

MINUTES OF THE FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, FINNINGLEY, ON TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016 FOLLOWING ON FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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: Ward Councillors Jane Cox, Steve Cox and Allan Jones  
Mr Roy Hattersley

**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, Stephen Racjan (DMBC)

**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 & 18  
Cllr Mrs J Tuff declared an interest in Item 8, 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 & 17

**4. POLICING ISSUES**

The clerk advised of the following incidents reported during February via police.uk:-  
Burglary x 1  
Anti-Social Behaviour x 3  
Vehicle Crime x 1  
Drugs x 1  
Other Theft x 1

Councillor Mrs C Styring reported that a PCSO would be in attendance at the next Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

Ward Councillor Jane Cox advised that she was holding a meeting with Inspector Mark Payling on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April and that she would be happy to raise any issues of concern.

It was noted that the clerk had not received any communication from Dr Alan Billings (South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner) following his attendance at the March Parish Council meeting.

Councillor Mrs J Tuff advised that she had written to Dr Billings directly and that she was very unhappy with the response that she had received.

**5. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLORS**

Ward Councillor Jane Cox reported that she had raised the Parish Councils concerns regarding the 'My Doncaster' App and issues reported that had been closed without being resolved.

She advised that she had received a response from Simon Wiles – DMBC Director of Finance and Corporate Services acknowledging that they are experiencing difficulties with reports where Doncaster Council's involvement with an issue has ended and it is a third parties responsibility to complete the work as the service area then complete their report on the system and it will show as 'closed' when the work hasn't actually been

carried out.

It was noted that Customer Services have been working closely with the service areas to raise awareness and to ensure that reports are closed down correctly and in a timely manner.

Ward Councillor Allan Jones advised that he had attended a meeting to discuss a new app that DMBC are working on to improve usability and provide users with additional information about their reports.

The Chairman advised that he had spoken to Julie Grant – DMBC Assistant director of Customer Services & ICT regarding the request from the PCJCC that Parish clerks have the same access as DMBC departmental officers so they can follow up issues more efficiently but that he had not heard anything further and the Ward Councillors were asked to pursue this.

Ward Councillor Allan Jones advised that the Parish Council report all issues in the first instance to Dave Ridge – DMBC and also copy in to all the Ward Councillors.

Ward Councillor Jane Cox spoke about the “Meet the Mayor” event being held by DMBC.

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

**7. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15.03.16**  
**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 – Update from DMBC Officers

It was noted that no further response had been received from Richard Purcell.

**RESOLVED** to chase Richard Purcell for update on the footpath and the work required to the fenced off trees between Blenheim Drive and Wellington Drive. **CLERK**

It was also noted that a fence has been erected on the public footpath prohibiting access to Old Bawtry Road.

**RESOLVED** to report to DMBC Planning Enforcement. **CLERK**

Footpath top of St Oswald’s Close to Church Gate – Feedback on Surface

The clerk advised that she had received a response from Ian Wigglesworth (DMBC) advising that if the Parish Council acquire the chippings he would be happy to organise some rep team labour to assist with the spreading.

**RESOLVED** to obtain samples and costs for the chippings and make enquiries with Lafarge. **CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED** to respond to Ian Wigglesworth (DMBC) thanking him for his assistance and advise that the Parish Council will come back to him once they have sourced the materials. **CLERK**

North East Bassetlaw Community Liaison Group - Update

Councillor W Bedford advised that Nottinghamshire County Council are reviewing the drilling application and that the next Liaison Group meeting was scheduled for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May when they will be carrying out a transport review.

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

**RESOLVED** to carry this item forward to the May agenda and members to make enquiries regarding planned local events.

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

The quote (£475 + VAT) received from Viking trees to carry out a severe pruning to one common ash and one cherry tree on the corner of Chapel Lane and Wroot Road was discussed.

**RESOLVED** to accept the quote and ask Viking Trees to carry out the work and preferably combine this with the work to be done to grind out the tree stump at the Village Hall.

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

Playing Fields Dog Control Order – Feedback to DMBC reference content of Orders  
The proposal for the Dog Control Order and the options being considered were discussed.

Councillor Mrs I Batunas proposed that dogs should be kept on a lead at all times and this was seconded by Councillor Mrs J Tuff.

Councillor W Bedford then put forward a counter proposal that dogs should be kept on a lead when any organised sporting activity is being held on the Playing Fields and that they be allowed to be off the lead at all other times.

The counter proposal achieved 2 votes and the proposal that dogs should be kept on a lead at all times received 3 votes (with 2 abstentions) therefore with the majority vote it was agreed that the Parish Council would prefer that dogs should be kept on a lead at all times.

**RESOLVED** to provide feedback on the Parish Councils preferred option to Mark Benton (DMBC). **CLERK**

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

The Chairman reported that all the rubbish had now been cleared from the rear of the pavilion.

The Chairman advised that he had spoken to St Leger Homes regarding his concerns that as work has started on the pavilion anyone using the gate at the rear of a property on Lindley Road would walk straight into a working building site.

