

GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th Juny 2019 in the Pettiward Hall

Present: Cllr Simon Tarabella (chair) Cllr James Spencer Cllr Peter Turner
Cllr Dee Dixon Cllr Norman Vendittelli
Paula Gladwell – Clerk County Cllr Penny Otton (part)
1 member of public District Cllr John Matthissen (part)

- 2019/1812 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Sebastian Reeves, Cllr Simon Waspe.
- 2019/1813 **Declarations of Interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct and requests for dispensations relating to Discloseable Pecuniary Interests** - None
- 2019/1814 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** - It was proposed by Cllr Turner that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved, with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 10th June 2019 were signed as a true record.
- 2019/1815 **District Cllr John Matthissen** – Deferred
- 2019/1816 **County Cllr Penny Otton** – Deferred
- 2019/1817 **Public Participation** – No questions
- 2019/1818 **Clerks Report** - Joint Local Plan - draft is out for consultation, all councillors encouraged to read it and consider any effects on Great Finborough before a response is drafted for submission. Wattisham invite - Cllr Tarabella has accepted the invite from The Helicopter Force this year. Bank Mandate - The hard copy of this needs to be signed and returned within time limit. In the absence of some Cllrs this may need to be re submitted and the hard copy signed at next meeting.
No 24 kerb access - An update has been requested from SCC
Street Light schedules - It was confirmed that the Part-night lighting for streetlights switches them off from 11.30pm to 6am, there is no evidence that these timings have been changed recently.
SCC - Community Self Help - The newly developed scheme, launched by Suffolk Highways in May 2019, aims to empower and support town and parish councils across Suffolk to carry out small local maintenance tasks in their communities. The range of works that town and parish councils will be able to undertake through Suffolk's Community Self-Help Scheme include the things previously discussed that council may like to take on such as; Sign cleaning, Fingerpost cleaning/painting/repair, Tree pruning/branch removal, Hedge cutting/pruning, Siding out of footways, or paths (removing encroaching grass and weeds), Grass verge cutting, Weed killing/weed removal. It was agreed that an email be sent to SCC confirming that council wish to carry out sign cleaning and clearance of vegetation in the first instance.
- 2019/1819 **Planning** – It was Resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC for applications; DC/19/01162 Re-consult - Use of land for the provision of additional car parking, hard court, 'all weather' pitch and sports playing field. Low level bollard lighting to car park, 5m high perimeter fencing to hard court, 3m high to 'all weather' pitch and 10m high safety fence to north east corner of the site- Finborough School, The Hall. - *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information received"*
- 2019/1820 There were no MSDC decisions to note.
- 2019/1821 **Finance** – The Finance report for July 2019 was approved.
- 2019/1822 The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Tarabella, Sec Cllr Turner with all in favour, Staff salaries for June
- 2019/1823 HMRC Q1 payment
- 2019/1824 Wave Water £20.38
- 2019/1825 Gipping Press £175.12
- 2019/1826 Salc Training £27.60 & £27.60
- 2019/1827 ICO renewal £40.00
- 2019/1828 Withdrawal of Rural Bus Service - Consideration was given to a request from Hadleigh Community Transport Group for help with funding the 461/2 bus service from Hadleigh to Stowmarket via Great Finborough that will be lost in the latest round of SCC cuts. 17 parishes are served by the route and in order that the service can continue until March 2020 they are asking for £458.00 per parish. This would increase to £1100 for the 2020 - 2021 year. It was confirmed that to cover this amount of donation, using current tax base figures, the precept would need to rise by at least 10%. It was agreed that further investigation was needed on the level of use of Great Finborough residents together with investigation into the running of a future service. Cllr

Dixon will contact Joy Moran, Transport Services Manager for additional information. Cllr Spencer will draft an article for the newsletter to seek feedback on usage and thoughts from residents about an increase in council tax to pay for bus service. Cllr Otton agreed to look into possibility of diverting the Rattlesden bus and also any emerging Community schemes such as the one at Onehouse.

- 2019/1829 **County Cllr Penny Otton** – Cllr Otton gave her report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
- 2019/1830 **District Cllr John Matthissen** – Cllr Matthissen gave his report, a copy is attached to these minutes. It was noted that the proposal is to classify Great Finborough as a Hinterland village. Concern was expressed that the map includes Buxhall Lodge land within the newly drawn village development boundary even though this planning application has not been decided on as yet.
- 2019/1831 **Correspondence** –It was noted that a resident had come forward with an offer to take on the Neighbourhood Watch Co ordinator role. Cllr Spencer will make contact and provide information and handover and convey Council's thanks to the volunteer.
- 2019/1832 It was agreed that the request from Infinity Trust Charity to advertise a job vacancy in the newsletter be approved foc.
- 2019/1833 There were no comments to further tabled correspondence.
- 2019/1834 **Footpaths** – Cllr Spencer reported that he was still working on a plan for ongoing maintenance however there were at least 7 new posts required. ROW will be asked to provide the posts with a working party arranged to install them.
- 2019/1835 Footpath Map - deferred
- 2019/1836 **Parking Issues** - Concerns have been expressed to councillors regarding on street parking in the High Road, safety issues are highlighted especially around the bend between the Primary School and The Chestnuts and at the entrance to Church Road. These concerns will be expressed in the editorial of the next newsletter with a request to residents to give thought to the safety of others when parking in the High Road, do not use the pavement and do not obscure visibility for exiting Church Road or overtaking on blind bends. If there is no improvement in the safety of on street parking the matter will be passed to Suffolk Police for action.
- 2019/1837 **VAS Machine** - It was confirmed that funding is in place with a generous resident donation and Cllr Otton's agreement to contribute from her budget toward the VAS purchase. Cllr Matthissen confirmed that he will not be making a decision on his locality budget allocations until later however did note the application for help with funding the VAS. It was agreed that any balance be funded from reserves. It was Resolved to purchase a Westcotec machine at £2,900 with cable connection at £250. Proposed Cllr Turner, sec Cllr Vendittelli with all in favour. Further negotiation with Westcotec will be undertaken before an order is placed. Further speed reduction schemes such as entrance gates will be discussed at next meeting. Volunteers will be sought to help move the VAS and charge batteries.
- 2019/1811 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – It was suggested that a "job board" section be added to the newsletter to highlight any volunteer jobs available around the village, this would inform people how they can best use their skills to help the community ensuring that the emphasis for all work needed did not fall on a very few. Cllr Dixon requested approval for her to attend the next SALC Cllr training course, finance will be confirmed at the next meeting.

Next meeting of the Parish Council - Monday 9th September 2019 at 7.30pm