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Meetings

The Parish Council meets at 6:30pm in the Community Centre, on the third Tuesday of each month, except August & December. Please check the Village Hall notice board for any date changes.

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www.fornhamallsaints.suffolk.cloud

The deadline for articles for the October - November 2024 Village Voice, will be 20th September 2024.

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From the Chair

FOR SALE: One pair of shorts, T-shirt, and flip flops - hardly used - quick sale due to Summer's end fast approaching!

OK - I may be exaggerating but as I start to pen this edition's missive it is cold, grey, and raining! Our brief trip to Norfolk in the campervan was curtailed following an even more dismal forecast after 3 days of mostly rain. I really thought I had left "survival training behind!

Anyway, fingers crossed that by the time Justin has put this "Summer" edition together and it has been through the printing and delivery system the weather will have improved for the better and we are all complaining about how hot it is and how we really need rain for the garden "such fun" being British! - slap on that sun block!

Now onto issues I have some marginal control over...

Planning (I did say marginal!) - there are 3 main planning issues currently affecting the village.

1. The Entrance to All Saints Golf Course off the B1106.

The primary application 1887/FUL is currently under Appeal with the Planning Inspector in Bristol. As I write there has been no indication of even the site visit yet; we await the outcome.

The secondary application 0433/FUL has been refused by WSC.

2. The Driver Training School beside the Bury Golf Club at the bottom of Tut Hill.

This is subject to a re-consult awaiting a Highways inspection of the exit/entrance which seems to be currently wholly unsuitable.

3. The reinstatement of safety nets on the All Saints Golf Course behind Pigeon Lane.

We are awaiting a planning application from All Saints to reinstate the safety netting. This is of great concern to the residents of Pigeon Lane as golf balls continue to drop into a number of gardens and also damage some of their houses.

You will recall that following the village meeting to discuss the All Saints Resort “Master Plan” there was a proposal made asking the Hotel to arrange an “Open Day” so that residents of all 3 Parishes affected by the development would have a chance to view the plan in detail and be able to ask questions etc. We now understand that this will now not happen.

On the good news side of the ledger – I am pleased to announce that the PC is now up to full strength having been joined by Richard Nicholls on 16th July. Please see his resume’ later in the Magazine. Welcome aboard Richard! – we all look forward to working with you.

And now for a brief history lesson... In 1804 16 acres of land was allotted for the use of the poor in lieu of their right to “stub furze” (gather bracken). The Fuel Allotment Charity (FAC) was born. This charity was run by the Church which rented out areas to individuals at 30 shillings (£1.50p) per acre. This money was then used for buying bracken and coal for the poor.

Little has changed since then although much of the land has become the Community Centre and playing fields and the large field that is rented out to a local farmer. The rest remains the allotments as we know them. All the rents are gathered and still provide a charitable donation to those in need today. What has changed is that the responsibility for the administration of the land and the charity has been given to a Board of Trustees. This Board is answerable to the Charity Commission (CC) and must inform the CC of the FAC’s financial position each year. The Board comprises all Parish Councillors (others than those who have an allotment and thus a vested interest) and we oversee all aspects of the Charity.

Following the first Audit since becoming Chair it was clear that the lines between the PC and Charity business were somewhat blurred and that it would be necessary to separate them and put clear blue water between the disparate organisations. This is particularly important as the allotments are open to people from outside of the village and thus a benefit to more than just parishioners.

Much work has been achieved over the last year and we now have an Allotments Management Committee with 3 members (plot holders) and a Chair (David Surman) who oversee the day to day running of the allotments and report to the Trustees. Although we have an allotment update as part of our PC meeting, so Parishioners can be apprised of any important changes etc., all business and decisions are now taken in a separate Trustee's meeting. Furthermore, we are going to ensure that the financial aspects of the FAC are kept separate from the PC; this includes the Clerk's time.

The next stage of our journey is to have a full review of the Charity and its relevance and suitability in 2025 – some 221 years after it was first set up.

Turning to volunteering – I am pleased to say that this has now started and there is a more detailed report and a piece on why it is good for your health later in the magazine!

The Annual Parish Meeting coincided with football and a beautiful Summer's evening (yes that was the day!!) so I was not surprised that attendance was low. However, I would just like to reiterate a couple of things that I mentioned in my Annual Report and the first is this paragraph:

“This would seem a good time to thank each one of you that already give readily of your time and effort to make Fornham All Saints a wonderful place to live. The Community Centre, the Village Hall, the Church, together with the numerous clubs and societies don't “just happen” - a huge effort goes into every one of them. In addition, the assets and flower beds in the

village also need continual care and attention - again, this is something that does not go unnoticed.

There are too many of you “good people” to name individually but we all know who you are - and many of you are here this evening - so from the PC on behalf of the Village, a huge “THANK YOU!” for all you do.”

I also thanked my fellow Councillors, and Clerk, for all their help and support over the last year. It has been an incredibly busy 12 months and much has been achieved. None of it would have been possible without their effort, expertise, dedication, and determination. Furthermore, I am acutely aware that as volunteers they need the support of their partners and families, and I would like to also thank those who support us.

Enough! I do believe that the sun has come out and that the mercury is rising! – time to get in the garden!

I hope you that you are now all having a great Summer and enjoying fine weather, chat later in the Autumn.

Martin Loveridge

Martin Loveridge, Parish Council Chair

For all enquires or questions for the Parish Council,
please in the first instance email the Parish Clerk

clerk@fornhamallsaintspc.org.uk

Dates For Parish Council and related meetings 2024

Aug	(Nil unless planning)
Sep 17	PC
Oct 15	PC
Nov 19	PC
Dec	(Nil unless planning)

All meetings will be held at 18:30 in the Community Centre unless otherwise advised on the Agenda which will be posted on the Village Hall notice board at least three full clear days* before each meeting.

