

MINUTES OF THE FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,  
FINNINGLEY, ON TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016 AT 7PM

PRESENT: Cllrs R Johnson (Chairman), Mrs I Batunas, W Bedford, Mrs J Tuff, Mrs C Sheriff, Mrs C Styring and B Worsfold  
Mrs J Leighton-Eshelby – Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr Alan Billings (South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner)  
Ward Councillors Jane Cox, Steve Cox and Allan Jones  
Stephen Racjan (DMBC)  
Mr Roy Hattersley  
Five members of the public

A member of the public expressed concern that there had been an increase in crime in the area.

**1. TO AGREE ITEMS TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETING) ACT 1960** - None

**2. TO RECEIVE/ACCEPT APOLOGIES** – All members present

**3. DECLARATIONS OF OTHER INTERESTS AND ANY UPDATES TO EXISTING MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

Cllr R Johnson declared an interest in Item 10  
Cllr Mrs C Sheriff declared an interest in Item 13  
Cllr Mrs J Tuff declared an interest in Item 11 & 13  
Cllr Mrs C Styring declared an interest in Items 11 & 13  
Cllr Mrs I Batunas declared an interest in Items 11 & 13  
Cllr B Worsfold declared an interest in Item 10  
Cllr W Bedford declared an interest in Item 8

**4. POLICING ISSUES**

Receive Presentation from Dr Alan Billings followed by questions

Dr Billings spoke about the Police and Crime Plan for 2015/16 which aims to make South Yorkshire a safe place to live, learn and work by addressing three key priorities:-

- Protecting Vulnerable People
- Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Enabling Fair Treatment

It was noted that for many years crime levels have fallen but that in 2015 these levels have increased including violent and sexual crimes with cyber and internet crime also growing rapidly.

Dr Billings also spoke about the increased demand on the police, the reductions in funding and police resources and provided information on crime statistics in Doncaster.

Questions and Answers

Concern was raised regarding a lack of police presence and Dr Billings acknowledged that although Finningley is one of the lowest crime areas in the borough a mechanism is needed to enable people to feel safe and he agreed to ensure a regular police presence to engage with residents.

Dr Billings was asked about police morale in South Yorkshire and he gave his views on this.

Parish Councillors and residents raised concern regarding a number of vehicle crimes and thefts which had been reported to the police but no action had been taken and Dr

Billings agreed to look into individual cases and also to look into the overall picture. Councillor Mrs C Sheriff raised concern regarding the lack of crime statistics/information that is passed on to the Parish Council and Dr Billings agreed to speak to Inspector Palin about this.

Councillor W Bedford spoke about the on-going problem of speeding through the village and it was noted that although five Parish Councils in the area had contributed to the purchase of a speed gun this had not been used for some time as funds are not available to recalibrate the gun.

It was agreed that enquiries would be made and feedback would be sent via the clerk.

The Chairman thanked Dr Billings for his attendance.

The clerk advised of the following incidents reported during January via police.uk:-  
Burglary x 1 and Public Order Offence x 1

## **5. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLORS**

Ward Councillor J Cox advised that as she was on the Police Scrutiny Panel she would speak to them regarding the points raised concerning speeding traffic and speed monitoring.

Ward Councillor A Jones advised that he was holding a meeting with DMBC officers to discuss problems with the 'My Doncaster' App and issues reported that had been closed without being resolved.

Councillor B Worsfold reported a number of instances of fly tipping on the A614 and Stephen Racjan (DMBC) agreed to look into this and any other outstanding issues.

## **6. TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RAISED UNDER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

## **7. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 16.02.16** **RESOLVED** the minutes be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## **8. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING FOR NOTING**

Wellington Drive (Formerly Trinity Gate) Footpath – feedback from DMBC Officers

The clerk advised of the following reply received from Richard Purcell (DMBC):-  
"There are the two paths involved here. One is the connection through to Blenheim Drive. Unknown to the applicant and the council at the time the application was being considered there is a 300mm or so wide strip of land owned by a Blenheim Drive resident which runs between the site and the highway boundary. This strip acts as a legal barrier, a ransom strip for access to be created between the POS and the pavement. Unless the owner is willing to dedicate a short part of that strip to allow a pedestrian crossing, it is very unlikely that this connection can be created.

