

# GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th June 2020 held remotely via Zoom platform

Present: Cllr Simon Tarabella (chair) Cllr Sebastian Reeves Cllr Peter Turner  
Cllr Simon Waspe Cllr James Spencer Cllr Norman Vendittelli  
Cllr Dee Dixon  
Paula Gladwell – Clerk County Cllr Penny Otton (part)  
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- 2020/2054 **Apologies for Absence** - None.
- 2020/2055 **Declarations of Interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct and requests for dispensations relating to Discloseable Pecuniary Interests** - None.
- 2020/2056 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** - It was proposed by Cllr Vendittelli that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved, with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 11th May 2020 were signed as a true record.
- 2020/2057 **County Cllr Penny Otton** – Cllr Otton gave her report which has been circulated and is attached to these minutes.
- 2020/2058 **District Cllr Matthissen** - Cllr Matthissen's report had been received and circulated and is attached to these minutes
- 2020/2059 **Public Participation** – None.
- 2020/2060 **Clerks Report** - It was noted that the dog bin in Combs Lane had been replaced. It was agreed that a review of the Risk Assessment and discussions with the Litter Picker would take place with a view to a return to work. It was noted that no further feedback had been received regarding the planning enforcement at No 24. It was noted that The Play Inspection Co. quote for the annual play checks had been received. It was agreed that MSDC be asked to arrange the inspection together with a play value assessment and an estimated life expectancy test at a total cost of £65.58.
- 2020/2061 **Finance** – The Finance report for June 2020 was approved.
- 2020/2062 The following payments were approved, Proposed Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Turner with all in favour; Clerks salary & exp May  
Litter Pickers wages May  
Contribution to printer £69.00  
Heelis & Lodge Audit £140.00  
Green Scene £458.04
- 2020/2063 The completion of the Internal Audit by Heelis & Lodge was noted. The Internal Audit report included two recommendations which have been addressed by the clerk. The Internal Audit Action Plan was approved, Proposed Cllr Tarabella with all in favour.
- 2020/2064 Fidelity Insurance - It was Resolved to increase the banding of fidelity insurance to £100K at a cost of £5.71 for the remainder of year following recommendation from internal audit. Proposed Cllr Spencer, sec Cllr Reeves with all in favour. It was noted that a further review should be undertaken at renewal.
- 2020/2065 **Planning** - It was Resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC for applications;  
DC/20/02130 Listed Building Consent - Erection of single storey rear extension and storm porch, internal alterations as per Heritage Statement. Chestnut Horse, High Road - "*Great Finborough Parish Council SUPPORT this application DC/20/02130. It is felt that the work proposed would enable the proprietors of The Chestnut Horse to maximise the potential of this important community asset without causing any material harm to the character, setting and significance of the Grade II listed building. The changes proposed seem to be in keeping with existing finishes and will protect and preserve the historic building whilst ensuring the pub remains the centre of the community and thrives into the future.*"
- 2020/2066 DC/20/02069 Erection of a single storey rear extension, Westlegate, Church Road - "*Great Finborough Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available*"
- 2020/2067 DC/20/01426 Outline Planning - Erection of 2 no. dwellings with garage outbuildings - Stone Farm, Borough lane.  
The proposal for No Objection failed. Proposed by Cllr Vendittelli, sec Cllr Reeves (Vote: 3 for and 4 against)  
Proposal to Object carried. Proposed Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Waspe (Vote: 4 for, 1 against and 2 abstain) "*Great Finborough Parish Council OBJECT to this application DC/20/01426 based on the following; This is not a sustainable development in terms of the Mid Suffolk Core Strategy 2008, the emerging Joint Babergh & Mid Suffolk Local Plan or the National Planning Policy Framework NPPF.*"

*This site is outside the existing settlement boundary for Great Finborough and outside the Borough Lane Hamlet settlement boundary which is proposed in the Draft Joint Local Plan.*

*The village has no shop or PO, an intermittently open pub and a now a non-existent bus service. Any residents at this site will have to use cars to access any sort of amenities which directly contravenes the NPPF Economic, Social and Environmental objectives of sustainable development.*

*Concerns are also expressed at the size and scale of the proposed properties which are far from in keeping with existing properties in Borough Lane and would cause significant harm to the existing rural character and landscape of this single track lane.*

*The access onto High Road from Borough Lane is almost blind and any additional traffic numbers would increase this accident risk, furthermore construction traffic would find it almost impossible to access the lane without extreme disruption to residents.*

*Great Finborough Parish Council are supportive of growth in the village and fully understand the reasons for encouraging it but this has to be sustainable, within existing development boundaries and of good design and it is felt that this proposal does not meet these criteria and should be refused "*

2020/2068 The following MSDC decisions were noted: DC/20/00266 Discharge of Conditions DC/18/03710 Condition 8 (Surface Water Discharge) Condition 9 (Provision of Roads and Footpaths) and Condition 13 (Landscaping Scheme), Land off; Pear Tree Place- APPROVED.

2020/2069 **Footpaths** – The Footpath Warden reported several new issues which the clerk will report to Rights of Way. FP10 nettles overgrown on both school and golf course sides. FP9 missing bridge plank, safety concerns, Cllr Waspe confirmed that this one would need repair by RofW. FP24 cross field not cleared. The Buxhall paths complaints will be forwarded to Buxhall Parish Clerk.

2020/2070 Further discussion took place regarding the reinstatement of cross field paths on FP24 and FP20. Concerns were expressed that there is much confusion around the routes of these paths as the signage does not match the Footpath Map. Cllr Turner will talk again to the landowner regarding their obligation to mark the cross field paths with a view to resolving the issues.

2020/2071 Arrangements for a work party to replace missing waymarkers was deferred to next meeting.

2020/2072 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.

2020/2073 **Middlefield Drive tree work** - The report received from The Earthwood Tree confirmed that the tree adjacent to No 1 was sited in a normal setting for the specimen and therefore no recommendation for felling could be supported. The report noted that the tree could be lifted again or some limbs could be removed later in the year however both options would be only a temporary fix regarding shading. It was agreed that in view of the tree surgeons recommendations the Parish Council could not authorise any work to the tree at this time.

2020/2074 **White Entrance Gates** - Further consideration was deferred.

2020/2075 **Middlefield Drive Play Area Working Group** - Further consideration was deferred.

2020/2076 **Parish Notice Board** - Prices for replacements were noted with average costs for a 2 bay in oak, manmade wood and aluminium ranging from £900 - £1200. Cllr Vendittelli requested the chance to refurbish the notice board with a quote awaited from someone who would rub it down and re varnish whilst Cllr Vendittelli would carry out repairs to make it weather tight again. Further consideration was deferred to next meeting.

2020/2077 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – A suggestion was made to provide an information board for the Wildflower Meadow, prices for this would be sought for consideration at the next meeting.

It was suggested a litter pick be arranged and consideration of this would be added to the next agenda.

It was noted that Suffolk Constabulary had not yet approved the re start of Speed checks.

Next meeting of the Parish Council - Monday 13th July 2020 at 7.30pm