

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Fornham All Saints Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th May 2022 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, The Green, Fornham All Saints

Members Present:

Cllr Paul Purnell

Cllr Jill Mayhew

Cllr Enid Gathercole

In attendance: Mrs Christine Mason (Clerk)

17/05/1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Proposed and seconded that Cllr Paul Purnell be re-elected Chairman for the forthcoming year - all in favour.

17/05/2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Matt Stewart, Cllr Don Lynch, Cllr Cathy Emerson, Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker, Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger.

17/05/3 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Proposed and seconded that Cllr Enid Gathercole be re-elected Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year – all in favour

17/05/4 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.

17/05/5 MINUTES

Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th March 2022 are adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman.

17/05/6 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

17/05/7 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Not available for the meeting.

17/05/8 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Cllr Don Lynch: Issues not yet resolved included the weight of traffic coming through the village, with Eastern Concrete being the most frequent; indiscriminate issue of HGV exemption permits; speed and volume of traffic; the need for a safe pedestrian crossing.

Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker: The TRO decision report for Tut Hill has been drafted, but unfortunately this has not yet been submitted to Senior SCC Officers for consideration. We are awaiting comments from the County Councillor to include in this (and another) report before they can be issued. This matter to be chased in the next week in an effort to progress the scheme.

Cllr Paul Purnell: To prevent rubbish being taken out by crows/foxes, the two small bins at the Community Centre are to be replaced with bigger lockable bins. Prices to be sought for approval at the next meeting. The play area report has not identified any urgent repairs, shackles on the swings are wearing, to be monitored and replaced if necessary, grass has been mowed and the broken fence repaired. Minor damage to the skate park, rivets on the trim have popped and need redrilling, small hole in side needs covering up, all to be monitored. A form of deterrent to prevent pigeons sitting on top of the swings to be purchased. Bench sited on The Green to be revarnished.

Cllr Enid Gathercole: Spring flowers are looking good, all but two of the Lark Gate trees have taken, pruning will be required October/November this year. A few trees in the village need attention, the Community Centre grass has been cut and an excellent job done.

Cllr Jill Mayhew: The Rural Coffee Caravan will not be on The Green in June, but for those living in the bungalows, a get together with coffee and cake has been arranged. The Caravan will be back in July.

17/05/9 CLERK'S REPORT

End of year financial reports completed for audit purposes. Other than items on the agenda, no further matters to report.

17/0510 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.

March	Suffolk Cloud	Website	845	240.00
	C Mason	Salary	846	391.73
	Litter picker	Salary	847	340.20
	Flempton cum Hengrave PC	Grant for water sample testing	848	340.20
	FAS Computer Club	S137 donation	849	200.00
	FAS WI	S137 donation	850	200.00
	St John's Ambulance	S137 donation	851	200.00
	St Eds Newstalk Association	S137 donation	852	100.00
	Jubilee Committee	S137 donation	853	200.00
	Thingoe Lodge Friendship Group	S137 donation	854	150.00
April	SALC	Subscription	855	338.47

	West Suffolk Council	Grass cutting	856	168.00
	Village Hall	Hall hire	857	78.00
	C Mason	Salary	858	702.87
	Litter picker	Salary	859	205.83
	Suffolk County Council	Posts for VAS	860	190.00

ii. Balances as of 31 March 2022

Gold Account	41367.21
Current Account	236.05
Treasurers Account	552.10
Less o/s cheques	-400.00
Total	41755.36

17/05/11 POPLAR TREES ALIGNING THE GOLF COURSE ADJACENT TO THE B1106

A license to fell the unsafe poplar trees aligning the golf course has gone through, the logistics i.e. road closure for carrying out the works, are in hand. Cllr Mayhew to continue to liaise with the Golf Club.

17/05/12 DIALOGUE WITH HIGHWAYS AND EASTERN CONCRETE

Cllr Mayhew has written once more to Highways asking a) why are Eastern Concrete lorries continuing to come through the village b) who issues the permits c) do we have any consultation with peoples in the village or the Parish Council. Response expected within two weeks.

17/05/13 WAR MEMORIALS / WREATHS

Proposed by Cllr Purnell and seconded by Cllr Mayhew that wreaths laid at the war memorial are removed after one month – all in favour. To come into effect in November.

17/05/14 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

It was agreed a firm quotation is necessary prior to a decision being made. If available, this will be discussed at the next meeting. Agreed, the sum of £20,000 be ring fenced from General Reserves towards the cost.

17/05/15 UPDATE ON COLLABORATIVE WORKING WITH SURROUNDING PARISH COUNCILS

No update available.

17/05/16 DOG POO SIGNAGE/BINS

Two additional dog poo bins to be requested from WSC. One to be located close to Thingoe Lodge, the second on the B1106 near the River Lark bridge.

17/05/17 FENCING AT THE ALLOTMENTS / GRASS MOWING AT THE ALLOTMENTS

A new quotation to be obtained for allotment fencing. As the bottom half and possibly the top half of the allotments are mowed by plot holders, it was suggested the middle section could also be maintained in the same way. Cllr Gathercole to speak to the tenant who has previously offered to

assist with the mowing. Agreed the sum of £10,000 be ring fenced from General Reserves towards the fencing cost.

17/05/18 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was read out from the Thingoe Community thanking the Parish Council for their donation towards the cost of maintaining the gardens.

17/05/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 19th July 2022 at 6.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.10pm.