Agendas can also be found on the Parish Council website:
www.fornhamallsaints.suffolk.cloud

**excludes Sundays and Bank Holidays*

Why not come along to our next meeting?

Got something to share or a question to ask? There is always time allocated for questions from members of the public.

Or just come to listen and see what goes on behind the scenes in your village.

Meetings usually last about an hour and a half, but you don't even have to stay til the end if you don't want to (or you get bored!)

email clerk@fornhamallsaintspc.org.uk for more information

Volunteering

We have finally got all the equipment we need and have undertaken 3 main sessions. The first was on 27th June where we litter picked the sports field and Community Centre areas and spruced up the children's play area by weeding and edging and finally cutting back some overhanging branches.



Session 2 was on 12th July where we met at the Village Hall to cut back the path that has encroached quite considerably on to the pavement and to make a start on tidying up The Green.

Session 3 was on 20th July where 7 of us continued the cut back. We have also improved the area by the small church gate using the soil from the cut back and hope to finish the area with some suitable plants in the Autumn.

Work has also been carried out by smaller groups to raise the tree level by the twin roundabouts and again cut back the pavement in that area.

Looking to the future, we hope to finish the path cutback on The Green and tackle the pavement along the A1101 from at least the twin roundabouts to the bus stop (and hopefully beyond) and start refurbishing and cleaning the various road signs in the village.

All in all, nearly 50 Volunteer Hours (VHs!) have been accomplished with more to come – well done to all 12 of you who have so far joined the team (The Dirty Dozen?!)

So, if you would like to join the group then please give Justin, our Parish Clerk your details: clerk@fornhamallsaintspc.org.uk
Thank you.

Martin Loveridge

Martin Loveridge, Parish Council Chair

Why Is Volunteering Beneficial To Our Health?

Research shows that people who give back to their community experience better overall health, greater life satisfaction, fewer hospital admissions, higher self-esteem and greater ability to manage their own chronic illnesses.

- Vitamin D from sunshine improves our bone health
- Fresh air can clean our lungs
- Fresh air can increase our energy levels
- Fresh air can help relieve stress and anxiety
- Socialising can lighten the mood, and make us feel happier
- It gives us a chance to meet new friends and gives us a sense of connection
- Remember: keep moving to keep moving

FINALLY, it gives us all a chance to give back something to our village.

Jill Mayhew

Jill Mayhew, Parish Councillor



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NEXT RURAL COFFEE CARAVAN VISITS

Wednesday 7th August, 10am - 12pm

Thingoe Lodge

Wednesday 4th September, 10am - 12pm

Village Hall

2nd October	Thingoe Lodge
6th November	Thingoe Lodge
4th December	Thingoe Lodge
January	NO VISIT

Everyone welcome for a coffee, cake and chat

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!

www.ruralcoffeecaravan.org.uk

Introducing Your New Parish Councillor Richard Nicholls

I have been resident in the village since 2007 having moved into the area from Shropshire with my wife and daughter.

I work in a commercial role within the agricultural sector and while it does involve a degree of foreign travel, I am lucky enough to work from home much of the time.

My wife Andrea is a solicitor and has recently moved to working part time in a consultancy role for a Cambridge based firm.

We have a grown-up daughter living with us at home and working locally as a history teacher.

In my spare time I enjoy walking, gardening and have an allotment in the village.

This is my 1st time as a parish councillor and I am sure I have much to learn.

I look forward to working with rest of the team and meeting more of the village residents.

Richard Nicholls

Richard Nicholls, Parish Councillor



City Fibre - Update

Email from City Fibre:

You may have seen recently that CityFibre had been awarded the Project Gigabit contract for Suffolk. Project Gigabit is the government's flagship programme to enable hard-to-reach communities to access lightning-fast gigabit-capable broadband. The four-year programme will see around 136,000 premises across Suffolk and parts of surrounding counties connected to our fibre-to-the-premises network.

We wanted to let you know that work is due to start in your area over the coming weeks. As we move from area to area, we endeavour to let affected parish councils know ahead of time.

The contractor carrying out the work on our behalf is OCU Utility Services. Wherever possible, existing duct and pole infrastructure will be used to reduce the amount of construction required. However, new infrastructure will be needed and we are working closely with the council's highways team to coordinate any work that is required.

Why is this work so important? In a rapidly changing world, we rely more and more on digital connectivity and the UK needs to ensure its residents and businesses can cope with future demands. This is not just about being able to better browse the internet or stream television programmes. There are many other factors to consider such as:

- Households have an ever-increasing number of internet connected devices like smart speakers, domestic appliances, heating control systems and doorbells.
- Smart TVs and gaming consoles become more and more sophisticated requiring faster internet speeds.
- The Covid 19 pandemic has demonstrated how important fast and reliable broadband is. Essential services such as healthcare and education are now

increasingly online and regular homeworking has become the norm for many.

- When buying a house the speed of the internet is now one of the top purchasing factors.

If you would like to know more about our build process, please visit

www.cityfibre.com/build

Our latest project information, including an FAQ and a way to register for updates is available at

www.cityfibre.com/projectgigabit

When it's time to order services, residents and businesses will also be able to choose from a range of internet service providers.

If you have any immediate questions then please let us know, preferably via

Contact_CityfibreSouth@cityfibre.com

We will provide further updates as the build progresses.



Would you like an allotment?

