

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fornham All Saints Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th October 2022 at 6.30pm

Members Present:

Cllr Don Lynch
Cllr Enid Gathercole
Cllr Mat Stewart

Cllr Cathy Emerson
Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker

In attendance: Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger, Mrs Christine Mason (Clerk) and four members of the public.

04/10/44 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Jill Mayhew

At this point in the meeting, Vice Chairman Cllr Gathercole read out the resignation letter received from Cllr Purnell. The Monitoring Officer to be advised.

04/10/45 CO-OPTION

An application from resident Martin Loveridge to be co-opted onto Fornham All Saints Parish Council was unanimously approved.

04/10/46 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To receive disclosures of pecuniary and local non pecuniary interests for the agenda under discussion – on advice from SALC, Cllrs Gathercole, Lynch, Emerson, Greer-Walker, Stewart declared a local non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 iv.

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

To consider requests for dispensations - none received.

04/10/47 MINUTES

To approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday 19th July 2022 and the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Tuesday 6th September 2022.

Proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 19th July 2022 are adopted as a true statement. The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Tuesday 6th September were deferred until the next meeting. .

04/10/48 PUBLIC FORUM

Matters raised included the speed of traffic along Forge End and a request for signage warning drivers of pedestrians; condition of paths/pavements, in particular persons using a mobility scooter; the legality of approving a revised quotation for allotment fencing and gate (agenda item 8 iv) without sourcing match funding. SALC confirmed match funding was not mandatory.

04/10/49 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hopfensperger's general report to be circulated. Footpath sweeping/skirting back now reported; in the first instance, overgrown hedges are the responsibility of the property owner, if no response is received the local authority will carry out the work and invoice the individual owner. Other issues raised, the need for cutting back brambles in Pigeon Lane, roots growing through the footpath on the left hand side of Pound Meadow, vegetation from the field at the end of Rectory Meadow growing over the path along the A1101, the owner to be contacted. With regard to signage for Forge End, RH to investigate which signs might be appropriate. Grass cutting should take place this week at the Community Centre playing field and meadow, Pigeon Lane, Pound Meadow, Dairy Drive, Forge End, Rectory Meadow, Chestnut Close; Charter and tool kit are available to assist parish councils in formulating an Active Travel Plan; grants are obtainable to retro-fit insulation; survey commissioned to start the crossing at Pigeon Lane, excessively high costs prohibitive if money has to be raised at a local level, potentially could be included in the Active Travel Plan; cost of living leaflets to be delivered to Cllr Emerson shortly; Culford Church will be participating every Wednesday

in the Warm Space Scheme; Tut Hill closure not anticipated before early Spring 2023; signage will be in place when the A14 is closed directing traffic to the A134; removal of trees on the B1106 and creation of a new entrance, Highways Enforcement are now involved as the drainage ditch has been filled in with hardcore without obtaining the relevant permissions, also the footpath has been badly damaged; grass at the Lark Gates Orchard will only have a strip cut around the edge leaving the rest natural.

04/10/50 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS RELATING TO PORTFOLIOS HELD

Cllr Don Lynch: Main topics answered in Cllr Hopfensperger's report. Lorries are still coming through the village, for a better result any breach should be reported to the company direct; the exemption permits team are signing off permits without any recourse to FAS, a conversation needs to be had with the team. An updated list of companies with permits to be forwarded to the Clerk. An agenda item at the next meeting.

Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker: Quiet Lanes signage to be collected from the Ipswich depot when available; Active Travel Plan to be pursued.

Assets management: Cllr Loveridge to take on the vacant portfolio.

Cllr Enid Gathercole: A thank you to Mary Purnell for looking after the grassed area at the corner of Manor House and also the Memorial Garden, a 'plaque for the bench is planned; message has been received from Greener Growth asking how residents felt about additional wild flower spaces around the village, suggestions at the next meeting; over hanging bushes discussed earlier; wonderful hanging baskets in the village over the summer; recommended by a resident of Thingoe Lodge, a local man is making good the front of the church.

Cllr Cathy Emerson: With a view to building bridges, I attended the FSM parish council meeting, information gained on how to protect the community centre field from encampment by gypsies has been passed to Cllr Gathercole; continuing issues with some residents in Pigeon Lane, a police presence is constantly there; tractors going through the village at speed, Troston Farms, Long Farm and Charlie Browne have been contacted.

