

# GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017** **in the Pettiward Hall**

Present: Cllr. Peter Turner Cllr Sebastian Reeves  
Cllr Rob Nurton Cllr. Robin Fisher  
Cllr Simon Tarabella Cllr Martin Burns  
Cllr Archie Gemmell  
Paula Gladwell – Clerk District Cllr Matthissen (part)  
0 members of public County Cllr Otton (part)

- 2017/1204 **Nominations and election of Chairman** - Cllr Turner was nominated, Proposed by Cllr Reeves, Sec Cllr Nurton. Cllr Turner was duly elected with all in favour.
- 2017/1205 **Acceptance of Office of New Chairman** - Cllr Turner signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the chair.
- 2017/1206 **Nominations and election of Vice Chairman** – Cllr Nurton was nominated and elected as Vice Chairman. Prop by Cllr Turner, Sec Cllr Tarabella, with all in favour.
- 2017/1207 **Apologies for Absence** -None
- 2017/1208 **Declarations of Interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct and requests for dispensations relating to Discloseable Pecuniary Interests** - None
- 2017/1209 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** - It was proposed by Cllr Turner that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meetings were approved, with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were signed as a true record.
- 2017/1210 **Notes of Pre Application Meeting** - It was proposed by Cllr Turner that the notes from the meeting with Artisan Planning & Property Services on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were approved with all in favour.
- 2017/1211 **Public Participation** – No questions
- 2017/1212 **District Cllr John Matthissen** – Cllr Matthissen gave his report which is attached to these minutes.
- 2017/1213 **Meeting Schedule** – The meeting schedule for 2017/18 was approved with the addition of an October meeting and an amendment of the January meeting to the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017/1214 **Clerks Report** – It was confirmed that the annual play inspection had been booked through MSDC at the quoted £43.21
- 2017/1215 **Finance** – The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Turner, with all in favour, Staff salaries for April 2017
- 2017/1216 Rewts £480.00 and £180.00
- 2017/1217 Herb Garden plants £24.00
- 2017/1218 Anglian Water £20.35
- 2017/1219 The Gipping Press Ltd invoice was queried as an overcharge and once credit note is received will be corrected to £267.12 before being approved.
- 2017/1220 **Planning** – There were no applications to consider.
- 2017/1221 There were no MSDC decisions to note.
- 2017/1222 **Oak Close phone box** – It was resolved to purchase the phone box at the junction of B1115/Oak Close from BT for the cost of £1. Proposed Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Fisher with all in favour. The agreement was approved and duly signed. It was suggested that external funding be sought for the purchase of a defibrillator and cabinet to be sited inside the phone box. Insurance for the equipment will be investigated.
- 2017/1223 **Vehicle Activate Sign** – Following a site survey of the High Road several locations were put forward as suitable sites for the Speed Activated Sign. All those agreed will be submitted to SCC Contract manager for decision. Funding avenues will need to be explored to help with the cost of the equipment. Suggestions include local business sponsorship, Cllr Otton's locality and external funding.

- 2017/1224 **Village Maintenance** – It was resolved to purchase hardcore to finish the flooding improvements to the ditch area at Woodpecker Hill at a cost of £125 together with the hire of a chipper at £420.00 and toilet hire for the contractor and volunteers on site at £100.00. Proposed by Cllr Nurton, sec Cllr Tarabella, with all in favour. It was noted that these costs are in excess of the original budgeted sum of £1550.00 for this project and will need to be covered from the general maintenance reserve.
- 2017/1225 It was resolved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene if time allowed after the APM. Proposed by Cllr Turner with all in favour.
- Meeting resumed at 8.55pm.
- 2017/1226 Consideration was given to maintenance of the area to right of Church Road where some public parking is permitted. It was agreed that the overgrown boundary could be cut back which with the removal of two walnut trees would create further space which could then have the surfacing improved. MSDC planners have been asked to clarify whether there would be a need for any planning application for this project and a response is awaited. It was agreed that 4 replacement posts were needed Cllr Turner will source. Rewts will be asked to assess the pine tree with a view to making it safe.
- 2017/1227 There were no further matters reported.
- 2017/1228 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – It was noted that the gate to the Valley Lane Car Park was in need of repair, consideration of this will be added to the next agenda.
- A suggestion that signage is provided to improve the safety of volunteer litter pickers will be considered at the next meeting.
- Concerns were expressed for the future of the Chestnut Horse. It was noted that there was little consistency of landlords or opening times and that a lack of maintenance of equipment was affecting service. It was suggested that the community was losing the desire to support the pub and that council should bring these concerns to the attention of Hawthorn Leisure.

Next meeting; Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.30pm