Contact the Clerk to get your name on the waiting list for a plot

clerk@fornhamallsaintspc.org.uk

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Fornham All Saints Parish Council

June Meeting

Approved Minutes from Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 18th June 2024

Present:

**Cllr Martin Loveridge (ML) (Chair), Cllr Cathy Emerson (CE) (Vice Chair) and Cllrs Jill Mayhew (JM), Mat Stewart (MS), Derek Brown (DB) and David Surman (DS).
County Cllr Beccy Hopfensperger (BH), Clerk Justin Hook (JH) and 6 members of the public.**

Agenda Items

1. Chairman's welcome, opening remarks and to receive apologies for absence
Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Don Lynch unable to attend due to work commitments and Borough Cllr Sarah Broughton.
2. (i) To receive members Declarations of Interests - **None received.**
(ii) Council to consider any new written requests for dispensation and/or requests which have been received - **None received.**
3. To approve & adopt the minutes from the AGM and Council meeting held on the 21st May 2024
ML proposed to approve the minutes, CE seconded, unanimous decision.
4. Review of actions from previous meeting if not covered on the agenda
None.
5. To receive County Councillor's report from Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger
Elections holding up applications for monies until 5th July.

Road signs ordered, but team working through backlog. Will ask Andy to show ML how to apply stickers. Village name sign on Hengrave Road sign has been fixed.

Meeting with permit issuing team with MS. 51 active permits through the village, and the 6 hauliers now reduced to 5. List is reviewed 6 monthly, and currently not excessive for a B road. 'Local vicinity' seems a vague term and open to subjectiveness, but permits issued on temp to perm basis on 12 month rolling review. Once we have report, will be useful identifying against potential lorry watch data. Volkerts and Stennetts two most common users. Team will advise Council of any new permits issued. Eastern Concrete has preference of Fornham over West Stow, as permit avoids upsetting West Stow residents where they don't have a permit.

Action: JH to look into ANPR device for automated lorry watch.

Resident Question: What is happening with Tollgate Intersection?

BH has had no instruction of works and no start date - money has been allocated and is chasing.

Resident Question: Dual purpose cycle lane passing over All Saints Lodge entrance on Mildenhall Road

BH - Need to look at what the planning obligations were.

Action: MS to liaise with BH to review plans.

Resident Question: S106 Developer funds from Marham Park development.

BH - No more available. Funds spent on noticeboards, closure of Tut Hill and Newbury Centre on Howard Estate. Outstanding monies allocated for Tut Hill footpath.

Action: JH to liaise with BH to see if S106 funding can be released for other projects.

6. To receive Borough Councillor's reports from Cllr. Sarah Broughton and Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger

Noted that Greene King is planning to move to Suffolk Business Park, but plan to leave the museum and a small

brewing presence in the town centre.

No news on old Coop site future use.

7. Public open session up to 15 minutes - questions and issues on matters arising from the agenda and from the village

None received.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS BROUGHT FORWARD

15. Community Centre update

DB - Car parking area is finished and looking good.

Plans for redeveloping centre no further forward. Paul Purnell (PP) advised still looking at plans to raise roof, open up main hall, add storage, reconfigure toilets.

Question was raised whether better to look at a new building instead, allowing continued use of existing. PP advised circa £1.5-2m build, vs £3-400k refurb.

Council suggest need to look at funding, Community Chest, Lotto, Locality Budgets, Local Plan S106 monies etc.

Resident Question: Re: previously raised suggestion of a petanque green at Community Centre.

Potentially joint venture between PC and Community Centre Council. PP mentioned previous agreements in place for no further development on the site.

Action: JH to add to July agenda for discussion. Consider Sports Grants.

8. To receive reports from Councillors:

- a. Traffic / Roads / VASs / Signs - ML

ML thanked Highways for prompt action to fix village sign.

- b. Volunteering - ML

All equipment has been received - good to go!
Volunteering group to start litter picking, clearing overgrown pavements, cleaning signs etc.

- c. Facilities / Assets Management / Community Centre - DB

Beginning to work on items highlighted on play parks

list. Other assets all good.

- d. Local Businesses & Residents / Active Travel / De-fib'-CE

Noted Enid Gathercole is sorting defib for Community Centre - help available if required, nothing else to report.

- e. Social Issues / Rural Coffee Caravan / Village Voice - JM

Remove RCC from list, all good with everything else.

- f. Marham Park / Village Hall / Anglian Water (Lark) / Highways - MS

Anglian Water meeting on 5th September. Validity of data is being questioned and followed up on.

- g. Allotments - DS

Fly tipping issue has been addressed and seemingly fixed. Decisions have been made to deal with problem plots.

ACTION: JH to check contracts and send letters.

9. To receive Clerks report

Locality budget applied for, for litter picking tools.

ALL allotment monies in for 2024.

Registered with the Pensions Regulator - up to date.

Registered access to Charities Commission site & addresses updated.

SCC Highways issues reported, following residents concerns - A1101 towards Marham Park, weeds on pavement in front of Newlands and Owslden, trees over pavement in front of Tilia House.

Now clerking for Flempton cum Hengrave as of 1st June and will be taking over as editor of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve (FSMSG) Bugle as of 1st July.

10. Planning:

Action: CE to send traffic data to All Saints Hotel (AS).

Action: JH to chase EA report from AS, as well as date for resident event and confirmation of Mildenhall Road

entrance usage detail.

West Suffolk Council still looking into enforcements.

Action: JH and BH to chase.

CE - what are the next steps if no updates / action taken?

ML Meeting with local candidates and will raise this concern.

JM attended FSMSG PC meeting and was made to feel very welcome. Both parties keen to continue to forge link and liaise on concerns.

FSMSG are registering a Holding Objection vote on the AS pods to allow requesting of further information and detail.

It has been reported to Council that classes are taking place again in the outside gym, prior to a decision being made.

Action: Council to investigate.

