

# GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th November 2020 held remotely via Zoom platform

Present: Cllr Simon Tarabella (chair) Cllr Peter Turner Cllr Simon Waspe (part)  
Cllr James Spencer Cllr Norman Vendittelli Cllr Sebastian Reeves  
Paula Gladwell – Clerk County Cllr Penny Otton (part)  
1 member of public District Cllr John Matthissen (part)

- 2020/2181 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Simon Waspe
- 2020/2182 **Declarations of Interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct and requests for dispensations relating to Discloseable Pecuniary Interests** - None
- 2020/2183 **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 12th October 2020 will be signed as a true record.
- 2020/2184 **County Cllr Penny Otton** – Cllr Otton gave her report which has been circulated and is attached to these minutes.
- 2020/2185 **District Cllr Matthissen** - Deferred.
- 2020/2186 **Public Participation** – None
- 2020/2187 **Clerks Report** - It was noted that the VAS post had been replaced.  
It was noted that residents of No.24 were now parking on the side of the High Road and no longer using the kerb to access the front garden. Cllr Otton will seek to have the verge returned back to grass.  
It was noted that the Finborough Hall School planning application 3886/15 has been completely removed from the MSDC website. Cllr Matthissen cannot explain why however confirmed that it should remain on the website as a record even if withdrawn. Cllr Matthissen will investigate further.
- 2020/2188 **Planning** - It was RESOLVED to submit the following comments to MSDC for applications; DC/20/04720 Erection of a single storey rear extension. 2 Dairy Farm Cottages, Valley Lane - *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"* Proposed Cllr Tarabella with all in favour.
- 2020/2189 DC/20/04823 Outline Planning (all matters reserved) Erection of 2 no. 4-5 bedroom single storey dwellings with garage outbuildings (resubmission of withdrawn application DC/20/01426. Stone Farm, Borough Lane - *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"* Proposed Cllr Vendittelli, sec. Cllr Reeves with a majority in favour (3 - 2)
- Cllr Waspe entered the meeting.
- 2020/2190 The following MSDC decisions were noted; DC/20/03929 Erection of home office outbuilding with studio and first floor rear extension - Re consultation for additional plans to include a first floor rear extension - Old Police House, High Road - GRANTED
- 2020/2191 **Finance** – The Finance report for November 2020 was approved.
- 2020/2192 The following payments were approved, Proposed Cllr Tarabella, with all in favour; Clerks salary October
- 2020/2193 Litter Pickers wages October
- 2020/2194 Gipping Press £161.28
- 2020/2195 Green Scene £228.96 & £103.92
- 2020/2196 The Budget Working Group had circulated their draft budget for 2021/2022 and discussions took place regarding all recommendations for the budget. Concerns were expressed regarding the financing of Street Lighting in the future and it was suggested that a figure of £2000 per year for 10 years would be needed to cover the cost of replacing the street lights. It was confirmed that this would involve an increase to the precept of over 15% and it was agreed that this was not a feasible solution at this time. With no other suggested amendments it was RESOLVED to approve the draft budget for 2021/2022. Proposed Cllr Vendittelli, sec. Cllr Reeves with all in favour. The precept will be confirmed in January.
- 2020/2197 **Footpaths** – Cllr Spencer - Nothing new to report. The bridge at FP4 has still not been repaired. The clerk has reported it again and Cllr Turner will provide more photos.
- 2020/2198 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.
- 2020/2199 **Wildflower Garden Information Board** - Cllr Turner will arrange for a second quote and a final draft of the design for consideration at the next meeting.
- 2020/2200 **To consider co option to fill the current vacancy** - Deferred.
- 2020/2201 **Middlefield Drive Play Area** - Nothing new to report regarding the refurbishment. Monthly inspections are being carried out. Users numbers are down slightly with maximum

numbers currently not being exceeded at school pick up and drop times. It was agreed that further Working Group meetings would be deferred until the new year.

2020/2202

**White Entrance Gates** - Further consideration was deferred.

2020/2203

**Street Lights** - It was agreed that a Working Group be set up to take this project forward. Members and Terms of Reference to be considered at the next meeting.

2020/2204

**Local Housing Needs Survey** - Following confirmation of the requirements and timeline of an Affordable Housing scheme it was agreed that costings for the survey be sought from Community Action Suffolk. Examples of neighbouring Parish Council's surveys will be circulated.

2020/2205

**Motion to exclude temporarily the Public and Press** - It was resolved to exclude the Public and Press pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed concerning staff salaries and personal information.

2020/2206

Following a review of the Litter Pickers contract it was RESOLVED to make no changes.

2020/2207

Following a review of the clerks contract it was RESOLVED to increase the home working contribution. Prop Cllr Tarabella, sec. Cllr Spencer with all in favour.

2020/2208

**District Cllr Matthissen** - Cllr Matthissen gave his report which has been circulated and is attached to these minutes

2020/2209

**Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – Cllr Vendittelli confirmed that repairs to the notice board were underway with a couple of further coats of stain to be completed. Additional strengthening timber had been added to the back board and the internal pin board which would be painted.

Cllr Reeves had received complaints regarding dog poo bags being left on peoples driveways in and around Borough Lane. An article will be included in the next newsletter requesting that the dog owner responsible refrain from this antisocial behaviour and instead use one of the numerous dog bins available around the village.

Next meeting of the Parish Council - Monday 14th December 2020 at 7.30pm