

GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 4th May 2021 held remotely via Zoom platform

Present: Cllr Simon Tarabella (chair) Cllr Norman Vendittelli Cllr Peter Turner
Cllr Simon Waspe Cllr Sebastian Reeves Cllr Sharon Shipp

Paula Gladwell – Clerk

6 members of public

District Cllr John Matthissen (part)

- 2021/2320 **Nominations and election of Chairman** - Cllr Tarabella was nominated, Proposed by Cllr Vendittelli, Sec Cllr Turner. Cllr Tarabella was duly elected with all in favour.
- 2021/2321 **Acceptance of Office of New Chairman** - Cllr Tarabella will sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the chair.
- 2021/2322 **Nominations and election of Vice Chairman** – Cllr Reeves was nominated and elected as Vice Chairman. Prop by Cllr Tarabella, Sec Cllr Turner, with all in favour.
- 2021/2323 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr James Spencer
- 2021/2324 **Declarations of Interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct and requests for dispensations relating to Discloseable Pecuniary Interests** – None
- 2021/2325 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** - It was proposed by Cllr Tarabella, Sec Cllr Turner that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved, with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 12th April 2021 will be signed as a true record.
- 2021/2326 **Public Participation** – No questions. The chair confirmed public comments for DC/21/02077 could be taken at item 8. (minute no. 2021/2327)
- 2021/2327 **Planning** –Extensive comments were noted from neighbours, to application DC/21/02077 Outline Planning Application (access to be considered, all other matters reserved) Erection of 4 no. Dwellings and garages (resubmission of DC/20/05843) Land at rear of East House, High Road. It was noted that a letter had been received from the applicant and had been circulated to all councillors. It was RESOLVED to submit the following comments to MSDC for this application;
"Great Finborough Parish Council have submitted a no objection to the previous application for this site however at the time we were given to believe that the near neighbours had no objection so were unaware of their concerns regarding the access. This new application DC/21/02077 has resulted in several neighbouring residents approaching the Parish Council to highlight their objections and on further consideration Great Finborough Parish Council OBJECT to the proposed access.
It is thought that this site, as it abuts an existing development site that has planning granted, is suitable for further development if indeed more houses are actually needed in Great Finborough and would make a natural extension to this site. However the planned access drive would take vehicles very close to existing properties causing disturbance to residents and be detrimental to their residential amenity contrary to H16 of the Local Plan.
Four new dwellings will create substantially more vehicle movements and it is thought the application makes highly unlikely assumptions for a low increase in traffic levels. Great Finborough has very few services left, no shop, minimal bus service and no easy pedestrian access to the nearest amenities therefore occupants will use their cars to access these so contributing to a much heavier use of the access drive than suggested. It is noted that this application includes a noise report however this does make some inaccuracies regarding at least one of the neighbouring properties, this coupled with an underestimation of the increase in vehicle movements causes concern.
Although adequate turning is proposed at the properties there is a narrow pinch point and a bend on the proposed access drive which will result in vehicles meeting there and having to reverse, either out onto the busy High Road or onto other resident's property.
It is suggested that investigation into accessing this proposed site via Pear Tree Place as a natural extension to that development, which already has access granted, would seem a better proposal to bring forward these additional dwellings as creating an access that disturbs existing residents does not outweigh the need for additional housing." Proposed by Cllr Tarabella, Sec Cllr Turner with 5 for and 1 abstain
- 2021/2328 It was RESOLVED to submit the following comments to application DC/21/02353 Application for Approval of Reserved Matters following Outline Approval DC/18/05541 – Appearance, Landscaping, L:ayout and Scale for the Erection of 1 No. Dwelling, cartlodge and construction of a new vehicular access (amended scheme and resubmission of DC/20/05760 – Willowmere, Combs Lane – *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2021/2329 The following MSDC decisions were noted; DC/21/00954 Change of use of additional area of land to residential gardens and the erection of new detached double cart lodge – Dairy Farm Barn, Valley Lane - GRANTED
- 2021/2330 **Meeting Schedule** – The meeting schedule for 2021/22 was approved.

- 2021/2331 **Clerks Report** – It was noted that Cllr Matthissen has confirmed he will arrange a meeting with EA & LLFA to discuss the issues of flooding at Combs Lane/Onehouse junction with neighbouring Parish Councils and other stakeholders.
The Local Housing Needs Survey has been commissioned with CAS and the grant application to MSDC for help with the costs has been submitted.
It was confirmed that the High Court had ruled that no extension would be made to the legislation for Virtual council meetings therefore future meetings would be held back in Pettward Hall.
- 2021/2332 **Finance** – The completion of the Internal Audit by Heelis & Lodge was noted. The Internal Audit report had no recommendations.
- 2021/2333 Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, The Annual Governance Statement 2020/21, was completed, approved and will be signed. Proposed by Cllr Tarabella with all in favour.
- 2021/2334 The final accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021 were approved and section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, Accounting Statements 20120/21, will be signed. Proposed by Cllr Tarabella with all in favour.
- 2021/2335 The Finance report for May 2021 was approved.
- 2021/2336 The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Turner with all in favour, Staff salaries for April.
- 2021/2337 SARS £150.00
- 2021/2338 EAAA £150.00
- 2021/2339 Stowmarket Food Bank £200.00
- 2021/2340 RSA Pest £72.00
- 2021/2341 Osis - balance for wildflower board £630.00
- 2021/2342 Wickes - boards ST £56.00
- 2021/2343 Salc Subs £360.80
- 2021/2344 Park Fencing £2000.00
- 2021/2345 Heelis & Lodge £210.00
- 2021/2346 **Middlefield Drive Play Area** – The Risk Assessment was reviewed. Numbers inside the play area are generally below the maximum allowed. It was noted that more children are using the Valley Lane football pitch as weather improves. It was agreed that all COVID rules and notices would remain in place. It was noted that the front of the train had been forced up away from its fixing points therefore this part of the train has been removed until it can be repaired.
- 2021/2347 Refurbishment Project – Cllr Tarabella has been holding public consultation events each Saturday morning in the Play Park and several responses have been received to the questionnaire. It was agreed that to move things on funding applications should be started. It was agreed that £3,318.50 from CIL and £5181.50 from the Amenity reserves be moved to the Play Park Refurbishment reserve giving a commitment of £9,000 to the refurbishment of the Play Area at this time. It was agreed that the Play Area Working Group be re-established with a meeting planned for after 17th May.
- 2021/2348 **Footpaths** – There was no report from the Footpath Warden. It was noted that the gate to FP22 was not opening properly, this would be reported to R of W with a request that the hinges be put on correctly.
- 2021/2349 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.
- 2021/2350 **White Entrance Gates** – It was agreed that a re quote be sought for the gates and a further site survey be confirmed.
- 2021/2351 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – Thanks were extended to Cllr Turner and Mary Smyth for their excellent work on the Wildflower Meadow Information Board and thanks to Cllr Otton and Cllr Matthissen for their help to fund the board.

Next meeting will be held in Pettward Hall on Monday 14th June 2021 at 7.30pm