11. Finance update

- i. ML proposed to approve payment of the following accounts and outstanding invoices, CE seconded, unanimous decision.

Payee & details	Total
Nest, Clerks Pension	£9.75
J Hook, Clerks salary, May	£557.73
J Hook, Clerks expenses, May	£54.03
M Loveridge, Chairs expenses, 9/5 - 30/5	£135.84
Community Workshop, Village Voice printing	£288.80
V Waples, Internal Auditor 2023/24	£288.80
Nest, Clerks Pension May	£9.75
Total Payments	£1344.70

- ii. Council noted bank balances correct to 31st May (unless stated otherwise)

Current	£248.69
Savings	£49,385.10
Village Voice	£851.76
Charities	£3,010.24

- iii. ML proposed to approve bank reconciliation for May 2024, CE seconded, unanimous decision.
- iv. ML proposed to merge Village Voice account into main account for ease of accounting, with funds to be earmarked as Village Voice reserves. CE seconded, unanimous decision.

12. End of year and audit

- v. ML proposed that the Council had fully reviewed the Audit Report and Clerks report of audit, noting actions to be taken. CE seconded, unanimous decision.
- vi. ML proposed to approve revision of AGAR Section 1 and the change of Assertion 4 to a NO. CE seconded, unanimous decision.
- vii. ML proposed the appointment of Vicky Waples as internal auditor for 2024/25. CE seconded, unanimous decision.

13. Skate & play park inspections

Council noted from report that remedial work required, but all low to very low risk.

14. Section S137 grants (£1750 left in budget)

JH reported no update from Computer Club on their grant request.

ML advised date now set for “Party on the Green” for 7th September and PC offer of £200 towards costs received with thanks.

15. Community Centre update

ITEM COVERED EARLIER.

16. Highways / volunteering

ML/DB and Tony Mayhew to tackle some of the hedge/tree issues on the pavements.

ML proposed a date for the first volunteering session of Thursday 27th June, meeting 10:00 at the Community Centre. CE seconded, unanimous decision.

ACTION: ML to provide piece for JH to email to volunteer database.

17. Grass cutting

JH receiving questions re: grass cutting and who is responsible for what/when it can be expected. Churchyard still not cut after no-mow-may and nature watch.

Action: Council to monitor churchyard cuts so as not to pay unnecessarily.

Action: CE to provide layered map of WSC and SCC responsibilities.

18. Emergency plan

JM using Great Barton plan as a template.

ACTION: JM/CE/ML to form a working group to move forward with a simple plan.

19. Fuel Charity

Audit report has highlighted need to separate Fuel Charity from Parish Council activities to allow independence. Charity discussions and decisions to be held at the end of the PC meeting under closed meeting, including all related finances.

SALC training available for PC's as Sole Trustees of charities.

ACTION: JH to share details of training.

20. Correspondence

viii. Resident email re: golf course safety

Council support the need for proper fencing to protect residents and property, but don't understand need for further planning where previously granted.

Action: ML to speak with resident.

ix. Council were pleased to receive letter of thanks read out from the WI.

x. CE received call from resident re: out of hours alarms ringing in Moseleys Farm Business Centre. Contact number given for RC Browne.

21. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th July 2024, commencing at 18:30 in the Community Centre.

Fornham All Saints Parish Council

July Meeting

Draft Minutes from Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 16th July 2024, 18:00

These draft minutes will be approved at the Parish Council Meeting on 17th September.

Present:

Cllr Martin Loveridge (ML) (Chair), Cllr Cathy Emerson (CE) (Vice Chair) and Cllrs Jill Mayhew (JM), Mat Stewart (MS), Derek Brown (DB) and David Surman (DS).

Clerk Justin Hook (JH), and 3 members of the public.

Agenda Items

1. Chairman's welcome, opening remarks and to receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Don Lynch, County Cllr Rebecca Hopfensberger and District Cllr Sarah Broughton.

ML apologised for the confusion over the paper handed previously to a Cllr with questions for Council and concluded that in future, all correspondence ought be directed to the Clerk in the first instance for appropriate handling. Residents questions need to be brought in the 15 minute open session at a meeting or raised with the Clerk to be included on a meeting agenda.

2. (i) To receive members Declarations of Interests - **None received.**
(ii) Council to consider any new written requests for dispensation and/or requests which have been received - **None received.**
3. Council to consider co-opting Richard Nicholls onto the Council and complete forms

ML proposed to co-opt Richard Nicholls (RN) onto the

Council, CE seconded, unanimous decision.

RN joined the table and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. To approve & adopt the minutes from the Council meeting held on the 18th June 2024

ML proposed to approve the minutes with the amendment to DL's previous absence, CE seconded, unanimous decision.

Council agreed that moving forwards, the minutes will only reflect absence and not the nature of the absence to protect Cllr privacy.

5. Review of actions from previous meeting if not covered on the agenda

Council reviewed all outstanding actions.

VAS information to AS

Action: Data to be shared with all Cllrs to review in the first instance.

6. To receive County Councillor's report from Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger

None received.

Action: JH to liaise with BH on outstanding queries.

7. To receive District Councillor's reports from Cllr. Sarah Broughton and Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger

Clerk read report from Cllr Broughton:

There is little to report from our end. You might have read in the press that the Council is looking to spend just over £8m in refurbishing the [Bury St Edmunds] leisure centre – we have concerns with this as the pool provision will be reduced in size and some of the leisure provision will be removed, it is above the existing budget provision. The business case is on the Agenda for Full council on Tuesday.

8. Public open session up to 15 minutes - questions and issues on matters arising from the agenda and from the village

A resident raised why the Village Hall no longer reports its meetings in the Village Voice.