The creating of the pavement beside Old Bawtry Road is something that remains of merit to highway safety and I will be asking staff to continue investigating further the prospects for enforcing this. We will look at the planning history of the site, clarity of plans to be implemented, land ownerships and seek advice from our legal team on the prospects of a successful outcome. I will keep you informed of progress."

Councillor Mrs J Tuff reported that the trees which have been fenced off between Blenheim Drive and Wellington Drive are very overgrown and require attention, this being another issue left by the developer following completion of the site.

**RESOLVED** to continue to chase Richard Purcell for further updates and also to ask him to look into the work required to the fenced off trees. **CLERK**

#### Footpath top of St Oswald's Close – Decision on Surface

It was noted that no response had been received from Ian Wigglesworth (DMBC) on the provision of preferred surface coating.

**RESOLVED** to continue to chase Ian Wigglesworth for a response and to copy in Pat Hagan, David Ridge and Stephen Racjan (DMBC). **CLERK**

#### North East Bassetlaw Community Liaison Group - Update

Councillor W Bedford gave a brief update and advised that the next Liaison Group meeting was scheduled for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

**RESOLVED** to put on the April agenda for further discussion on the June celebrations.

### **9. TO DISCUSS FURTHER ACTION ON THE MANAGEMENT OF TREES IN THE VILLAGE**

The Chairman reported that Viking Trees had recommended that one cherry and one ash tree on the junction of Chapel Lane and Wroot Road required a severe pruning and that he was awaiting receipt of a quote for the work.

### **10. ISSUES RELATING TO JOINT PLAYING FIELD**

#### Playing Fields Dog Control Order – Update from DMBC Officers

It was noted that DMBC are in the process of implementing a new borough wide Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) which will include fines for:-

- Failure to pick up your dog's mess and disposal in a suitable bin
- Failure to keep your dog on a lead (where designated or ordered to do so by an officer)
- Failure to carry a suitable means of removing dog fouling

#### Update on clearance of rubbish at rear of pavilion

Councillor B Worsfold reported that the rubbish had still not been cleared.

**RESOLVED** to contact St Leger as a matter of urgency. **CHAIRMAN**

#### Pavilion Project – Update from Cllr Johnson

The Chairman advised that building work would be starting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April which would cause inconvenience for some residents particularly along Lindley Road and for field users as much of the car park will be fenced off to ensure safety of the public and safe working for the contractors.

#### Pavilion Project – 106 Monies

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council were still awaiting receipt of the Section 106 money which had been delayed as the Senior Legal Officer had not received a copy of the Cabinet approval.

It was also noted that the Grant Funding Agreement has now been executed.

#### Pavilion Project – Sport England Grant

The Chairman advised that the documents had been sent to Sport England but that he had not received any further communication from them.

The Chairman also reiterated that any monies received for the Pavilion Project would be held within the Finningley Parish Council bank account but would be accounted for separately.

### **11. ISSUES RELATING TO VILLAGE HALL**

#### Village Hall Committee Meeting Report

Councillor Mrs C Styring advised that one verbal quote (awaiting confirmation in writing) had been received for the inside renovations.

It was noted that the Committee are continuing to seek alternative quotes and the

Chairman offered his assistance with this.

Councillor Mrs C Styring advised that the outside light requires repair and that this would be carried out by the Committee.

It was also noted that the wire fencing adjacent to the play area requires repairing.

**RESOLVED** to action repair.

**CHAIRMAN & CLLR B WORSFOLD**

Removal of tree stump – update from VHC

Councillor Mrs J Tuff advised that the Committee had been unable to remove the tree stump so it had been agreed that this would be ground out and the area would be re-planted.

