

MINUTES OF THE FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
FINNINGLEY, ON TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2017 AT 7PM

PRESENT: Cllrs R Johnson (Chairman), W Bedford, R Castle, J Clarke, Mrs C Sheriff,
Mrs C Styring and B Worsfold

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Roy Hattersley

14 Members of the public

A member of the public enquired about the feedback received from the Open Day held on Wednesday 11th October, what the Parish Council proposed to do and how any decision would be communicated to residents.

The Chairman gave an overview of the history of the proposal and a lengthy discussion took place.

It was noted that the Parish Council had received a number of letters from residents and a traffic survey which had all been circulated to members and would be taken into consideration by the Parish Council when making its decision regarding the affordable housing development.

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 11

Cllr B Worsfold declared an interest in Item 11

Cllr Mrs C Styring declared an interest in Item 14

Cllr Mrs C Sheriff declared an interest in Items 12 & 14

Cllr W Bedford declared an interest in Item 8 & 12

Cllr J Clarke declared an interest in Item 12

4. POLICING ISSUES

The clerk advised of the following incidents reported during August via police.uk:-

Anti-Social Behaviour x 3 – Silver Birch Grove, Ashley Court and Blenheim Drive

Violence x 2 – Silver Birch Grove and Wroot Road

Public Order – Silver Birch Grove

Concern was raised that residents are reporting incidents via 101 (South Yorkshire Police's non-emergency number) and are not receiving any response or follow up from the police.

The Parish Council discussed the options available for reporting a crime and it was noted that minor incidents can be reported to DMBC by telephone 01302 736000 or via South Yorkshire Police online services.

5. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLORS/DMBC REPRESENTATIVES – None Present

6. TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RAISED UNDER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Affordable Housing Open Day to be discussed under agenda item 15.

7. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 19.09.17

RESOLVED the minutes be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MEETING FOR INFORMATION/NOTING

Wellington Drive (Formally Trinity Gate) Footpath – Update

The clerk read out correspondence received from Ward Councillor Steve Cox concerning access and it was noted that no response had been received from Richard Purcell (DMBC).

RESOLVED to respond to Ward Councillor Steve Cox and enquire who this should be referred to if he is unable to offer any further assistance.

CLERK

North East Bassetlaw Community Liaison Group

The Chairman explained the background to the explorations already carried out and how the proposed future explorations may affect Finningley depending on the direction of the drilling. It was also noted that the Parish Council have negotiated a condition included in the Section 106 agreement regarding construction traffic not using Wroot Road.

Councillor W Bedford advised that the next Liaison Group meeting was scheduled for Thursday 19th October but that this was still to be confirmed.

Elm Drive Update

The Chairman reported that 'I' bars have been put across drives on both Elm Drive and Silver Birch Grove by DMBC at the request of residents.

Councillor B Worsfold also reiterated that in the recent Parish Council newsletter residents were encouraged to park at the Playing Field on Lindley Road and walk to and from school.

The clerk advised that Ward Councillor Steve Cox has put in a request for signage to highlight the footpath from school to Elm Drive and that he is in the process of following this up.

RESOLVED to continue to chase.

CLERK

9. CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

Councillor Mrs C Sheriff advised that she had obtained a quote of £224.79 (£187.33 Net) to purchase 80m of LED string lights (800 bulbs) and that additional 10m sections (100 bulbs per 10m section) can be added at a later date. It was also noted that the lights will need re-wiring and the transformer moved nearer to the tree.

RESOLVED to purchase 80m of LED string lights subject to advice and quote from local electrician.

COUNCILLOR MRS C SHERIFF

10. TO DISCUSS FURTHER ACTION ON THE MANAGEMENT OF TREES IN THE VILLAGE

Feedback from DMBC re Tree Work in Village

The clerk read out the following update received from Julie Guest (DMBC):-

"I have forwarded your email to David Hooley to respond regarding the work he agreed during a site visit in April. I will also arrange for someone to inspect the public footpath adjacent to the playing fields and update you with action taken"

RESOLVED to continue to chase as DMBC have not taken any action since the walk around with David Hooley (DMBC) in April.

CLERK

FPC Tree Inspection Review

It was noted that the tree inspection with Viking Trees had been arranged for Thursday 18th October.

11. ISSUES RELATING TO JOINT PLAYING FIELD

Pavilion Project Update

Councillor B Worsfold reported that the pavilion has now been completed and that he would be doing some final strimming and tidying prior to the official opening on Saturday 22nd October.

It was also noted that the roller shutter door damaged in high winds has been replaced and that he was looking at available options to protect this in the future.

The Chairman reported that a number of cricket teams now have an agreement to use the pavilion.

Pavilion Project – Financial/Legal Update

The Chairman and Councillor B Worsfold gave an overview of the history of the pavilion project for the members of the public present.

It was also noted that a final account has been submitted to the contractor (DDL) as required and that the Parish Council have not received any response to date.

PFA Meeting Report

The Chairman report that a meeting would be held on Wednesday 18th October to finalise plans for the official opening of the pavilion.

12. ISSUES RELATING TO VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Committee Meeting Minutes if available

Councillor Mrs C Sheriff reported that a meeting had been held on Wednesday 20th September with the defibrillator being the main topic of discussion and that the Annual General Meeting had been scheduled for Monday 11th December.

It was noted that the Rural Action Yorkshire surgeries will continue to be held. It was also noted that the annual Spirit of Christmas event is scheduled for Monday 4th December.

Defibrillator Update

Councillor W Bedford advised that he is liaising with Malcolm Thomas – DMBC Design and Conservation Officer regarding listed building consent to install the defibrillator/cabinet.

