Cllr Tarabella will place the order and action work.

2015/862 **Premises Licence** – It was resolved to transfer the Pettiward Hall Premises Licence to the hall Management Committee at a cost of £23.00. The clerk will complete the application process with MSDC

2015/863 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – Two people were suggested as nominees for the Community Achievement Award with unanimous agreement. Cllr Nurton will complete the nomination forms.

Next meeting Monday 14th December 2015 at 7.30pm