Action: JH to liaise with Paul Purnell for minutes of meetings, to go in Village Voice.

9. To receive reports from Councillors:

a. Traffic / Roads / VASs / Signs - Don Lynch

Clerk read a report from Cllr Lynch:

All quiet, traffic stable, not too many HGV breaches.

Reported KMS Scaffolding and 1 cement lorry which wasn't local, otherwise all good.

b. Volunteering - Martin Loveridge

ML reported two volunteering sessions, with 6+ people at each and total of 28.5 man hours completed so far in June/July. Some minor issues at play park have been addressed and the path along the village green tidied. ML and DB continue to tackle other jobs and Annabel has been tending to the rough area by the churches small gate, with up to £100 funding for planting agreed and minuted at the July 2023 PC meeting.

Next volunteering date Saturday 10th to complete village green path works.

It was raised that works need to be done to bushes on A1101 to make it safer for users pulling out of the Community Centre. Works to A1101 path still ongoing. B1106 over Sheepwash Bridge also bad - has been reported, but ideally for FSMSG to follow up as in their parish.

ML still waiting on receipt of new road signs.

c. Facilities / Assets Management / Community Centre - Derek Brown

DB carries out regular walks and checks - nothing to report. Some minor issues ticked off at play park to hopefully be reflected in monthly play park reports.

DB visited resident re: complaint against Community Centre and apologised. Raises the issue that we need to inform residents if major works taking place in the village.

As yet, DB has had no invite to be part of the Community Council.

Action: JH to follow up with Enid Gathercole (EG).

- d. Local Businesses & Residents / Active Travel / Defib-Cathy Emerson

Active Travel - waiting for next meeting. Defib is good, waiting on EG re: Community Centre defib. Monies verbally agreed for Lark Path repairs from Mill Lane to Duck Sluice Farm - awaiting details at next meeting. Funding in principal for repairs further up from Flempton bridge to Culford stream too.

A resident has highlighted parking on pavements outside Lucy's and on Tut Hill. Council agreed to monitor and review, with potential piece in Village Voice.

Lark Path has now been cut back, but there are some fences that need repairing.

Action: JH to liaise with Rights of Way team for ongoing updates.

- e. Social Issues / Village Voice - Jill Mayhew

Nothing to report. Working on a piece for Village Voice regarding volunteering being good for your health.

- f. Marham Park / Highways / Village Hall / Anglian Water (AW) (Lark) - Mat Stewart

Marham Park wild flowers looking good now better established.

AW data recording not been working. Apr/May discharge data horrendous - up to 21 hours of discharge in one 24hr period. National pressure growing for answers / accountability. September meeting coming soon. Nothing from Village Hall - be good to have updates in Village Voice.

- g. Allotments - David Surman

Old noticeboards cannot be found - need to seek alternative.

Some recent issues with plot holders driving on

the playing field, hedges being cut, structures with no permission - they are being dealt with, and also looking to update some rules to bring further clarity.

10. To receive Clerks report

Nothing major to report. Monies received for litter picking tools from BH Locality Budget, and for volunteering tools from SCC. 1 x termination notice served at the allotments, all other business as usual.

11. Planning:

xi. **DC/24/0614/FUL**

**All Saints Hotel The Street Fornham St Genevieve
Suffolk IP28 6JQ**

Planning application - partial change of use of golf course to site six timber pods

Council concerned lack of detail in the application regarding drainage/sewerage and lighting plan.

ML proposed to apply a Holding Objection pending further detail on the above. CE seconded, 4 in favour, 1 abstained, proposal carried.

xii. **DC/24/0586/FUL *reconsult***

**Car Park Heath Farm Business Centre Tut Hill
Fornham All Saints Suffolk**

Planning application - a. use of existing car park as driver training facility b. retention of temporary storage containers as classroom and storage area, c. use of existing agricultural access and retention of access track in association with driver training facility

Council remain extremely concerned over the road safety having reviewed visibility splays at the site. Council keen for Highways to make a site visit.

ML proposed to retain object status on the basis of highway safety, CE seconded, unanimous decision.

xiii. Council to receive any updates relating to previous planning matters

DC/24/0433/FUL - repeat entrance application has been refused by WSC.

DC/22/1887/FUL - original entrance application still at appeal status.

12. Finance update

- xiv. ML proposed to approve payment of the following accounts and outstanding invoices, CE seconded, unanimous decision.

Payee & details	Total
J Hook, Clerks salary, June	£557.73
HMRC, Clerks Tax & NI, Q1	£395.40
M Loveridge, Chairs expenses, 9/5 - 30/5	£568.02
D Lynch, VAS charging, Jan-Jun 2024	£150.00
Nest, Clerks Pension, June	£9.75
Total Payments	£1680.90

- xv. Council noted bank balances correct to 30th June (unless stated otherwise)

Current	£268.89
Savings	£48,986.23
Total Bank Balance	£49,255.12

- xvi. ML proposed to approve bank reconciliation for June 2024, CE seconded, unanimous decision.

- xvii. Council to discuss allocating funds into reserves.
Suggestion: £10,000 general, £5,000 assets, £5,000 church wall, £888.15 Village Voice

ML proposed to approve allocation of reserves funds as discussed. CE seconded, unanimous decision.

- xviii. Banking update

JH has completed online banking setup with MS having full access also. Next steps to review best option for online approval of payment to better protect the Clerk. Possibilities include RBS with £20 monthly fees or Lloyds or Unity Bank, both with £8 monthly fees.

Action: JH to research and advise. Council to consider who else to have online access / be online authorisers

for payments.

DB asked question re: interest rates.

Action: JH to confirm and advise possible fixed term saving solutions for greater return.

ML asked if there is a finance projection - is the council on course for the year?

