

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Fornham All Saints Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 7.00pm

Members Present:

Cllr Enid Gathercole

Cllr Mat Stewart

Cllr Jill Mayhew

Cllr Cathy Emerson

Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker

Cllr Martin Loveridge

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

17/01/85 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Don Lynch

17/01/86 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.

17/01/87 MINUTES

One amendment to read: RCC still continuing three sessions at the village hall and other sessions at Thingoe Lodge.

Proposed and seconded that the amended minutes of the meeting of 15th November 2022 are adopted as a true statement.

17/01/88 PUBLIC FORUM

Two large holes have appeared in the church wall and quotations are to be sought. Cllr Emerson raised the question whether this is the responsibility of the Parish Council. SALC to be consulted. A dead tree at the edge of the ditch needs to be felled, RH to chase Highways. To deter flooding, the ditch and gully need clearing, an inspection is due to be conducted by Highways.

David Harris, Fornham All Saints Hotel, clarified the reason why planning applications currently being processed by WSC are made on a separate basis rather than a master plan. Latest applications are the new access after a meeting with SCC Highways; a new reception, this follows a discussion with a member of the team who felt the events office needed to be closer to the main reception; on the back of a conversation with residents of Birkdale Court who have received golf balls in their gardens, there is an upcoming planning application to move the tennis courts and pickleball courts to hole 10 on the golf course.

17/01/89 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Available dates for a site visit in respect of the crossing at Pigeon to be arranged with the Road Safety Team, maximum three councillors to attend, RH to co-ordinate with the clerk. WSC budget to be decided on 21st February, with SCC Cabinet meeting next week followed by Full Council on 9th February. A 1.99% increase in general council tax and a 2% increase in adult social care has been proposed. An update direct from Havebury Housing was given by RH concerning anti-social behaviour at a property in Pigeon Lane. The full report to be sent to the clerk for circulation to councillors. Any further instances of anti-social behaviour at the property can be sent direct to RH.

At this point in the meeting, a member of the public was invited to give a brief synopsis of events over the last year at 9 Pigeon Lane. RH again reiterated that everything is being done to alleviate the level of nuisance events at the property. A copy of the resident's report to be kept on file.

17/01/90 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIOS HELD

Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker: Email regarding the timetable for Tut Hill has been circulated; no further update on the Active Travel Plan, Quiet Lanes signage now in situ.

Cllr Martin Loveridge: Bus shelter has been cleaned, a thank you to Martin; three new dog poo/litter bins now in place; play area reports all low key.

Cllr Enid Gathercole: Wild flowers have been cut down and all seeds are ready for next year, thank you to Mary & Jill for looking after the two gardens; following a query from ML, it was confirmed parking was prohibited on the village green unless permission is given by the Parish Council.

Cllr Cathy Emerson: Blankets are continuing to be taken, two more have been placed in the church.

Cllr Jill Mayhew: Rural Coffee Caravan will be at Thingoe Lodge on 1st February and 1st March.

Cllr Matt Stewart: No response to date to an email sent to Marham Park.

Cllr Cathy Emerson queried whether councillors were aware of a planning application for an Animal Feed Mill at Great Barton. For information only, CE to circulate the planning application number.

17/01/91 CLERK'S REPORT

Although widely advertised, only three applications were received in respect of a grant from the Allotment Fuel Charities. Allotment AGM to held in February, invoices are currently being prepared.

17/0/92 FINANCE REPORT

November	Cllr Emerson reimbursement	Blankets	1903	38.00
	Cllr Loveridge reimbursement	Mileage	1904	24.30
	Village Hall	Hire fee	1905	104.00
	Litter picker	Salary	1906	205.83
	C Mason	Salary + back pay	1907	966.31
December	SALC	Training	1908	31.20
	C Mason	Salary	1909	663.00
	Litter picker	Salary	1910	205.83
	HMRC	Tax	1911	28.75

January	Cllr Mayhew reimbursement	Blankets	1913	44.00
	JRB Enterprises	Dog waste bags	1914	69.36

i. Proposed and seconded that payments on the schedule are approved - all in favour.

Balances as at 30 December 2022

Gold Account	33449.20
Current Account	294.35
Treasurers Account	1328.25
Less o/s cheques	--2704.70
Balance	32760.04

ii An amended quotation for security fencing at the allotments for the sum of £1093 was unanimously approved.

iii The quotation received from WSC for grass cutting in the churchyard was deferred pending advice from SALC.

17/01/93 PRECEPT

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mayhew, seconded by Cllr Greer- Walker that the precept for the financial year 2023-2024 be set at £25,109. This equates to a 2% increase.

17/01/94 ASSET REGISTER

Final asset register to be approved at the next meeting.

17/01/95 WEST SUFFOLK LOCAL PLAN – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SITE 5.05A MOSELEY’S FARM, FORNHAM ALL SAINTS

At this stage for noting only:

- The residential element is at Charlie Browne’s request and WSC are supportive of it at that level but twenty is the maximum for a Type A village
- There will be a formal consultation following the election when the PC can make representations
- It will have 30% affordable housing
- West Suffolk Council are open to dialogue but there are no plans at present

17/01/96 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN PIGEON LANE

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

17/01/97 BLANKET DONATIONS

Doing well, with two more being left in the church.

17/01/98 DELIVERY OF VILLAGE VOICE

As some items are time sensitive, it was agreed to bring the deadline for articles forward to the 20th of each month. Cllr Gathercole to speak to the editors.

17/01/99 CLEANING OF BUS STOP BY THE VILLAGE HALL

As and when necessary, cleaning of the bus stop will be shared between councillors.

17/01/100 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM FORNHAM ALL SAINTS HOTEL

Heard within the Public Forum.

17/01/101 KING'S CORONATION CELEBRATIONS – REQUEST TO USE THE VILLAGE GREEN

A request to use the village green for the King's Coronation celebrations was approved.

17/01/102 GRIT BIN

A request for a grit bin for the path and entrance into Dairy Drive was refused at this present time.

17/01/103 TO CONFIRM MEETING DATES FOR 2023-2024

Meeting dates confirmed as the second Tuesday every second month. A full list of dates to be posted on the website and notice boards.

17/01/104 AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Identified within the meeting.

17/01/105 CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

17/01/106 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Agreed as Tuesday 21st March 2023.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.