

# GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 27th November 2017 in the Pettiward Hall

Present: Cllr Peter Turner                      Cllr Simon Tarabella                      Cllr Robin Fisher  
          Cllr Martin Burns                    Cllr Rob Nurton                         Cllr Sebastian Reeves  
          Cllr Archie Gemmell,  
          Paula Gladwell – Clerk            District Cllr Matthissen  
          0 members of public

2017/1384 **Apologies for Absence** - None

2017/1385 **Declarations of Interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct and requests for dispensations relating to Discloseable Pecuniary Interests** - None

2017/1386 **Public Participation** – No questions.

2017/1387 **Planning** – It was Resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC for application; DC/17/04968 Outline Planning Application (Access to be considered) for the erection of up to 24 dwellings (including 8 affordables) including structural landscaping and details of dwellings for plots 1 – 7 – Land at Peartree Place, High Road – Proposed by Cllr Turner with all in favour. "Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this proposal based on the information available however would like to make the following comments;

*If MSDC are minded to approve this application the Parish Council would like the opportunity to work with the developers as much as possible as this scheme progresses. We would appreciate being involved in any CIL decisions in order that we might ensure that 24 new properties in the village are fully sustainable.*

*Concerns are expressed that the details used for the bus provision in the parish are incorrect, the only current bus service for Great Finborough is one bus to and from Stowmarket on a Monday and Thursday, the promise of a BSEVC funded service on a further two days a week for the period of a year is very welcome, however concerns are expressed about how will this be funded after that. The current bus is a 16 seater which is almost always full by the time it reaches Great Finborough, it is thought that this is far from a sustainable service to which additional development can be added for the long term.*

*The High Road through Great Finborough experiences a high rate of speeding vehicles as borne out by the applicants traffic survey data, the average of 39mph is unacceptable with the access and egress of an additional 24 properties onto the High Road. Great Finborough have an active Community Speedwatch and have recently purchased a mobile SID machine in an effort to reduce the speed of traffic through the village. We ask that the developer consider assisting us with a financial contribution towards a new speed gun and further speed safety measures, such as average speed cameras or alternative measures that may be suggested by Highways Officers in order to help reduce the danger of what will become a busy junction at Pear Tree Place.*

*Woodpecker Hill is a valued and well used VIOS and protection of this community amenity is paramount for the Parish Council. We request that advance structural planting along the boundary with Woodpecker Hill is a priority before any site clearance and build is commenced. A staggered double line of matures trees must be planted to protect this community asset. Some concerns have been expressed that these proposed properties are on an elevated site that will be visible from Valley Lane and the surrounding area and landscape screening must be a priority. The application contains proposals for open space which is commended, with the provision of a play area within one of these open spaces. It is suggested that developer support for the existing play provision in the village would be welcomed. The Parish Council have serious financial constraints and maintenance and upkeep of the existing provision is difficult, taking on a further play area would not be possible and an ongoing contribution to the future of the existing play provision would be preferable."*

Cllrs Burns & Reeves left the meeting.

2017/1388 **Finance** – The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Fisher, with all in favour, Gipping Press £170.12

2017/1389 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – None

Next meeting; Monday 11th December 2017 at 7.30pm