Action: JH to share expenditure vs budget data for Q1.

- xix. Council to discuss payment of yearly ICO fee by Direct Debit, to unlock £5 per year saving.

ML proposed to approve payment of ICO fee by Direct Debit, CE seconded, unanimous decision.

13. Skate & play park inspections

Council noted from report that remedial work required, but all low to very low risk. Some minor works completed by volunteering group.

14. Council to discuss the request for a petanque area at the playing field

Council discussed resident's request for a petanque area and agreed it would be a good asset for the village.

ML proposed JH to send a letter confirming Council's general approval and suggestion to start small, gather members, get set up then apply to Council with full proposal, costs, funding requirements etc. MS seconded, unanimous decision.

15. Craft & Connect

Council to discuss establishing village craft club, in association with Thingoe Lodge

JM/CE working with Thingoe Lodge, looking at initially 1 year, 12 sessions, requiring hall hire and refreshments and a free/low cost craft, to encourage folk to meet and to battle loneliness in the village.

Council agreed in principal, but any funding offered would need to be in line with donations to other village organisations. Other funding may be available though.

16. Facilities map / grass cutting

David Emerson has been compiling and updating a facilities map to establish who is responsible for the different parts of the village; still to overlay SCC responsibilities

Action: CE to advise and share once works completed.

Council noted currently there appears to have only been one grass cut at the churchyard.

17. Council to review Community Centre EV charging contract

Council reviewed document and had concerns over end of contract and a vehicles on site clause. Council discussed who would need to sign the agreement, as the Fuel Charity is the land owner.

DB proposed to proceed to the next level of initial surveys (where Council could still pull out), ML seconded, 4 in favour, 1 abstained, proposal carried.

Action: DB to confirm happy to proceed to the next level.

Action: JH to contact Katy Hampshire for clarification around who ought to be the main contact/signatory.

18. Council to discuss works to secure volunteering equipment

ML proposed funding required up to £150 for materials to better secure the storage area. CE seconded, unanimous decision.

DS suggested a container may also be a good alternative option.

19. Lithium - ion battery safety legislation

ML proposed JH write to confirm Councils support of this legislation, JM seconded, unanimous decision

20. Council to discuss update of Village Plan for Emergency plan

JM suggested forming a working group in September to take this forward.

21. Danger of golf balls to Pigeon Lane and B1106

Council agreed on the importance of holding All Saints accountable for getting planning in place ASAP for safety netting to protect residents of Pigeon Lane against golf

balls.

Council also noted golf balls have been landing in properties along front of Larks Gate, since removal of the poplar trees.

22. Correspondence

xx. Resident email re: temporary road diversion signs - since followed up with Highways and signs have been removed.

xxi. Resident complaints re: River Lark path - JH liaising with Rights Of Way team for update on cutting schedule - cutting has since been completed.

23. Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th September 2024, commencing at 18:30 in the Community Centre (unless planning meeting required in August)

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Fornham All Saints WI

May is the month we discuss the Annual Meeting Resolution for 2024, the subject was Dental Health Matters. Our WI Advisor, Maggie Glavin, explained that there was a chronic shortage of NHS dentists and that people are suffering health issues as a result. The National Federation of WI's calls on the Government to increase investment in the training and retention of dentists and review current NHS contracts in order to ensure everyone can access an NHS dentist where they live. After discussion we all agreed to support this resolution and we instructed our delegate to use her discretion on voting on our behalf at the Annual Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall. After all that we enjoyed tea and cake!

Alicia Basil-Shawes came to our June meeting to explain a little about Traditional Chinese Medicine. Fortunately Alicia's lengthy training and use of does not involve parts of endangered animals, which we were thankful to learn!! Western medicine focuses mainly on treating the disease; Traditional Chinese Medicine is an ancient health and wellness system treating out of balance symptoms. I volunteered to have acupuncture, one of the many components, for relaxation and lower back pain. Five fine needles were inserted into my ear, I felt no pain and after a short time I started to feel quite sleepy! A fascinating and thought provoking talk. The meeting concluded with cakes and wine to celebrate Viv's birthday.

WI meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 2.00 pm in the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

Please call or text Elizabeth 07311 281775 for further information as sometimes we go on outings.

Elizabeth Gingell

Elizabeth Gingell



Fornham All Saints Church News

The family Service with Rev Val Gagen

On June 2nd, Father's Day, Val led her last service with us before retiring. It was a family service with music by the band. Val chose a joyful hymn to finish and we collected a variety of banners, we then paraded out into the warm sunshine to complete the service. John made a small presentation to Val on behalf of the FAS congregation. He referred to Val's work in Fornham with her regular visits to Thingoe Lodge. Thank you Val! We wish you and Philip a happy retirement after your move closer to family.

Val's final service is Sunday 28th July at 3.00pm at St Georges Church.

Alf's Seat

Anna Nitsche and her friend Mark were re-varnishing the bench dedicated to Alf Nitsche outside the church, when John came across them when locking the church one night. They started talking about the family history and where Pam, her Mother was very busy in the Church and indeed around the village. Anna when younger used to come with her Mother and explore the churchyard.

John wrote this article in The Lark Valley Magazine in June. Sadly at the end of June Pam passed away.

Pam Nitsche

Pam was the eldest of three daughters, Pam, Jean and Ann. Pam was born in Vinery Road, Bury St Edmunds. She met Alf when he was a POW on Hardwick Heath. Her grandfather used to invite them in and Alf helped to translate. They became friendly. After a quiet wedding in London, they bought a plot of land on Tut Hill.

Throughout her life, Pam has been a huge supporter of

Fornham All Saints church. She can be remembered turning up in a smart suit to supervise weddings, christenings and funerals. She was a member of the choir, a vergier, fabric member and assisted in many ways, 101 club and coffee mornings, to name a few. She was also involved in many aspects of village life.

