

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fornham All Saints Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall

Members Present:

Cllr Paul Purnell (Chairman)	Cllr Jill Mayhew
Cllr Enid Gathercole	Cllr Cathy Emerson
Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker	Cllr Don Lynch

In attendance: Mrs Christine Mason (Clerk)

15/03/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Matt Stewart.

15/03/2 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.

15/03/3 MINUTES

Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th January 2022 are adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman.

15/03/4 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

15/03/5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

The report was previously circulated and noted. Matters raised by Councillors included HGV's continually coming through the village, cutting back of shrubbery in Pigeon Lane, signage for Fish Farm following the closure of Tut Hill.

15/03/6 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Cllr Don Lynch: Long standing issue with Eastern Concrete coming through the village up to five times per day, a meeting with Highways to be pursued. An issue with speed is evidenced by the ANPR camera, unfortunately, as only a test site offenders will not be reported but next time the data over 32mph will be forwarded to Suffolk Police. The need for a safe crossing already designated at the end of Pigeon Lane and approved by SCC -funding presently an issue.

Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker: With regards to the Tut Hill consultation, three objection letters have been received, currently being sorted to ascertain whether they have any merit. If application is approved, an order will be drafted with a projected closure for July/August

Cllr Paul Purnell: Church path has been resurfaced with tarmac as gravel is not disabled friendly.

A financial contribution from the PC to be discussed later in the meeting. The play equipment is being painted, barrier taken up where the grass is growing, refurbishment of benches ongoing.

Cllr Enid Gathercole: Email received regarding pruning of trees at the Heritage Garden - presently ground is too boggy to carry out the work. Greener Growth and volunteers at Larks Gate will be contacted. Rather than behind the Community Centre, the proposed hard standing table tennis table will be sited next to the hedge and skate park/netball area. A costed note for options and prices to be prepared and circulated. A thank you was given to Mary Purnell for taking care of the Memorial Garden.

Cllr Cathy Emerson: Tour of the water treatment plant very informative, but a lot more questions on the workings of the plant need to be answered. A working group has been set up, including a representative from Flempton cum Hengrave and possibly Fornham St Martin. The only way to initiate change is to test the water. Both FAS and FCH have approved a monetary contribution towards the testing.

No change with businesses at Moseley's Farm. No further information from the police concerning an issue at Pigeon Lane. The Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore and Havebury Housing to be contacted.

Cllr Jill Mayhew: A Fire Officer gave a talk at the Rural Coffee Caravan on free fire alarm checks. An information pamphlet will be printed in the next edition of Village Voice. RCC will be at Thingoe Lodge in April/June and at the Village Hall May/July/September.

15/03/7 CLERK'S REPORT

- a) Allotment Annual General Meeting to be held on 28th March 2022 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm.
- b) To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Lord Lieutenant's Torch Relay will be stopping at Fornham All Saints at approximately 11.15am. Communities across Suffolk have been invited to nominate worthy individuals to carry the torch. The torch bearer(s) will be transported to the next stopping point by rickshaw. Following general discussion, Cllr Enid Gathercole and Cllr Jill Mayhew were selected to represent Fornham All Saints.

15/03/8 FINANCE MATTERS

- i. Proposed by Cllr Paul Purnell, seconded by Cllr Enid Gathercole and unanimously agreed that the payments as per the list are approved.

January	Litter picker	Salary	1838	199.98
	C Mason	Salary	1839	391.73
February	Village Hall	Hall hire	1841	26.00
	Litter picker	Salary	1842	199.98
	C Mason	Salary	1843	391.73
March	SALC	Subscription	1844	85.80

ii. Balances as of 28 February 2022

Gold Account	42266.88
Current Account	234.83
Treasurers Account	392.01
Total	42893.72

15/03/9 TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR A S137 DONATION

Requests for a S137 donation, as listed were unanimously approved.

Fornham All Saints Computer Club	200.00
Fornham All Saints WI	200.00
Thingoe Lodge Friendship Group	150.00
St John Ambulance, Bury St Edmunds	200.00
Jubilee Committee	200.00
St Edmundsbury Newstalk Association	100.00
Fabric Committee All Saints Church	200.00

15/03/10 'GREEN CANOPY' TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE

A request from the PCC to plant a tree in the churchyard was approved.

15/03/11 HIRE OF VILLAGE GREEN

A request to hire the Village Green for a Family Fun Day was declined as it was felt the Green should be kept for the village. The Community Centre to be offered as an alternative venue.

15/03/12 EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE

Ongoing.

15/03/13 UPDATE ON JOINT COLLABORATIVE WORKING WITH SURROUNDING PARISH COUNCILS

Together with Risby, Lackford and Flempton cum Hengrave, an initial meeting to discuss objectives is planned for the 16th March at the Village Hall. Targets the Parish Council will be putting forward are the footpath between Fornham to Hengrave, top of Mere Lane to Risby, the Lark path up to Lackford.

15/03/14 THE VILLAGE SIGN

Financially unviable, therefore no further action.

15/03/15 MAPPING OF SIGNIFICANT TREES WITHIN THE VILLAGE

All agreed, mapping of significant trees within the village is the responsibility of the SCC Tree Officer and not the Parish Council. No further discussion.

15/03/16 DOG POO SIGNAGE/BINS

Deferred, as still awaiting prices.

15/03/17 FENCING AT THE ALLOTMENTS

Prior to a decision being made, advice to be obtained from SALC on the legality of Parish Council funds being used to support the Allotment Charities. In the meantime, a re-quote for the cost of the fencing to be obtained. Match funding to be sourced.

15/03/18 CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council have been informed the line of trees alongside the edge of the golf course are to be cut down. A licence to fell and planning permission is in hand.

An email relating to the road condition at the St Edmunds Golf Course has been forwarded to Cllr Hopfensperger.

15/03/19 MATTERS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

None requested.

15/03/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday May 17th 2022 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

With there being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

