

# GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 in Pettward Hall

Present: Cllr Simon Tarabella (chair) Cllr Simon Waspe Cllr Peter Turner  
Cllr James Spencer Cllr Lee Morgan Cllr Isabelle Campbell

Paula Gladwell – Clerk Cllr John Matthissen (part)  
4 members of public Cllr Penny Otton (part)

- 2022/2852 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Sebastian Reeves
- 2022/2853 **Declarations of Interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct and requests for dispensations relating to Discloseable Pecuniary Interests** – None
- 2022/2854 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** - It was proposed by Cllr Turner, sec Cllr Tarabella that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved, with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were signed as a true record.
- 2022/2855 **Public Participation** – Concerns were expressed regarding works at Green Farm. These concerns will be reported to the relevant departments at Mid Suffolk District Council. Concerns were expressed regarding the excess speed of vehicles along the City Lane end of the High Road. It was confirmed that several attempts had been made to extend the 30mph limit to this part of the village but unfortunately all had been unsuccessful. It was noted that the Parish Council had implemented as many traffic calming procedures as possible and that the Neighbourhood Speed Watch could restart as soon as new volunteers came forward.
- 2022/2856 **County Councillor Otton's Report** – Cllr Otton's report will be circulated, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Cllr Otton confirmed that the Combs Lane flooding issues were now on the yellow priority list for further works.
- 2022/2857 **District Councillor Matthissen's Report** – Cllr Matthissen's report will be circulated and a copy is attached to these minutes. Cllr Matthissen confirmed that he had received further concerns regarding traffic in Church Road disturbing resident's amenity. The complainants will be asked to provide evidence of the issues in order that they can be put to the school.
- 2022/2858 **Clerks Report** – It was confirmed that the stolen dog bin has been replaced by MSDC. It was confirmed that the speed gun did not need to be serviced as long as the regular police calibration tests were carried out.
- 2022/2859 **Planning** – There were no MSDC Applications to consider.
- 2022/2860 The following MSDC decisions were noted; DC/22/04867 Submission of details Application (Reserved Matters) and Discharge of Condition 7 (Construction management strategy) under Outline Planning Permission DC/21/02077 to consider Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale of erection of 4no. Dwellings and garages, Land Rear of East House, High Road – RESERVED MATTERS HAVE BEEN APPROVED and DC/22/05337 Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/22/03225 Condition 3 (Foul Water Drainage Details) Finborough School, The Hall, Finborough Park - APPROVED
- 2022/2861 **Finance** – The Finance report for January 2023 was approved.
- 2022/2862 The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Waspe with all in favour, Staff salaries for December
- 2022/2863 HMRC Q3 payment
- 2022/2864 Pettward Hall Hire £75.00
- 2022/2865 Wave water £46.27
- 2022/2866 The Budget Working Group put forward their final draft of the budget for 2023/2024 with a recommendation that full council approve this and the precept created. It was RESOLVED to approve the Budget for 2023/24 with no further amendments. Proposed Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Turner with all in favour.
- 2022/2867 It was noted that the precept requirement raised by the budget process of £14505 ensured that there would be no increase in the Parish Council part of residents Council Tax based on a Band D property for the year. It was RESOLVED to set the precept for 2023/2024 at £14505 and the request forms were completed and signed. Proposed Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Turner with all in favour.
- Cllr Spencer declared a non pecuniary interest for item 9e as a volunteer at the Stowmarket food bank.
- 2022/2868 Grant donations were considered. It was noted that requests had been received from Headway and Citizens Advice Bureaux. Cllrs confirmed that they would like to donate again to the Stowmarket Food Bank. It was agreed that the new Facebook page be used to consult with residents on where they would like to see the budgeted £500 for local charity donations go to.

Further consideration of this grant funding and the results of the public consultation would be taken at the next meeting.

2022/2869

The requests for replacement fence posts and the removal of the stand pipe box received from the Allotment Association were considered. It was agreed that quotes be sought to repair the fence and remove the box and rejoin the standpipe to the tap. It was agreed that the road side hedge adjacent to the allotments would need to be flailed as it was unsafe to tackle by hand and offers to carry this out would be sought by Cllr Waspe.

2022/2870

**Village maintenance** – There were no matters reports.

2022/2871

**Footpaths** – Cllr Spencer had nothing new to report.

2022/2872

**Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.

2022/2873

**Tree and Hedge Management Working Group** – The two quotes received for work to the Chestnut Tree on the green and the removal of the row of trees adjacent to gardens at Woodpecker Hill were considered. It was RESOLVED to engage Green Scene to carry out the work to the Chestnut Tree at £580.00 and the Woodpecker Hill Ash Trees at £680.00. Proposed by Cllr Tarabella, sec by Cllr Turner with all in favour.

2022/2874

**Local Needs Housing** – The LNH Working Group are still awaiting the results of Orwell Housing's land owner negotiations.

2022/2875

**Street Lights** – Suffolk County Council have been asked to provide a scheduled start date for the replacement of the Street Lights and a reply is awaited.

2022/2876

**Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – It was noted that tentative plans for an event to mark the Coronation of the King were underway, this would be reported to the Community Engagement Police Officer as they have requested.

The recent public consultation regarding the Police Commissioners intention to increase the police part of the Council Tax by 6% was noted. It was agreed that people should respond to this as individuals.

Cllrs Tarabella and Turner indicated that after 8 years as "temporary editors" of the Newsletter they would no longer be able to do this following the elections in May. It was noted that if no one can be found to take over the editors role the production of the Newsletter would cease.

Next meeting will be held in Pettward Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm