

MINUTES OF THE FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,  
FINNINGLEY, ON TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018 AT 7PM

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

3 members of the public; B Clark, R Hattersley, M Styring

As the clerk was not present the Chairman asked members if they wished to proceed with the meeting and if so, who would take minutes. Members agreed to proceed and Councillor Mrs C Sheriff agreed to take minutes. Notes provided by the clerk were made available to Councillor Mrs C Sheriff.

**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** – The clerk and Ward Councillors Steve and Jane Cox, all for reasons given.

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

Cllr R Johnson declared an interest in Item 13

Cllr B Worsfold declared an interest in Item 13

Cllr Mrs C Styring declared an interest in Item 16

Cllr Mrs C Sheriff declared an interest in Item 14

Cllr W Bedford declared an interest in Item 8 & 14

Cllr J Clarke declared an interest in Item 14

**4. POLICING ISSUES**

Via notes, the clerk advised of the following incidents reported during November via police.uk:-

1 x other theft – Station Close

The Chairman reported that he had spoken with Ward Councillor Steve Cox and that it was his belief that there had been some shift changes with the PCSO's and that it would be likely that in the next few months they would be in attendance at Parish Council Meetings.

Councillor B Worsfold advised that there had not been a PCSO in attendance at the Neighbourhood Watch meetings. He also reported that there had been some recent thefts of tools from vans in the village and surrounding areas.

**5. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLORS/DMBC REPRESENTATIVES**

It was noted that Ward Councillor Steve Cox had been in contact with the clerk but we did not have any details of the correspondence. It was agreed that the Chairman would follow up with the clerk.

**6. TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RAISED UNDER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Bridget Clark had asked if she would have the councils support in bringing a Maypole to the village. She would like it to be situated on the Joint Playing Fields. She estimated the cost of the pole to be around £500 which she said she would raise herself. The Council were in full support of the proposal and agreed in principle a donation of £100 towards the costs. It was also agreed that the Parish Councils representatives on the Joint

Playing Fields Committee would take Mrs Clarks request to the next Playing Fields meeting and would be able to give her an answer before the end of the month.

## **7. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 19.12.17**

It was resolved that the minutes be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Clerk to bring to next meeting for signature, minutes can be posted.

## **8. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MEETING FOR INFORMATION/NOTING**

Wellington Drive (Formally Trinity Gate) Footpath – Update

No update available.

**RESOLVED** Chairman to establish if the action from the previous meeting was taken and to see if there had been a response. If no response had been received then it was agreed to raise as a question to be posed to the Mayor at the next PCJCC meeting where she is due to be in attendance. **CHAIRMAN & CLERK**

North East Bassetlaw Community Liaison Group

Councillor W Bedford gave an update. There was due to be a meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January to discuss possible delays due to birds nesting.

## **9. FURTHER DISCUSSION ON CLLR CASTLE'S REVIEW OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Councillor R Castle gave a summary of the Parish Councils current communications and began to discuss ways in which he felt they could be improved. A lengthy discussion followed from which Councillor R Castle proposed that the clerk produce draft minutes within 10 days of a meeting and circulate to members. Following a trial of a few months if all members were happy and there were no issues that the Council progress to publishing the draft minutes. Councillor W Bedford seconded the proposal. All councillors voted in favour of the proposal.

**RESOLVED** to speak with the clerk and establish if this is possible.

**CHAIRMAN**

Councillor B Worsfold proposed that we no longer produce and deliver quarterly newsletters and that instead a monthly newsletter was published in the Arrow. Following a discussion on the possible costings and the benefits felt by members of walking the village to deliver the newsletters a vote was taken and it was decided against by 4 votes to 3.

**RESOLVED** to establish cost of publishing a newsletter in the Arrow magazine and discuss further at a future meeting.

**CLLR J CLARKE**

It was decided that the Parish Councils communication should stay on the agenda for further discussions.

## **10. RESPONDING TO COMMENTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

The Chairman explained that before Christmas there had been an outburst of negative comments towards the Parish Council on Finningley Folk. A discussion was had about how we could possibly respond with the intention of correcting any untruths and giving a factual response.

Councillor W Bedford proposed that we give a corporate response saying 'if you have any questions please email the Parish Council or come to a meeting'. The Chairman explained that only the clerk could give a corporate response and then made a counter proposal that we don't respond as a Parish Council but empower those that are on Finningley Folk to reply on our behalf, understanding that they are acting under a Code of Conduct.

Councillor B Worsfold seconded the proposal and everyone voted in favour.

**RESOLVED** that individual members, as Parish Councillors, can comment in Forums to which they belong, recognising that whenever they do so they are subject to the Code of Conduct to which they signed up when taking office. **ALL MEMBERS**

## **11. CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS**

### Timer

Councillor Mrs C Sheriff reported that she will check that a standard timer will fit in the box.

### Procedure for future years

It was agreed that current procedure works well, with 2 Councillors to put on and remove the lights.