Pam was always welcoming with the kettle on and cakes at the ready. She loved her garden, even in later years. A lovely lady who will be sadly missed.

Margaret Mison

Another lady who lived in the village who loved her garden and supported village life and the church. Margaret helped with the Sunday school with Heather. Her son Martin used to cut Pam's grass, and the cemetery. Margaret will be sadly missed.

Our thoughts and prayers go to both families.

Nature Count

In June when the grass was still long from No Mow May, we had a Nature Count in the churchyard.

A few of us spent the morning counting various species of flowers, vegetation, insects, trees..... and much more.

During our ramblings, we discovered an orchid which we have saved from the mowing machine and it lives on for all to admire. Our thanks to Linda, who organised this event and to those who attended.



Coffee Morning

On a very wet morning in July we had our third coffee morning, when some brave people came enjoyed cake and a good chat.



We raised £100 for church funds. Thanks go to Julie, Elizabeth, Roberta and Judith, for the cooking, organising and washing up! Also to those who braved the elements to turn up and who gave so generously.

Family Service

Our family Service or All Age Service took place on Sunday 7th July. It was led by Rev Andy Miller who had organised some activities, helped by music from the wonderful band.

During coffee after the service, the 101 numbers were drawn and Andy was asked to bless a hoover which had recently been purchased for the cleaning team. It has taken so long to decide on the model etc. that we felt the need for it to be blessed.

Andy entered into the spirit and did the honours!



Forthcoming Events

September 14th

SHCT Ride and Stride Day with coffee and cakes

Ride, walk or sit in the church to welcome visiting striders

September 27th

Macmillan Coffee morning 10 to 12 noon

Fornham All Saints Church

Judith Scott & John Grinham

Judith Scott & John Grinham, Acting Church Wardens

Friends Of The Village Hall News

The club has given a donation for the purchase of a washbasin and toilet for the new disabled facilities which are being built in the hall.

Fornham Footers

For the last two months, our walks have been more successful as the weather has been favourable on the first Friday of the month. In June, our walk was in Brandon Country Park, 4 miles on well signposted woodland paths. Lunch was at The Elveden Inn.

In July we shared lifts to Ixworth. When finding our walk out into the fields closed (as the bridge was being reconstructed), we changed plans and walked on the road up to the windmill, through Grimstone End, down to the Blackbourne River where a kingfisher was spotted and round to the watermill and the topiary animals. Stopping off at the bird hide to view the Micklemere now obscured by tall vegetation. Lunch at the Pykkerell was very enjoyable.

Please get in touch if you would like to join our walks around the local area, usually 3-5 miles long.

Next walks Fridays 3rd Aug. and 6th Sept.

Mahjong

We meet twice a month at 9.30am on a Monday morning, there is always plenty of chat and laughter. Experts and beginners (tuition available) are both welcome to our meetings. £2 table money inc. refreshments.

Next games on Mondays at 9.30am on 12th & 19th Aug., 9th & 23rd Sept.

Please contact either Lynne 766909 or Mary 763701

Film Club

In June we watched “The Post” which depicts the true story of attempts by journalists at the Washington Post to publish the infamous Pentagon Papers, starring Tom Hanks and Meryl Streep.

In July, film night was cancelled due to the majority being on holiday or unable to attend for different reasons.

WE NEED MORE FILM CLUB MEMBERS! Please contact Lynne for details.

No film is shown in August. Next film night is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th Sept. when we will be watching the film that was due to be shown in July.

Traveller's Tales

In July, Roddy and Sheila took us on a grand tour of Namibia. Driving on gravel roads and stopping at lodges along the way. Keeping the car topped up with fuel at every opportunity as petrol stations were few and far between.

Superb pictures of sunny skies and tall dunes, colourful birds and flowers. Plenty of animals... Zebras, many types of antelope, leopards, rhinos, meerkats and a warthog.

We were treated to a video of giraffes and another of elephants and some African tribal music.



On Thursday 5th Sept. at 7.30pm Paul will be taking us on his road trip in his MGB around the Hebrides.

Non-members £5 inc. refreshments. £2 for members.

Do you have any interesting holidays which you would like to share with the group?

Board & Card Games

Five people enjoyed an afternoon of playing Cluedo. Other games of Scrabble, Backgammon, Bridge, Gin Rummy, Crib and to learn how to play Canasta was also suggested for future afternoons.

£2 table money inc. refreshments.

Our next Wednesday games afternoon at 2pm will be on 21st Aug. & 18th Sept.

Fornham Hackers!

With over 10 golfing members in the club, there is going to be a 9 hole golfing cup competition at Bury 9 hole in September, date to be decided.

Historic House Visit.

Ten people have already signed up to go and visit Earsham Hall in September, with the club contributing £5 to everyone's ticket.

I always welcome new ideas for groups connected to the 'Friends.'

The joining fee is £10 pa from May to belong to the "friends" + other club subs.

Lynne Quayle

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Fornham St Martin Ladies Club

Brick Lane Music Hall

On the 6th June 2024, a coach with the members and guests of the Fornham St Martin Ladies Club made the trip to Brick Lane Music Hall in London to see the Rock to Pop 50s 60s 70s show.

Brick Lane Music Hall was originally a church which was converted into a Music Hall 32 years ago by a gentleman called Vincent Hayes. It was a fantastic show with great music from the 50s 60s and 70s, with Vincent as compère and comedian.

A lovely afternoon tea which consisted a selection of sandwiches, cream scones, cakes and a drink was included in the price of the trip. Everybody was in fits of laughter throughout the show.

