

Great Finborough Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Great Finborough Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th May 2016 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

22 members of public present

Chairman – Cllr Peter Turner, Clerk – Paula Gladwell,

County Cllr - Penny Otton District Cllr – John Matthissen

Apologies - Martin Burns

1. The minutes of previous meeting of 11th May 2015 were approved and signed.
2. Cllr Otton gave her report, which is attached. Concerns were expressed from residents regarding the length of time traffic lights have been in operation at the bridge towards Stowmarket. It was suggested that thought be given to a priority scheme for the bridge once repaired. It was noted that actual work had commenced today, Cllr Otton would seek information on the length of time the repair is expected to take.
3. Cllr Matthissen gave his report, which is attached.
4. Cllr Turner gave his report from the Parish Council which is attached to these minutes.
5. Rev Chris Childs gave a report from St Andrew's Church which is attached.
6. A report from the Pettiward Hall Management Committee was given by Mr David Preece and is attached.
7. Judith Cameron's report from the Garden Club was given by John Davey and is attached to these minutes.
8. Rhod Gardner gave a report on the activities of the Woodpecker Hill Group, maintenance work parties have been held over the past year which are well attended with a significant clear up in the autumn. Dog fouling is still an issue however the bins are well used and emptied regularly. There is one small boggy area that is in need of some attention and remedial work is planned for this year.
9. Mary Smyth gave a report from the Allotments Association which is attached.
10. Simon Tarabella gave a report from the editorial team for the Newsletter which is attached.
11. There was no report from Great Finborough & Buxhall Under 5's.
12. A report from the Primary School was given by Jamie Warner, chair of governors and is attached.
13. There were no further parish reports.
14. Any other matters – It was noted that the registration of the village shop as an Asset of Community Value has been called into review by the owners. The review will be conducted by St Edmundsbury BC, Cllr Matthissen will seek further information on this process and the time scale for an outcome. Concerns were expressed regarding the parking of trade vans in the Middlefield Drive car park. It was confirmed by Cllr Turner that all vehicles parked overnight were moved each day and were all road legal and at this time were not parking contrary to the rules of the car park.

The chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 8.20pm