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A misty morning in Pound Meadow

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Meetings

The Parish Council meets at 6:30 pm, on the third Tuesday of the following months: January, March, May, July, September and November. .

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From the Chair.

This publication is, I hope, a link to the residents of Fornham All Saints to keep them informed as to what is happening in the village. This has been produced on a voluntary basis by the editors with professional help from a Compiling Editor responsible for putting the contributions and advertisements into a printable form and, of course, the printers.

For the past 4 years the editors have been Tony and Jill Mayhew who have produced 24 editions. They have now stood down from the post and we offer them our sincere thanks for the work they have done.

From this issue going forward all the editing will be undertaken by our Compiling Editor Su Brooklyn. Any contributions to the magazine should be sent to her direct at villagevoice@virginmedia.com Only contributions should be addressed here, any queries regarding the magazine should be addressed to the Parish Council at the addresses given elsewhere in this publication.

The format required for contributions is available from me at the number given on the inside front cover.

We, the Parish Council, wish you all a happy and hopefully healthy 2022.

Paul Purnell

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FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr Paul Purnell, Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker, Cllr Cathy Emerson, Cllr Jill Mayhew, Cllr Enid Gathercole, Christine Mason (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES** Cllr Matt Stewart, Cllr Don Lynch.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- i. To receive disclosures of pecuniary and local nonpecuniary interests for the agenda under discussion – none received.
- ii. To receive disclosures of gifts of hospitality exceeding £25 – none received.
- iii. To consider requests for dispensations – none received.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of Tuesday 16th November 2021 were unanimously approved.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

No report available.

6. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Cllr Don Lynch: Closure of the A14 6pm to 6am until March 2022 and volume of HGV's coming through the village. Presently talking with Highways England and feel satisfied they have made increased and best effort to mitigate the impact on the village; no update on the provision of an ANPR as part of the testing of the new appliance; longstanding issue with Eastern Concrete continues, their exemption permit was for 6 months to service Marham Park, 18 months later they are still coming through; due to increased traffic, batteries for the new VAS units are only lasting five days rather than seven.

Cllr Paul Purnell: The Community Centre hedges have been cut by Charlie Browne. No further matters to report.

Cllr Enid Gathercole: Flowers still to be cut down, Cllr Emerson to provide a powered strimmer; swift boxes to be moved from the south side of the church and repositioned to the north side at the end of March.

Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker: Following the hedge cutting on a wet day, the grass around the edge of the field is badly churned up. A ton of topsoil to be

purchased and a working group set up to carry out the work.

Cllr Cathy Emerson: All ticking along with local businesses. Flempton cum Hengrave Parish Council have agreed to work alongside FAS as part of the joint collaborative working initiative. River pollution issues ongoing.

Cllr Jilly Mayhew: Rural Coffee Caravan continuing as per normal, three Wednesdays booked in the summer on The Green followed by alternating weeks at Thingoe Lodge. Village Voice to be continued by Su Brooklyn, Compiling Editor. Contributions to be sent direct, regular contributors have been advised. Possibility of improving the magazine by having a colour printed cover together with a few coloured advertisements.

7. CLERK'S REPORT

Allotment AGM postponed until Covid regulations have been reviewed.

Invoices for the current year have been sent to allotment holders.

8. FINANCE MATTERS

i. To consider and approve payments made since the last meeting.

Unanimously agreed that the payments as listed are approved.

ii. To receive bank balances to date.

Noted.

iii. To approve the Clerk's remuneration.

Unanimously accepted.

9. PRECEPT

Following full and detailed discussion, it was agreed to set the precept figure for the financial year 2022/2023 at £24,175. This equates to a percentage increase of 2.37% with a Parish Band D Council Tax of £88.01 per household.

10. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

No changes are required. A formal response to be sent to WSC.

11. EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE

No update, meeting to be arranged shortly.

12. JOINT COLLABORATIVES WORKING WITH SURROUNDING PARISH COUNCILS

Risby and Flempton cum Hengrave Parish Councils are both keen to explore the potential for working together. Lackford and Fornham St Martin Parish Councils have yet to respond. Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker to chase. Priorities to be agreed prior to a meeting being arranged.

13. QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

In response to a letter received from the Secretary of the Village Hall Trustees, the Parish Council agreed :-

- a) that the Village Green could be used over the days/nights of Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June.
- b) as the road has through traffic it cannot be closed while events are held on the Green.
- c) the Council would be willing to sponsor the music on the Green on the Saturday evening.
- d) to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee the Council will allow a tree to be planted on the Green. A plaque was suggested. Cllrs Paul Purnell and Enid Gathercole to attend the initial meeting on 5th February at 10.00am in the Village Hall.

14. PERMANENT OUTDOOR HARD STANDING TABLE TENNIS TABLE

No further update at present.

15. TO APPOINT THE INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2022/2023

Trevor Brown was unanimously re-appointed as the internal auditor for the financial year 2022-2023.

16. VILLAGE VOICE UPDATE

Discussed earlier in the agenda.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

The Three Kings have asked to have a half page advertisement in the next Village Voice. Increasing problem with dog poo at Forge End and other areas in the village. Prices for additional bins/emptying costs to be obtained. An article reminding dog owners of their responsibilities to be included in the next Village Voice.

18. MATTERS FOR THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA

Dog poo Signage Fencing.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 6.30pm.

With there being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.32pm.

Community Centre Committee - January 2022

A Committee meeting was held on 10 January 22. The Chairman gave an update on the current bookings being made at the hall. These are increasing and now back to pre pandemic numbers. Most Saturdays are already booked for parties and events. The hall can be hired by calling Enid Gathercole (Chairman) who will advise on the costs to hire but approximately £15 per hour. All regular bookings have come back – Pilates, Upholstery, Art Club etc. The Bowls Club hope to restart this month.

The new cabin is now up and running and Billy Wappit is currently hiring this facility – now call the Sports Hub – to run Fighting Fit Marial Arts. <https://billywappett.wixsite.com/fightingfit> for further details.

The maintenance of the Community Centre is ongoing. Working parties are needed to be set up to paint the hall and cupboards. If anyone is interested in helping with these please contact Enid Gathercole (Gavcol34@btinternet.com) The car boot sales will recommence this year – Covid rules allowing – in April and will be held on the last Sunday of the month.

The Committee is made up of volunteers from the village and is desperately looking for new members!! Please, if anyone reading this has some spare time and would like to get involved then please contact Enid Gathercole. The long-term goal is to build a new community centre so this would be a chance to get in at ground roots level to develop facilities for the village's future. We currently need a designer/architect to help with these plans.

The committee meets every two months for approximately an hour. Other duties of a committee member would be to volunteer to help at the Car Boot Sales, cleaning of the hall, maintenance of the hall and assisting the Chairman on an ad hoc basis.

The date of the next Committee Meeting is Monday 7 March at 4.30pm.

Post War RAF Honington



On 28th February 1946 the airfield was transferred to Transport Command with No 1 Transport Aircraft Maintenance Unit servicing aircraft such as Douglas Dakota, Avro York & Handley Page Hastings. During the Berlin Airlift, RAF Honington played a major role in keeping the aircraft of Transport Command flying.

In 1949 the station reverted to Bomber Command.

From 1950 to 1956, RAF Honington was home to No 94 Armament Maintenance Unit. During this time the airfield was upgraded which included a 9000ft concrete runway.

From 1955 to 1956, four English Electric Canberra squadrons , 10, 15, 44 & 57 were based at RAF Honington with 10 & 15 squadrons taking part in the Suez Crisis in 1956.

In 1956, Honington also became one of the main V bomber stations with new facilities including an East-West Runway & nuclear weapon storage. There were three Vickers Valiant Squadrons Nos 7 &, 90 & 199.



Later Two Handley Page Victor squadrons Nos 55 & 57 were added.

In 1965 these squadrons left & the airfield came under 'Care & Maintenance'.



In 1968, the airfield became the UK base for the RAF's Hawker Siddeley (Blackburn) Buccaneer bomber.

The first aircraft arrived in November 1969 and deliveries continued throughout the early 1970s. Nos. 12, 15 and 16 squadrons were formed. 15 and 16 squadrons moved to RAF Laarbruch in West Germany in 1971. These were followed by No. 237 OCU (Operational Conversion Unit) which was formed when the RAF took over Buccaneer training from the Royal Navy, then finally 208 and briefly 216 squadrons.

