

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fornham All Saints Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th November 2021 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall

Members Present:

Cllr Paul Purnell (Chairman)

Cllr Matt Stewart

Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker

Cllr Jill Mayhew

Cllr Enid Gathercole

Cllr Cathy Emerson

In attendance: County & District Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger, Mrs Christine Mason (Clerk) and later in the meeting three members of the public

16/11/1 Apologies for absence

Cllr Don Lynch.

16/11/2 Declarations of Interests

To receive disclosures of pecuniary and local non pecuniary interests for the agenda under discussion - none received.

To receive disclosures of gifts of hospitality exceeding £25 – none received.

To consider requests for dispensations – none received.

16/11/3 Minutes

Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th September 2021 and Planning Meeting held on 8th October 2021 are adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman.

16/11/4 Public Forum

Delayed until later in the meeting.

16/11/5 To receive reports from County and District Councillor

The general report was noted. Topics included extra Covid-19 support heading to Suffolk to target responses for Ipswich and Lowestoft, face masks as additional measures in Suffolk schools and education settings, availability of extra resources as low take up of vaccinations, community led Lorry Route Plan, three major issues to be identified and sent to Cllr Hopfensperger, closing date 17th December. Review to be completed Spring 2022. Matters raised by councillors involved an update for an ANPR for the village; HGV traffic going through Fornham All Saints when A14 is closed overnight, suggested improved diversion signage needed at either end of the village. Cllr Hopfensperger to check list of lorry permits still outstanding. Timeline plans for the final TRO for Tut Hill; four month closure of Gt Barton Hill for new footpath to the West Suffolk Hub.

Public Forum was now heard

In relation to a serious issue affecting residents in the village, the Police and Havebury Housing have been contacted by the Chairman. An officer was due to be present at the Parish Council meeting but did not attend. Unfortunately, Havebury Housing have stated there has to be a successful police prosecution before they can be involved. Cllr Hopfensperger suggested the Chief Constable be contacted by emailing his assistant helyn.griffin@suffolkpnn.police.uk. A concern was raised regarding a) the lack of communication from the Parish Council to residents appertaining to the new Golf Course planning application and b) the reasoning behind the change in the PC's decision from object to approval. An explanation on both points was given.

16/11/6 To receive reports from Portfolio Holders

Hugo Greer-Walker: A six week public consultation period still to be actioned. No further update.
 Paul Purnell: Nothing to report.

Don Lynch: Have been in consultation with the Road Safety Camera Team, discussions with ANPR Highways as FAS will be part of the testing of the new portable ANPR, no further information available. Eastern Concrete continuing to come through the village even though their exemption permit was for six months to service Marham Park. Highways to be contacted via Cllr Hopfensperger.

Enid Gathercole: Wild flower area now cut down close to ground level, trees in The Orchard still to be inspected, swift boxes going ahead, a CD of swift calls to be put near to the boxes when required, a price to be obtained for potential PC funding A request for any leaves and branches to be kept at the end of the garden for hibernating hedgehogs.

Cathy Emerson: Carrying on updating businesses as and when, continuing to be involved with sewage pollution group. Residents in Pound Meadow/Pigeon Lane have voiced their concerns over the PC's decision to approve the Golf Course planning application.

Jill Mayhew: Rural Coffee Caravan continuing first Wednesday of every month until March 2022. Last week saw a visit from Health Watch / Hospice. Magazine all okay. A condolence card from the Parish Council to be sent to Sue Brooklyn (Village Voice) following the loss of her husband.

Matt Stewart: Dog poo bins have been put up, a deal for a shop at Marham Park has been set up.

16/11/7 To receive the Clerk's Report

The Allotment AGM is due to be held later this month, date yet to be decided. Presently, no interest in the Parish Council vacancy. To be included once again in the Village Voice.

16/11/8 FINANCE MATTERS

i. Proposed by Cllr Purnell, seconded by Cllr Gathercole and unanimously agreed that the payments as listed are approved.

September 2021	PKF Littlejohn LLP	Auditor	1818	240.00
	Litter picker	Salary	1819	199.98
	C Mason	Salary	1820	391.73
October 2021	Suffolk Cloud	Website	1821	270.00
	Came & Company	Insurance	1822	1239.45
	Village Hall	Hire charge	1823	52.00
	Clerk's expenses	Stamps	1824	28.86
	SALC	Training	1826	90.00

	Litter picker	Salary	1827	199.98
	C Mason	Salary	1828	391.73

ii. Balances as of 29th October 2021

Gold Account	47,565.33
Current Account	222.18
Treasurers Account	1,004.78
Less outstanding cheques	-709.97
Total	48,082.32

iii. Village Voice report: Balance looking good. Contributor fees paid.

iv. To carry out the rent review for council owned land, a ballpark figure of £300 - £500 has been quoted by Lacy Scott & Knight. Agreed, this is accepted but with an upper limit of £500. A site plan to be acquired prior to a site visit.

16/11/9 STANDING ORDERS

Proposed by Cllr Purnell, seconded by Cllr Gathercole that The Model Standing Orders 2018 England (Revised 2020) be adopted - unanimously agreed.

16/11/10 COMMUNICATION

Following Cllr Mayhew's conversation with SALC, it was agreed a Parish Council Facebook page be set up but only used as a communication tool. Suffolk Cloud to be contacted to assist in the initial stages.

16/11/11 LORRY ROUTES MAP REVIEW

In relation to FAS, the following two points to be forwarded to Cllr Hopfensperger a) the official lorry route from Tut Hill to be taken away and substituted with Marham Parkway as the official lorry route and b) the Parish Council ought to be advised of any future permit applications for weight restricted roads within the village and given the opportunity to either approve/disapprove.

16/11/12 EMERGENCY PLAN

Offers of help to update the FAS Emergency Plan were received from Cllrs Stewart, Purnell, Mayhew, Emerson. An article asking for volunteers with 4x4s, Tractors, boats etc to be published in the magazine.

16/11/13 MULTI-PC TASK FORCE

It was proposed by Cllr Greer-Walker that having a unified outlook with neighbouring parishes (Flempton cum Hengrave, Lackford and Risby Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve) for desired schemes i.e. path along The Lark to Lackford Lakes, a series of walking and cycle lanes to link up the parishes, river pollution, could possibly be implemented more quickly. An email to be sent to surrounding parishes to ascertain whether there is a collective desire to act together. Cllr Greer-Walker to action.

16/11/14 SWIFT BOXES

Mentioned earlier in the agenda. No further discussion.

16/11/15 PERMANENT OUTDOOR HARD STANDING TABLE TENNIS TABLE

Thought to be an excellent idea. Cllr Greer-Walker to obtain prices and circulate by email. Cost will be subsidised by Table Tennis England.

16/11/16 CORRESPONDENCE

An email received from a parishioner relating to previous minutes was read out. The Chairman to respond to questions raised.

16/11/17 MATTERS FOR AGENDA OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Precept for the financial year 2022-2023.

16/11/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date agreed as 18th January 2022 at 6.30pm. Apologies were received in advance from Cllr Emerson.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.32pm.