

GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 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)
1 members of public County Cllr Otton (part)

2016/1132 **Apologies for Absence** - None

2016/1133 **Declarations of Interest** – None

2016/1134 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** - It was proposed by Cllr Tarabella, that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 12th December 2016 were signed as a true record.

Adjournment for:

Public Participation – No questions

Meeting resumed:

2016/1135 **Clerks Report** – No further progress from MSDC regarding adoption of the phone box.

2016/1136 An update from SCC Highways had been received regarding the “step up” in Combs Lane. The Highways Officer has confirmed that they have walked the lane and assessed the safety step up and report that it is all clear at the present time and usable for purpose. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of the parish council sourcing someone to cut the path in the spring when new growth will make it difficult to use again.

2016/1137 Further discussion regarding signage for Willow Close suggested that a temporary sign be used to indicate the position of no.s 12 – 16 as a trial, if this proves to alleviate to inconvenience to other residents of delivery drivers knocking on doors looking for no’s 12 – 16 then consideration of purchasing a new highways road sign could be taken.

2016/1138 Following contact from Finborough Hall School Administration Officer regarding the distribution of the electronic newsletter questionnaire it is confirmed that the generous offer to mail out the questionnaire together with pre paid envelopes for return is not required at this time as it is thought that this survey could be adequately distributed within the newsletter.

Adjournment for:

County Cllr Penny Otton Report – Cllr Otton gave her report which will be attached to these minutes.

Meeting resumed

2016/1139 **Planning** – It was resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC Planning for Application; 4829/16 Erection of a 2 bay dog kennels and 3 bay cart lodge following demolition of existing stables, Croft House, Valley Lane – *“Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available”* Proposed by Cllr Burn with all in favour, and

2016/1140 4937/16 Erection of a general agricultural building, Jackbridge Farm, Jack’s Lane *“Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available”* Proposed by Cllr Tarabella with all in favour.

2016/1141 There were no MSDC Planning decisions to note.

2016/1142 **Finance** – The Finance report for January 2017 was approved.

2016/1143 The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Turner, with all in favour, Staff salaries for Dec 2016

2016/1144 HMRC Q3 Payment

2016/1145 Anglian Water £18.52

- 2016/1146 Park Fencing £1120.00
- 2016/1147 There were no further amendments proposed to the budget. It was resolved to approve the budget for 2017/2018, Proposed by Cllr Tarabella, seconded Cllr Gemmell with all in favour.
- 2016/1148 It was noted that the precept requirement raised by the budget process of 10586 showed a slight increase over the previous year resulting in an additional £2.49 per Band D household for the year. It was resolved to set the precept for 2017/2018 at £10586 and the request forms were duly completed and signed. Proposed Cllr Burns, sec Cllr Fisher with all in favour.
- 2016/1149 It was resolved to award donations to East Anglian Ambulance Service for £200 and Suffolk Accident Rescue Service for £200 from the budgeted £450 under S137 donations, with the remaining £50 to be a virements within the budget to the heading for CAB, with a donation to be made to Citizens Advice of £100 using £50 from reserves. Proposed by Cllr Nurton, sec by Cllr Burns with all in favour

Adjournment for:

District Cllr John Matthissen Report – Cllr Matthissen gave his report which is attached to these minutes.

Meeting resumed

- 2016/1150 **Correspondence** – The letter from a resident expressing concerns regarding ivy growth on a wall in Church Road was noted. It was agreed that a quote be sought to remove the ivy which will be considered at the next meeting.
- 2016/1151 There were no comments to further tabled correspondence.
- 2016/1152 **Footpath Report** – Cllr Gemmell reported on his meeting with a representative from the Golf Club and confirmed that all paths on and around the golf course had been discussed and clarified with the golf club's concerns regarding walkers not staying on the official footpaths addressed. It was agreed that the clerk source additional marker arrows in order that way marking of routes can be enhanced.
- 2016/1153 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – Concerns were expressed that materials have been stored and a vehicle parked on parish land adjacent to the High Road causing the grass to die. Cllr Turner will contact the resident concerned to ask for the area to be restored and not to be used for parking or storage in future.

Next meeting; Monday 13th March 2017 at 7.30pm