The station was then selected to become a base for the RAF's Panavia Tornado fleet with the Tornado Weapons Conversion Unit (TWCU) established there in 1981. The UK-based Buccaneer fleet (12, 208, and 237 OCU) were relocated to RAF Lossiemouth in Scotland.

In August 1982 IX(B) Squadron reformed at RAF Honington, becoming the world's first operational Tornado squadron, with the squadron's equipment including the WE.177 nuclear laydown bomb. IX Squadron relocated to RAF Bruggen in Germany in 1986, leaving the TWCU (which had acquired the "shadow" designation of No. 45 Squadron in 1983) was the sole occupant until XIII Squadron formed there in January 1990 & later relocated to RAF Marham



Tony Mayhew

FRIENDS OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Our subsidised Christmas meal held at the beginning of December was very successful with 23 members attending for a four course meal all for £5 each. Christmas music and crackers too!



The Film Club.

To keep everyone safe we continue to socially distance chairs and recommend the wearing of masks.

There was no film in December but in January everyone enjoyed watching the 1991 film of Thelma & Louise as they drove off in a '66 T bird convertible for a 3 day trip which didn't go as planned.

New members are very welcome. Unfortunately, I cannot advertise which films are going to be shown as it would be against our licence. But please send me an email or ring if you would like to join the club. Reduced club subscription for the last four films. The next film nights are on **Tues. 22nd Feb. & 22nd March at 7.30 pm.**

Fornham Footers.



In December we travelled to Wicken Fen, National Trust in shared cars.

The weather was kind to us but not as warm and beautiful as in this summer picture. The walk was over 3½ miles and muddy in parts. Lunch was taken in the "Five Miles from Anywhere – No Hurry Inn" at Upware. An excellent place for a

lunch outside in the summer beside the river watching the ducks and boats go by.

Our January walk was nearer to home starting at the Village Hall, walking up Tut Hill and behind the hedge up to Marham Park. Along the track at the perimeter of the 9 hole golf course and through to the Mildenhall estate and onto the Fornham Road.

Down to the traffic lights and up through FSM, through the estate and onto the golf course where we stopped at the coffee shop at the hotel for lunch. By the time we got home it had been a 5 mile walk in dry but cold weather.
Next walks are on Fridays 11th Feb. & 4th March 2022

Children in Need 2021

Thank-you to everyone who contributed to the excellent amount of **£300** which was raised for Children in Need,



Mah-jong Club.

Hooray! Mah-jong re-started in September, there are usually 12 members at each meeting. **Beginners or Experts are always welcome to join.** £3 table money each time you play includes a hot drink and biscuits. We shall be playing at **9.30am on Mondays 14 & 28 February and 14 & 28 March.**

I am always happy to discuss starting new clubs under the umbrella of "Friends of the Village Hall."

To join either the Walking Group, Film or Mah-jong group please contact Lynne 766909 or lynne.quayle99@btinternet.com. Joining one club and paying the joining fee of £10 per year (our year begins in May) entitles you to join all the sections with their additional subs. There is a reduced subscription amount for the last four months of the year.

OUR CHURCH

Do you have an hour or two to spare once every couple of months to help keep our church dusted and vacuumed ?

Over the last two years several people have left the team and I really would like to lessen the pressure on we who remain.

Please contact me on **0746-3952-186** if you feel you could help.

Judy.

COMMUNITY CENTRE DIARY		
<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
Upholstery Cindy 07969 863616	Every Mon & Wed	9.00 am to 3 pm
Pilates Catherine 07951 019456	Every Tuesday	9.00 am 10.20 am 11.40 am
Art Club 01284 767339	Every 2nd Tuesday in month Every 4th Saturday in month	1.45 pm to 4.45 pm 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Bowls Chris 01284 703024	Every Wednesday	7.00 pm to 9.00 pm
Exercise Caroline 07528 927572	Every Thursday	9.30 am 11.00 am
Yoga Melanie 07963 762920	Every Thursday	3.00 pm to 4.00 pm
STARS stitch & textile Teresa 07946 523282	Every 1st and 3rd Thursday in month.	10.00 am to 4.00 pm



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Wednesday 2nd February

Wednesday 2nd March

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We also have our website with the copies of the Village Voice and minutes of PC meeting. It can be found at:-



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Jill Mayhew

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We were privileged to hold our December meeting in the beautiful home of Wendy Cardy. Our bring-and-share Christmas buffet lunch was an absolute feast and we celebrated with a tipple of our own choice. After a wonderful afternoon of chatting and catching up with one another, we happily went home with a gift from Secret Santa.

For January's meeting we celebrated the New Year with a delicious lunch. We all enjoyed the excellent carvery at the Bunbury Arms and some of us even managed a substantial dessert!! A really splendid way to start 2022.

Our meetings will commence again from February, in the village hall at 2.00 pm on the second Tuesday of the month, do come, visitors will receive a very warm welcome!



VILLAGE PIECE

Hope you are all keeping warm and well health wise. Looking forward to the spring and seeing all the beautiful flowers that appear in the gardens, such a lovely show. I have a good neighbour who will trim the tops of the rainbow of spring flowers by the bus stop, which I thank them for. I have asked Rebecca our Councillor if she could get someone to come along and trim the side of the tarmac lane at the end of Pigeon lane, and cut back any overhanging brambles, I try to push back the sides of the lane, which I have succeeded in doing, but the birds love and keep pulling it back on the tarmac ! Also when the weather improves I will get our lovely band of helpers to help clear away the weeds from around the bottom of the trees, its too wet at the moment and need to frost the have gone.

We seem to be having one serious problem in the village in many areas, people not cleaning up their dogs mess, this is against the law, and there is a hefty fine if we get proof of someone not doing this, anyone who sees this please report it. There are several areas in the village that are affected, Thingoe Lodge area, Aldridge Lane, the Green, Community Centre , Pigeon Lane. Also that some dogs are not on leads, and are running all over peoples lawns and garden, this is not on, in a built up area dogs should be kept on leads, and this must stop. If it continues at the Community Centre dogs will be banned. Other areas of the village we will do our best to stop this, and as said before, anyone can report someone for not clearing up the mess, so come on dog owners please help by clearing up, its not all dog owners but it is quite a few of them, and this is spoiling a very nice village.

Enid

On February 2nd bulb planting at Fornham St Martin will take place and then onto bulb planting at Fornham All Saints approximately 3pm anyone interested please come along.



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

Village Celebrations over the June Bank Holiday

Thursday 2nd- Sunday 5th June.

TEA PARTY on Thursday afternoon?

BONFIRE BEACON on Thursday evening?

FETE TO FUND THE ENTERTAINMENT & MUGS on Saturday afternoon?

MUSIC ON THE GREEN on Saturday evening?

PICNIC LUNCH on Sunday?

JUBILEE MUGS FOR EVERY CHILD in the village?

TREE PLANTED TO MARK THE OCCASION?

Have you any ideas?

Scarecrows?

Beetle Drive/Quiz Night/ Race Night to fund the celebrations.

Come and make a difference and help plan these events.

First meeting on SATURDAY 5th FEBRUARY

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If you can help or have suggestions but can't make the meeting

Contact Lynne Quayle 766909 or

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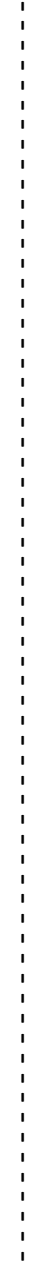
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Local Services: Useful Telephone Numbers

Organisation	Details	Website	Phone No	Comments
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Cemetery	FAS Cemetery Trustees		01284 705029	P Elmes (Secretary)
Councils	St.Edmundsbury Borough	www.westsuffolk.gov.uk	01284-763233	
	Suffolk County	www.suffolk.gov.uk	0345-606-6067	
	Parish Council	http://fornhamallsaints.suffolk.cloud	07545 783987	
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	www.fornhamallsaints.suffolk.cloud/ organisations/village-hall/	01284-766909	
Medical	West Suffolk Hospital	www.wsh.nhs.uk	01284-713000	
	NHS Non-Emergency		111	
Police	Non-Emergency	www.suffolk.police.uk	101	999 Emergency
	Crimestoppers	www.crimestoppers-uk.org	0800-555-111	
Samaritans	Bury St.Edmunds	www.samaritans.org	01284-750000	Local Call Charges
			116-123	Free
Transport	National Rail	www.nationalrail.co.uk	03457-484950	
	Traveline	www.suffolkonboard.com/buses	0871-200 2233	
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