A raffle was held and one of our group was lucky enough to win a prize.

It was an afternoon to remember and we will certainly be going back again. Everyone said how much they enjoyed themselves.

On the 19th June, members and friends will be having a day out to Beale's Roses.

Peter Beales Roses

Fornham St Martin Ladies Group had a summer outing to Peter Beales Roses, Attleborough on 19th June. We were blessed with good weather and the roses were beautiful in various displays around the gardens.

There was also a great variety of items one could buy from the shop and a good restaurant where you could take

refreshments. Needless to say, there were plants purchased to take home. It was a most enjoyable day.

Quiz Night

The Fornham Ladies Group met in Fornham St Martin Village Hall on the 17th July 2024, when a quiz night with a fish and chip supper arranged and desserts made by the Committee.

A raffle was held in aid of Motor Neurone disease. Prizes for the raffle had been donated and there was a generous total of 43.

Freddie Chenery compiled the quiz which taxed our general knowledge. Many thanks to him.

It was quite a long evening, but an enjoyable one. Thanks were given to the Committee who had put in a great deal of effort in organising the event.

New members to the club are very welcome. Please contact 01284 767372 or 01284 766098 for further information.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Petch".

Janet Petch

West Suffolk Planning Policy Consultations

West Suffolk Local Plan (Regulation 24) 2024 - Examination in public

We are invited to participate in the West Suffolk Local Plan (Regulation 24) 2024 - Examination in public consultation by the consultation manager, West Suffolk Planning Policy (West Suffolk Council).

This consultation is open from 24th May 2024 at 11:00 to 3rd March 2025 at 23:59.

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Pilates Sarah: 07791 330924	Every Tuesday	10:00am to 11:00am
Art Club 01284 767339	Every 2nd Tuesday in month Every 4th Saturday in month	1:45pm to 4:45pm 10:00am to 4:00pm
Garden Club Ian: 07876 644611	Every 2nd Tuesday in month	7:00pm for 7:30pm start
Computer Club	Every 3rd Tuesday in month	2:00pm to 4:00pm
iPad Club	Every 4th Tuesday in month	2:00pm to 4:00pm
Bowls Chris: 01284 703024	Every Wednesday	7:00pm to 9:00pm
Exercise Caroline: 07528 927572	Every Thursday	9:30am to 11:00am
Stars Stitch & Textile Teresa: 07946 523282	Every 1st and 3rd Thursday in month	10:00am to 4:00pm
Drumming Moira: 07949 253917	Thursday nights	7:00pm to 8:30pm
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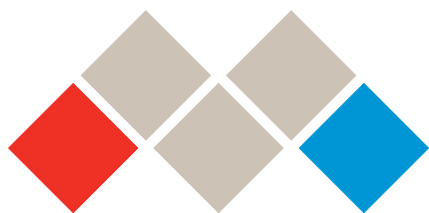
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Here's a little summery word search to complete whilst you're dreaming of your next getaway...

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M L I B I K I N I M H N H O D U S U N S
K E R I C E C R E A M Y G T O W E L W Z
K K R R B A U F D E W G O H G O P Q M T
T R R U E S I L G L V V A C A T I O N X
M O M E A V E N L T K G C S E A G U L L
L N S A N D A L S S N K N W J M U V E J
R S P R S U D W Y A B L L I J W I O S D
E O H D T H D E A C N A A T M R K U N T
I T D K R S R O R D C B G U C M N H D R
L I R Z O H A H V N A U O M N S I Q Q O
L U A T H C O I E A O C O B C S A W H P
E S U R S A B K L S H S N R F O U D S I
H M G I D E F H M B W Q E E H X M R K C
S I E T R B R U S I O E V L N J Z N S A
I W F B A W U B Y L N A H L R X T L T L
M S I C O I S B B T S T T A O Q B Y X O
O B L J B O A R D W A L K L R K W C H P
O C E A N E M O X E K F F I S H I N G L
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WORD LIST

BEACH
BIKINI
BOARD SHORTS
BOARDWALK
DUNE
FISHING
ICE CREAM
LAGOON

LIFEGUARD
OCEAN
PALM TREE
SAILBOAT
SAND
SAND CASTLE
SANDALS
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SHELL
SNORKEL
SUN
SUNSCREEN
SURFBOARD

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SWIMSUIT
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TROPICAL
UMBRELLA
VACATION
WAVE

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Organisation	Details	Phone No.	Comments
Church	All Saints Parish Church www.northburychurches.org.uk	07990 834078 01284 760679	John Grinham Judith Scott
Cemetery	FAS Cemetery Trustees	01284 705029	P Elmes
Councils	West Suffolk Council www.westsuffolk.gov.uk	01284 763233	
	Suffolk County Council www.suffolk.gov.uk	0345 606 6067	
	Parish Council www.fornhamallsaints.suffolk.cloud		Justin Hook
Electricity	UK Power Networks www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk	0800 3163 105	Report Outages
EMERGENCY	Ambulance / Fire / Police	999	
Gas	British Gas www.britishgas.co.uk	0800 111 999	Report Leaks
Halls	FAS Community Centre www.suffolkvillagehalls.co.uk	01284 767688	
	FAS Village Hall lynne.quayle99@btinternet.com	01284 766909	
Medical	West Suffolk Hospital www.wsh.nhs.uk	01284 713000	
	NHS Non-Emergency	111	
Police	Non-Emergency www.suffolk.police.uk	101	
	Crime Stoppers www.crimestoppers-uk.org	0800 555 111	
Samaritans	Bury St Edmunds Samaritans www.samaritans.org	01284 750000 116 123	Local Rate Free
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	Travel Line www.suffolkonboard.com/buses	0871 200 2233	
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