**RESOLVED** to instruct Viking Trees to carry out the work as previously quoted £280 + VAT.

**CLERK**

## **12. POND ISSUES**

Protecting Ducks from predators – progress update

Councillor B Worsfold gave an update on the information sourced from Biomatrix Water Solutions Ltd and advised that he was awaiting receipt of a written quote for the floating island and aeration system.

**RESOLVED** to continue to source further information and quotes for a floating island.

**COUNCILLOR B WORSFOLD**

Proposals for replacement of pump

**RESOLVED** to chase Viscum for information promised regarding the available options.

**COUNCILLOR B WORSFOLD**

Feedback from AES on removal of staging

The clerk reported that she had received a response from AES advising that the staging could be removed in early spring at a cost of £350 including VAT.

**RESOLVED** that Parish Council volunteers will remove the staging themselves and offer the wood to residents, clerk to advise AES.

## **13. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION** – No further update

## **14. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Pre-Approved BIB transactions – For Information Only

£	469.94	J Leighton-Eshelby (March Salary, Mileage & Office Allowance)	BIB.269
£	84.00	HMRC	BIB.270

To approve BIB transactions

£	14.73	J Leighton-Eshelby (Clerks Expenses)	BIB.271
£	252.00	Max Design Consultancy (Pavilion Contract)	BIB.272
£	412.00	YLCA (Subscription)	BIB.273
£	12.00	Clerk & Councils Direct (Subscription)	BIB.274
£	31.00	CJ Hampson (Newsletter Printing)	BIB.275

Income – To Note

£	1,246.96	HMRC (VAT Refund)
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Decide whether to remain automatically opted into the Sector Led Body for audit or to opt out

It was noted that since the Audit Commission ceased to exist on the 1st April 2015 a new company Smaller Authorities Appointments Ltd has been created to take over the appointments of external auditors and the setting of audit fees for smaller authorities from 2017.

The clerk advised that due to the changes the Parish Council needed to decide whether it is to remain automatically opted into the Sector Led Body for audit or is to opt out and the options were discussed.

**RESOLVED** to remain opted into the Sector Led Body for audit.

To agree additional remuneration for the Clerk during the pavilion build project

**RESOLVED** to increase the clerk's hours by one hour per week for the duration of the project to allow for the payment of bills and extra accounting work.

## **15. PLANNING ISSUES**

### **a) Planning Updates**

Councillor Mrs C Sheriff raised concern that the Parish Council had not yet received notification from DMBC of a planning application submitted for the erection of a two storey extension to the rear of a dwelling on Blenheim Drive.

**RESOLVED** to chase DMBC and email the details to all members.

**CLERK**

### **b) Planning Applications Received – None**

### **c) Local Plan Consultation**

It was noted that the report on the proposed housing distribution across the borough recommends that development is concentrated in the main towns which is the Parish Councils preferred option so it may not be necessary to make any further comment.

**RESOLVED** to look at the consultation in detail and decide if to issue a response.

**COUNCILLOR W BEDFORD**

## **16. HIGHWAY ISSUES**

Response from Headteacher reference issues relating to school parking on Wroot Road/Chapel Lane/Elm Drive and request for meeting

Councillor Mrs C Sheriff reported that inconsiderate parking seems to be getting worse on Wroot Road/A614.

**RESOLVED** to send letter to the Headteacher and the Chair of Governors advising that issues were still ongoing and the Parish Council are happy to work with the school to try to resolve these.

## **17. WEBSITE ISSUES**

Parish Council Website

It was noted that work has started on the new Parish Council website

(finningleyparishcouncil.org) and that this should be launched within the next few weeks.

## **18. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE**

**RESOLVED** to circulate to members in the usual manner.

## **19. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016 AT 7 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL FOLLOWED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Chairman: .....