It was noted that the gate had been barred with the agreement of St Leger and the resident and that the developer has also secured it on the Playing Fields side. It was noted that unfortunately the St Leger legal department were now disputing this so the Chairman was in discussions with them.

### Pavilion Project – Update from Cllr Johnson

The Chairman advised that the old pavilion has been demolished and that construction work has started.

It was noted that a complaint had been received from a resident regarding the amount of mud on Lindley Road but this has now been swept and a hardcore road has been laid on the playing field to prevent any further problems.

### Pavilion Project – 106 Monies

It was noted that the Section 106 money had now been received in full from DMBC and the clerk gave a financial update on the project.

### Pavilion Project – Sport England Grant

The Chairman advised that Sport England have requested an invoice from the developer and that he was in the process of organising this.

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

### Village Hall Committee Meeting Report

Councillor Mrs C Styring advised that a meeting had been held with the contractor to discuss the restoration of the floor and that she was awaiting receipt of a written quote. It was noted that the village hall would be out of action for about a week during the floor restoration so the work is to be scheduled to cause minimal disruption to village hall users.

**RESOLVED** to chase quotes for the maintenance of the exterior grounds and perimeter hedging. **CLERK**

Correspondence received from the See Saw Pre-School regarding proposed improvements to the outside play area was discussed.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council Village Hall Committee representatives (Councillor's Christine Styring & Jane Tuff) would arrange a meeting to discuss the request and then report back to the Parish Council.

### Removal of tree stump update

It was noted that Viking Trees had been instructed to grind out the stump and that the work would be carried out as soon as possible.

## **12. POND ISSUES**

### Protecting Ducks from predators – progress update

Councillor B Worsfold advised that ducks introduced by residents had been removed and they would not be returned until a suitable refuge is available for them. Other wildlife is free to come and go at will.

### Proposals for replacement of pump

Councillor Worsfold advised that he was still awaiting a response from Biomatrix Water Solutions Ltd.

**RESOLVED** to Biomatrix Water Solutions Ltd and Viscum for the information promised.  
**COUNCILLOR B WORSFOLD**

### Feedback from AES on removal of staging

It was noted that all the staging had now been removed by Parish Council volunteers.

### Follow up work at pond

It was agreed that a date would be arranged to carry out a tidy up of the pond area.

## **13. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION**

Potential available land within the village was discussed and it was agreed that the Allotment Committee would arrange a meeting to discuss this further.

## **14. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### Pre-Approved BIB transactions – For Information Only

£	385.28	J Leighton-Eshelby (April Salary and Mileage)	BIB.276
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### To approve BIB transactions

£	45.67	Npower (Electricity Village Pond)	BIB.277
£	14.10	Anglian Water (Village Pond)	BIB.278
£	131.47	DMBC (Dog Bin Emptying)	BIB.279
£	15.52	DMBC (Litter Bin Emptying)	BIB.280
£	354.23	AES Europe (Siltex Application)	BIB.281
£	31.18	Steve Sheriff (Website expenses)	BIB.282

## Income – To Note

£ 12,240.00 DMBC 1<sup>st</sup> half of precept

### Appointment of Internal Auditor

**RESOLVED** that Mary Farman would be appointed as the internal auditor for Hemingbrough Parish Council Accounts Year End 31st March 2016.

## **15. PLANNING ISSUES**

a) Planning Updates - None

b) Planning Applications Received

1. (16/00280/REMM) Approval of reserved matters (including details of layout, appearance, scale and landscaping) for the erection of 44 dwellings and the conversion of an existing barn to dwelling (being matters reserved in outline application previously granted permission under 13/01520/OUTM on 17/11/15) at Land At Old Bawtry Road, Finningley.

It was agreed that the Parish Council still have the same concerns raised previously under ref 13/01520/OUTM despite the number of dwellings being reduced from 54 to 44.

2. (16/00868/FUL) Partial demolition and erection of single storey extension to rear and associated works at 26 Elm Drive, Finningley. No Objections

c) Local Plan Consultation – No further update

## **16. HIGHWAY ISSUES**

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

The clerk advised that she had spoken to the new school business manager who is aware of the problem and is happy to work with the Parish Council to try to resolve the car parking issues.

It was noted that the headteacher was tied up interviewing for a new deputy and new teachers at present and that the school would contact the clerk in the next few weeks to arrange a meeting.

### Village Walkabout Report

It was noted that a number of outstanding items have previously been reported to DMBC and it was agreed that a copy of the report would be sent to Dave Ridge – DMBC and Ward Councillors Jane Cox, Steve Cox and Allan Jones.

## **17. DMBC PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY FORUM MEETING REPORT**

Councillor W Bedford advised that a number of footpaths were now being re-opened following the completion of the FARRRS link road.

It was also noted that discussion had taken place regarding an increase in fly tipping.

## **18. AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

Councillor Mrs C Sheriff gave an overview of the meeting and it was noted that there had been a 17.9% increase in passenger numbers making Robin Hood Airport the fastest growing airport in the UK.

**19. WEBSITE ISSUES**

Parish Council Website

Members were asked to forward any items for inclusion on the website to the Chairman.

**20. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**21. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016 AT 7 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Chairman: .....