### Disposal of old lights and storage of new ones

It was noted that the cardboard box the lights came in was not suitable. Councillor Mrs C Sheriff noted that the lights used in Auckley may be the same as our old lights and asked if we could offer them as 'spares and repairs' before we disposed of them.

**RESOLVED** to buy a sturdy box for the new lights and ancillary items such as tie wraps. To ask Auckley Parish Council if they have any use for our old lights.

**CLLR MRS C SHERIFF**

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

### Village Walk Around

Chairman to liaise with other councilors to establish a suitable date.

### Planned Tree Work

The Chairman advised that he would call Viking Trees and see when the work would be carried out.

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

### Pavilion Project Update

Councillor B Worsfold reported that there had been some damage to the soffits in the gales but it had been repaired. He also reported that they had received quotations to do some pre-planned landscaping around the perimeter which would include some pin curbs, gravel paths and installation of boot scrapers. It was unanimously agreed that the work should be carried out. Councillor B Worsfold was thanked for his efforts.

### Pavilion Project – Financial/Legal Update

The Chairman confirmed that the final report including financial details had been sent to DMBC to hopefully bring the project to its conclusion and then finalise the Section 106 Agreement. At the time of the meeting we are awaiting a response.

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

### Village Hall Committee Meeting Minutes/Report

None available, there had not been a meeting since the last Parish Council meeting.

### Defibrillator Update

Councillor W Bedford confirmed that the defibrillator had been installed and that a number of the Community Group, Parish Council and a number of residents had attended a training session. Councillor Mrs C Sheriff read a letter from the Community

Group asking the Parish Council for a donation towards the cost of the training. The Chairman proposed a donation of £100, seconded by Councillor B Worsfold. It was agreed unanimously.

#### Damp Monitoring Report

Councillors B Worsfold and J Clarke reported that they had been and measured the damp in the cupboards. No damp was present but there was some mould which indicated a lack of ventilation.

**RESOLVED** It was decided to ask the Village Hall Committee to look at placing some vents in the doors and trying to keep the walls as clear as possible. The Parish Council members of the Village Hall Committee to raise at their next meeting.

#### **COUNCILLORS MRS C SHERIFF & W BEDFORD**

An email had been received from Bonsers agreeing to look at the lack of ventilation in the Village Hall.

**RESOLVED** clerk to email Bonsers with a suggested date for a meeting Councillors Mrs C Styring, B Worsfold and J Clarke agreed to be at the meeting. **CLERK**

### **15. POND ISSUES**

#### Pest Control

Agreed to carry the installation of the new bin forward until spring when the weather is better.

### **16. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION**

A letter was read out from T Lonsdale of Peel suggesting a meeting to discuss the proposed agreement drawn up by the Allotment Society.

**RESOLVED** clerk to arrange appointment for Councillors R Castle, B Worsfold and a member of the Allotment Society to meet with T Lonsdale. **CLERK**

Councillor B Worsfold reported that he and Councillor R Castle had met with a specialist fencing contractor to look at options for fencing the site. They recommended 2m 'v guard' fencing with 4m gates and a pedestrian gate. They would provide a quote in due course.

Councillor J Clarke reported that he and Councillor R Castle had surveyed the site to look for amenities. There was both water and electricity close to the site.

Councillor B Worsfold and the Chairman agreed to contact two local contractors to obtain quotes for site clearance. **CHAIRMAN & CLLR B WORSFOLD**

### **17. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

£ 50.00	Mr MJ Swift (Christmas Tree Lights Electrical Work)	BIB.382
£ 373.28	J Leighton-Eshelby (January Salary)	BIB.383
£ 93.32	HMRC (PAYE)	BIB.384

To approve BIB transactions

£ 220.00	Gillies Landscapes (Grass Cutting/Weeding)	BIB.385
£ 55.42	Npower (Pond Standing Charge)	BIB.386
£ 131.47	DMBC (Dog Bin Emptying)	BIB.387
£ 15.52	DMBC (Litter Bin Emptying)	BIB.388

**18. PLANNING ISSUES**

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

The Chairman reported that the new entrance had been in use, he had reported this to DMBC and they had confirmed that they will investigate.

**b) Planning Applications Received**

None received

**19. HIGHWAY ISSUES**

BT Telegraph Pole – Old Bawtry Road

It was noted that as requested by the Parish Council DMBC had removed the pole and that the Give Way sign was no longer obstructed. Highways had been thanked for their action.

Mell Homes development signage

There was no report available

**RESOLVED** the Chairman would follow up with the Clerk

**CHAIRMAN**

**20. WEBSITE ISSUES**

Parish Council Website – No issues raised

**21. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from Caroline Flint MP regarding the proposed development at the Wildlife Park was to be shared via the diplomatic bag.

The Chairman shared details of a YLCA training seminar on planning.

**RESOLVED** interested members to let the Clerk know, copying the Chairman in so that she could book the places.

**CLERK**

The Chairman shared a communication received from the pharmacist at Mayflower medical practice. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that when provided as a formal proposal it would give its support.

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

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Chairman: .....