

GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th March 2021 held remotely via Zoom platform

Present: Cllr Simon Tarabella (chair) Cllr Peter Turner Cllr Simon Waspe
Cllr James Spencer Cllr Sebastian Reeves
Sunila Osborne – Community Action Suffolk
Paula Gladwell – Clerk County Cllr Penny Otton (part)
2 members of public District Cllr John Matthissen (part)

- 2020/2262 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Sharon Shipp, Cllr Norman Vendittelli
- 2020/2263 **Declarations of Interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct and requests for dispensations relating to Discloseable Pecuniary Interests** – None
- 2020/2264 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** - It was proposed by Cllr Turner, Sec Cllr Reeves that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved, with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 11th January 2021 will be signed as a true record.
- 2020/2265 **Local Housing Needs Survey** – Sunila Osborne, Community Development Officer, Rural Affordable Housing at Community Action Suffolk outlined the process to carry out a Local Housing Needs Survey with an explanation of how CAS can help with this, the type of information available from the questionnaires and what the process involves. Cllr Tarabella thanked Sunila for her time and valuable information.
- 2020/2266 **Public Participation** – Concerns were expressed regarding the impact planning application DC/21/00954 would have on the neighbouring property. Residents are concerned that the cart lodge would be directly in front of an existing home in an elevated position. Concerns were also expressed at the position of the access.
- Item 9d brought forward
- 2020/2267 **Planning** - It was Resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC for application DC/21/00954 Change of use of additional area of land to residential gardens and the erection of new detached double cart lodge – Dairy Farm Barn, Valley Lane. Proposed by Cllr Tarabella, Sec by Cllr Turner with all in favour. *"Great Finborough Parish Council OBJECT to this application. The proposed cart lodge is forward of the existing building adjacent to the road and would stand on an elevated site resulting in an imposing structure immediately in front of Dairy Farm House, this would be inappropriate intrusion into the open outlook and detrimental to their residential amenity, contrary to the saved policies H16 and H18 of the MSDC Local Plan. The change of use from agricultural land to residential garden at this site would be harmful to the landscape and extend inappropriately into open countryside and to then build on this is deemed unacceptable. The applicant cites other nearby outbuildings as a reason for this one not being out of place but there are no other outbuildings in the immediate vicinity. The applicant also states that the access is existing, this is untrue, workmen have accessed the site over the verge at the point shown on the plan, and there is no existing access to this plot."*
- 2020/2268 **County Cllr Penny Otton** – Cllr Otton gave her report which had been circulated and is attached to these minutes.
- 2020/2269 **Planning** – It was Resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC for applications; DC/21/00781 Erection of single storey rear extension (following removal of conservatory) 6 Middlefield Drive *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"* and
- 2020/2270 DC/21/01022 Erection of outbuilding for use as a yoga studio/office (following demolition of existing) – Keepers Cottage, Finborough Park - *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"* Proposed by Cllr Tarabella, sec by Cllr Turner with all in favour.
- 2020/2271 The following MSDC decisions were noted; DC/20/05760 Submission of details for approval of reserved matters (Access, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) following outline approval DC/18/05541 for Erection of 1 no. Dwelling, cartlodge and creation of new vehicular access – Willowmere, Combs Lane RESERVED MATTERS HAVE BEEN APPROVED and DC/20/05843 Outline Planning Application (Access to be considered, all other matters reserved) Erection of 4no. Dwellings and garages – Land East of East House, High Road.- OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION HAS BEEN REFUSED and DC/18/04491 Amended Application for 28 dwellings, Land adjacent to Buxhall Lodge – APPEAL APP/W3520/W/20/3253907

- 2020/2272 **District Cllr John Matthissen** – Cllr Matthissen gave his report which had been circulated and is attached to these minutes.
- 2020/2273 **Clerks Report** – It was noted that the landowner had been asked to replace the sign for FP22. The HSBC safeguarding review has been completed. The MSDC grass cutting quote has been accepted for 2021 season. The bridge on FP22 reported as very slippery was noted, it was agreed that RoW no longer added wire to footbridges so it was unlikely that improvements would be made. Verge at no. 24 MSDC confirmed that this had been dealt with however it is noted that the car continues to use the verge to access the garden. Cllr Otton will inform MSDC Housing and ask SCC Highways when the concrete will be removed and the verge reinstalled.
- 2020/2274 **Finance** – The Finance report for March 2021 was approved.
- 2020/2275 The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Tarabella, Sec Turner with all in favour, Staff salaries for January & February
- 2020/2276 MSDC Grass Cutting £810.28
- 2020/2277 Gipping Press £175.11 & £175.11
- 2020/2278 Osis Wildflower Board £1046.00
- 2020/2279 **Middlefield Drive Play Area** – The Risk Assessment was reviewed and it was noted that the Primary School had now reopened and use of the play area was once again high at school start and finish times. Numbers inside the play area during the first week back were generally below the maximum allowed however children are playing in and around the car park, over the herb garden and in the buffer zone again. It was agreed that the play area would continue to be monitored and whilst numbers actually using the enclosed play area remained below the maximum allowed it would remain open.
- 2020/2280 The wording for the buffer zone fence notices was agreed and these will be purchased and installed as soon as possible.
- 2020/2281 **Footpaths** – The Footpath Warden had nothing new to report.
- 2020/2282 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.
- 2020/2283 **Nomination of Trustee to Pettward Hall Management Committee** – It was noted that Mary Preece the Parish Council Nominated Trustee had reached the end of a four year term of office and had indicated that she was willing to stand again if the Parish Council so wished. No other candidates had expressed a wish to stand as the Nominated Trustee. It was resolved to nominate Mary Preece for a further four years as the Parish Council Nominated Trustee, proposed by Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Turner with all in favour.
- 2020/2284 **Streetlight Replacement Programme** – Cllr Spencer put forward his suggestions for public engagement to establish whether a programme of replacement of streetlights was supported by residents. It was suggested that volunteers be sought to establish a working group if there was resident support for raising funds to replace lighting stock. It was agreed that a questionnaire consultation would be included in the next newsletter.
- 2020/2285 **Wildflower Meadow Information Board** – It was noted that installation of the board would incur no additional costs and that the draft design was awaited. It was confirmed that funding from Cllr Matthissen for £600 and from Cllr Otton for £1000 had been received.
- 2020/2259 **Flooding at Onehouse Road/Combs Lane/Shepherd and Dog junction.** Concerns were expressed regarding the repeated flooding at this location which causes difficulties with access to the village and subsiding of the water takes longer each time. It was suggested that contact be made with the Environment Agency to see if there was anything that could be done to alleviate the issues, such as additional flood meadows, tree planting, ponds or flood barriers and what the cost implications of these measures would be. Cllr Matthissen confirmed that Suffolk County Council were the Lead Local Flood Authority. It was agreed that contact be made with Buxhall and Rattlesden PC's to find out if they too had concerns and would like to join an approach to the EA. It was suggested that a stakeholder meeting be arranged if possible.
- 2020/2286 **White Entrance Gates** – Deferred
- 2020/2287 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – Following the information provided by Sunila Osborne it was noted that the next steps were to talk to MSDC Housing Enabler to confirm funding help for a survey. Further consideration will be added to the next agenda.

Next meeting of the Parish Council - Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.30pm