Damp Monitoring Report

It was noted that Councillors J Clarke and B Worsfold would carry out another reading prior to the November Parish Council meeting.

13. POND ISSUES

Pest Control

The clerk reported that the pest control litter bin had been ordered with DMBC and that she was awaiting a delivery date.

14. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION

Councillor W Bedford gave an overview of the meeting with Tony Lonsdale (Head of Airport Operations) held on Tuesday 10th October.

It was noted that he was happy to request board approval to work with the Allotments Society on a five year trial on the basis that this can be stopped at any time if bird strikes become a safety issue. This will also mean that bird attractant crops and crops which might attract rodents or insects on which birds feed will need to be specifically excluded from the site.

RESOLVED to write to the Allotments Society to ask them to draft a management plan to be sent to Tony Lonsdale in order to progress this further and that Councillor R Castle will act as a contact for this. **CLERK**

Councillor Mrs C Sheriff also spoke about information provided by a member of the public concerning allotments in Wroot.

15. FOLLOW UP ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPEN DAY

Discuss feedback received and agree any further action to be taken

The Parish Council discussed the feedback received at length, its support for the proposed Affordable Housing Scheme off Church Lane and their commitment of its parcel of land to the project.

Councillor W Bedford proposed that the Parish Council arrange a further meeting with the developers before making a final decision but there was no seconder for this proposal.

Councillor Mrs C Sheriff stressed that there was no reasoning behind arranging a further meeting if the general consensus was that the Parish Council would not support the Affordable Housing Scheme and this was seconded by Councillor Mrs C Styring.

A vote was taken and it was agreed by a majority vote that on the basis of all the feedback received and the information obtained by the Parish Council on reflection the Affordable Housing Scheme is not the right thing for the village and the Parish Council would withdraw its parcel of land and would not support the proposed scheme.

RESOLVED to contact Barrie Corscadden, WYG, Together Housing, Partner Construction, Peter Alflat (DMBC) and Chris Fenwick (Peel Holdings) to inform them of the Parish Councils decision. **CLERK**

Information request from wyg

The Parish Council discussed the request and it was agreed to share the Affordable Housing Open Day feedback received (overall survey results) with wyg. **CLERK**

16. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Pre-Approved BIB transactions – For Information Only

£ 385.28	J Leighton-Eshelby (October Salary and Mileage)	BIB.366
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£ 93.48	HMRC (PAYE)	BIB.367
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To approve BIB transactions

£ 15.52	DMBC (Litter Bin – emptying and cleaning)	BIB.368
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£ 131.47	DMBC (Dog Bin – emptying and cleaning)	BIB.369
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£ 260.00	Gillies Landscapes (Grass cutting/hedges & flower beds)	BIB.370
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£ 46.70	Npower (Pond – Standing Charge)	BIB.371
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£ 996.00	BDO (External Audit)	BIB.372
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Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2017 from BDO LLP

Receipt of certified Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2017 from BDO LLP was noted and the following points addressed:-

Internal Auditor's recommendations

The internal auditor noted that the reserves were too high but that a clear explanation for this had been provided on the variance form. (Reserves required for the completion of the pavilion project)

RESOLVED that the reserves have now been spent on the completion of the pavilion.

Asset Register/Fixed Assets

The external auditor noted that the value of fixed assets appears to be undervalued.

RESOLVED to review the Asset Register and discuss further at the November Parish Council meeting.

CLLRS MRS C STYRING AND J CLARKE

17. PLANNING ISSUES

a) Planning Update: Site on Bank End Road 13/00531/TIP

Councillor W Bedford gave a brief update.

b) Planning Applications Received

1. 17/02280/FULM - Construction of Aircraft Hanger (B8 Use) with ancillary retail, cafe, bar, education, conference, office, kitchen and assembly areas (D1 & D2 Uses). Associated Car Parking, Access Road and hardstanding including reinstating aircraft taxi route to adjacent airport at Sewage Treatment Works, Hayfield Lane, Auckley, Doncaster. Comment Only

1) Whilst the Parish Council fully support the application they would request that signage is erected directing vehicles away from the already congested routes past Hayfield School and the Yorkshire Wildlife Park.

c) Yorkshire Wildlife Park Community Engagement Meeting Feedback & 17/02189/OUTA (No further update)

Feedback from the Councillor Engagement Meeting held on Wednesday 20th September circulated to members.

18. HIGHWAY ISSUES

The Chairman reported that he had been approached by a resident who was unhappy about the flags that have been put up at the Bellway Homes development. It was noted that the Chairman had raised this with the DMBC Conservation Officer who has advised that these were not permitted and that they will be asked to remove them.

The Chairman advised that he had chased David Haigh (DMBC) regarding the telegraph pole erected by BT at the junction of Old Bawtry Road and Doncaster Road that is still obscuring the "Give Way" sign.

It was noted that DMBC are still actively pursuing this issue with a view to having the telegraph pole removed but were having difficulties in getting a positive response from BT so it may be possible that DMBC will remove the pole and re-charge BT if it is not undertaken soon.

Councillor Mrs C Sheriff reported three "Give Way" signs that were not illuminated.

RESOLVED to provide details to the clerk for reporting to DMBC. **CLLR MRS C SHERIFF**

19. WEBSITE ISSUES

Parish Council Website

It was agreed to update the pavilion photographs on the website.

20. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved to circulate to members in the usual manner.

21. DISCUSSION ON CLLR CASTLE'S REVIEW OF COMMUNICATIONS

Due to time constraints it was agreed that this item would be deferred to the November meeting.

22. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 21st November 2017 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Chairman: