

GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th March 2015 **in the Pettiward Hall**

Present: Cllr Vendittelli Cllr. Peter Turner Cllr. Robin Fisher
Cllr Mrs. Mary Preece Cllr. Martin Burns Cllr. Rob Nurton
Cllr. Ian Cameron

Paula Gladwell – Clerk County Cllr Otton (part)
4 members of public District Cllr Matthissen (part)

2014/691 **Apologies for Absence** - PCSO Ryan Brunning

2014/692 **Declarations of Interest** – Cllrs Preece and Vendittelli declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 6c (min no. 2014/701)

2014/693 **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 12th January and 4th February 2015 were signed as a true record.

Adjournment for:

Cllr Penny Otton – Cllr Otton gave her report which has been circulated.

SNT Police – PCSO Ryan Brunning's report had been received and circulated.

Public Participation – Concerns were expressed regarding the muddy and wet condition of the footpath adjacent to Woodpecker Hill running behind properties on High Road. It was confirmed that building work has not helped the usual wet condition at this time of year and that once building was complete the path should return to good order. It was suggested that the Garden Club may have surplus wood chippings that could be laid and this offer was gratefully accepted with laying to be arranged for when the weather and surface improves.

A request for additional flashing speed signs was put forward for the High Road, it was confirmed that every effort is being made to address the excess speeding through the village and where finances allow all methods of speed restriction will be considered.

Meeting resumed:

2014/695 **Planning** - There were no applications to consider.

2014/696 The following MSDC decisions were noted including: 3548/14 Erection of 2 storey rear dormer extension. Erection of single storey side extension. Installation of larger dormer window on front elevation, Jordan, The Green, Church Road. – REFUSED
3814/14 Permission required for additional roof light to master bedroom on the southwest elevation as permitted development rights removed under approval 0426/13 – Erection of a one and a half storey dwelling and creation of a shared access and driveway, Hillside, Buxhall Road – GRANTED

2014/697 **Finance** – The clerk's financial report for March 2015 was approved.

2014/698 The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Vendittelli with all in favour, Staff salaries for January and February,

2014/699 Gipping press £297.70

2014/700 SCC Street Lights £487.30

In light of Cllr Vendittelli's declaration of interest the vice chairman, Cllr Turner, took the chair for Item 6c –

2014/701 Lengthy discussion followed a request by the Pettiward Hall committee for reimbursement of their printing costs of £12.25 incurred as a result of the omission of a response form for an article placed in the newsletter. The editor of the Newsletter was asked to put forward her reasons for her decision to leave out the form and an explanation of the editorial role in such cases was received. Concerns were expressed regarding the PHC's criticism of the editor and a vote of confidence in the competency of the editor, proposed by Cllr Nurton and seconded by Cllr Fisher, received a majority support. It was agreed that the editor

had the authority of the council to edit the newsletter as she thought appropriate and the motion from Cllr Preece to reimburse Pettiward Hall Committee printing costs of £12.25 did not receive a seconder, motion failed.

Cllr Vendittelli took the chair.

2014/702

Village Maintenance – Concerns were expressed regarding parking on The Green and the damage being caused to the grass surface. The provision of posts around the edge has not prevented vehicles from parking, it appears that they are now just bumping up the kerb from the main road. It was suggested that rather than involve the police or erect more costly posts in the first instance a letter be sent to the residents of the houses on the perimeter of The Green asking if they could refrain from driving on the grass and try to ensure visitors and tradesmen at their houses also park their vehicles on the roadside and not on the grass.

Adjournment for:

District Councillor John Matthissen – Cllr Matthissen gave his report which has been circulated.

Meeting resumed:

2014/703

It was confirmed that a new dog bin has been positioned on the High Road, adjacent to the first bungalow in replacement of the one repositioned some time ago to the Woodpecker Hill entrance.

2014/704

Correspondence – The SCC collection list of Litter and Dog bins was confirmed as correct.

2014/705

Thanks were extended to the Garden Club for their donation of £100 towards the inclusion of articles relating to club activities in the newsletter.

2014/706

There were no comments to other tabled correspondence

2014/707

MSDC & BDC Joint Local Plan consultation – Discussion centred on the consequences for Great Finborough that its status as a Primary Village might have under any new policy for spatial options. It is mentioned within the draft documents and also via a recent questionnaire that the village statuses are under review. It was agreed that Great Finborough probably does not match the criteria for a Primary Village any longer with the loss of the shop and PO which together with the high oversubscription for the primary school would mean that the village has little to offer any further large scale housing development. It was agreed that a general statement of response be sent to the consultation expressing councils wish to encourage a reassessment of the Primary Village status and expressing concerns that the village could not currently sustain further large development. It was agreed that the standard question and answer format of the consultation was not relevant to a response at this time.

2014/708

Media Policy and protocol for reporting at meetings – It was resolved to adopt the Media Policy together with the Protocol for the Reporting of Meetings as drafted and the amendment to Standing Order no. 21 was approved. Proposed by Cllr Vendittelli with all in favour. A notice and announcement is available for the chairman to issue at a meeting if need arises and it was confirmed that amendments to the seating and layout of the meeting room could easily accommodate any person wishing to use photography or film to record the meeting whilst giving any other members of the public anonymity should they wish.

2014/709

Street Lighting – It was agreed that as there were 30mph repeater signs along the High Road changes to the Street Lighting would not negate the speed limit as this would only be relevant if there were no repeaters and the street lights were the only means of establishing the speed limit such as in town centres.

The Street Lighting Working Group agreed to set a meeting for the near future to discuss a way forward.

2014/710

Matters to be brought to the attention of the council – It was confirmed that the wildflower meadow would be sprayed off again before planting in May. Seed will be provided by donation along with an additional corn flower mix given by the Garden Club. Next meeting Monday 13th April 2015 at 7.30pm