Cllr Jill Mayhew: Rural Coffee Caravan will be at Thingoe Lodge from 10.00-12pm on October 5th. Beccy has kindly invited someone from Citizen's Advice to advise people on the rising cost of heating bills etc.

Cllr Mat Stewart: Nothing new to report.

04/10/51 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

All outstanding accounts relating to the Allotment Fuel Charity have been filed with the Charity Commission; two plots recently vacated have been relet. Waiting list has now reduced to three.

04/10/52 FINANCE MATTERS

i. Proposed by Cllr Gathercole seconded by Cllr Emerson that the payments as per the schedule are approved - agreed.

July	Village Hall	Hire	1873	26.00
	C Mason	Salary	1874	619.67
	Litter picker	Salary	1875	205.83

	Table Tennis Club	S137 donation	1876	200.00
August	Broxap	Litter bins purchase	1877	867.60
	M Purnell	Plants	1878	135.87
	NRM	Water sample testing	1879	366.34
	C Mason	Clerk's salary	1880	619.67
	Litter picker	Salary	1881	205.83
	S P Control	Wasp nest removal	1882	72.00
September	Gallagher	Insurance renewal	1883	1517.22
	C Mason	Clerk's salary	1884	619.67
	Litter picker	Salary	1885	205.83
	Trevor Brown	Internal Auditor	1886	223.85

ii Balances as of 30th August 2022

Gold account	59588.69
Current account	210.43
Treasurers account	85.88
Less o/s cheques	-5898.16
Balance	54781.84

iii A request for a financial contribution towards the cost of charging the VS batteries was approved.

iv. With confirmation from SALC that a council can donate to a UK base charity in furtherance of its work in the UK under s.137(3) Local Government Act 1972, the revised quotation of £15.410 plus vat for the allotment fencing was unanimously approved.

04/10/53 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The Internal Auditor's report for the financial year 2021/2022 was approved.

04/10/54 NEW MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

The New Model Code of Conduct was agreed and adopted.

04/10/55 RIVER LARK WATER TESTING

A report has been written by the Group and will be formally presented at the end of the year when a full year's data is available. A further water test has been carried out; results are imminent.

04/10/56 INITIATIVES TO HELP PARISHIONERS WITH HARDSHIPS DUE TO FUEL POVERTY AND COST OF LIVING CRISIS

- a) To approve the distribution of a flyer with useful contact details and to advertise the dates of Rural coffee caravan where Beccy Hopfensperger has agreed to have representatives available to answer questions and give advice. Cost of flyers £40 printed by the Community Workshop – unanimously approved.
- b) Provision of blankets in the village to those in need. Cost of blankets £10 each - approval was given for twenty blankets to be purchased.

04/10/57 PARISHES FUEL POVERTY GRANT REVIEW

Cllr Emerson and Cllr Mayhew to review the current application form and amend if necessary

04/10/58 TO RECEIVE A REQUEST FROM FORGE END FOR TWO ROAD SIGNS WARNING DRIVERS OF PEDESTRIANS

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

04/10/59 SWIFT BOXES UPDATE

The swift boxes have been returned to Greener Growth and will be re-sited at the rear of the church as and when required. A cost will be involved, Cllr Hopfensperger to be approached for funding.

04/10/60 RENT REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCIL LAND

Proposed Charlie Browne be contacted direct - all agreed. Cllr Greer-Walker to action.

04/10/61 ACTIVE TRAVEL CYCLING/WALKING STRATEGY

A working party to be set up to progress the Active Travel Plan. Cllrs Greer-Walker, Emerson, Gathercole, Loveridge to liaise.

04/10/62 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED RELATING TO THE ALLOTMENTS

Cost involved in levelling the raised centre track too prohibitive. No more complaints have been received.

Cars parking on centre track is no longer happening.

Wire on top of gate/padlock replacement has been carried out.

Grass cutting is being undertaken by allotment holders.

Other correspondence relating to the allotments was discussed within the meeting.

04/10/63 MATTERS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Storage of three table tennis tables.

04/10/64 DATE OF MEETING

Date of next meeting agreed as Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 6.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.