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FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fornham All Saints Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th January 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

In attendance: Mrs Christine Mason (Clerk)

18/01/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Don Lynch, Cllr Matt Stewart.

18/01/2 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.

18/01/3 MINUTES

Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th November 2021 is adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman.

18/01/4 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

18/01/5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

No report available.

18/01/6 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 hedge cutting on a wet day, the grass around the edge of the field is badly churned up. A ton of top soil 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 Lark pollution issues ongoing.

Cllr Jilly Mayhew: Rural Coffee Caravan continuing as per normal with three Wednesdays booked in the summer on The Green followed by alternating weeks at Thingoe Lodge. Village Voice to be continued by Sue 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.

18/01/7 CLERK'S REPORT

Allotment AGM postponed until Covid regulations have been reviewed. Invoices for the current year have been sent to allotment holders.

18/01/8 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.

November 2021	Village Hall	Hire charge	1829	26.00
	JRB Enterprises	Dog poo bags	1830	63.96
	C Mason	Salary	1831	391.73
	Litter picker	Salary	1832	199.98
	D M Treeworks	Maintenance	1833	2256.00
January 2022	JRB Enterprises	Dog poo bags	1834	63.96
	Litter picker	Salary	1835	199.98
	C Mason	Salary	1836	391.73

ii. Balances as of 30th December 2021

Gold Account	43466.14
Current Account	282.81
Treasurers Account	858.64
Less outstanding cheques	-655.67
Total	43951

iii. To approve the Clerk's remuneration – Unanimously accepted.

18/01/9 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.

18/01/10 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

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

18/01/11 EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE

No update, meeting to be arranged shortly.

18/01/12 JOINT COLLABORATIVE 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 pursue. Priorities to be agreed prior to a meeting being arranged.

18/01/13 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.

18/01/14 PERMANENT OUTDOOR HARD STANDING TABLE TENNIS TABLE

No further update at present.

18/01/15 TO APPOINT THE INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2021/2022

Trevor Brown was unanimously re-appointed as the internal auditor for the financial year 2021-2022.

18/01/16 VILLAGE VOICE UPDATE

Discussed earlier in the agenda.

18/01/17 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.

18/01/18 MATTERS FOR THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA

Dog poo Signage
Fencing.

18/01/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 6.30pm.

With there being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.