

MINUTES OF THE FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,  
FINNINGLEY, ON TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 AT 7PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Stephen Racjan (DMBC)  
Mr Roy Hattersley

One member of the public

**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** – Ward Councillor Steve Cox

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

Cllr R Johnson declared an interest in Item 14  
Cllr B Worsfold declared an interest in Item 14  
Cllr Mrs C Styring declared an interest in Item 17  
Cllr W Bedford declared an interest in Item 8 & 15  
Cllr R Castle declared an interest in Item 17  
Cllr Mrs C Sheriff declared an interest in Item 15

**4. POLICING ISSUES**

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

Anti-Social Behaviour x 4 – Gatesbridge Park, Silver Birch Grove, Lindley Road and The Green

Violence x 2 – Gatesbridge Park and The Green

Vehicle Crime x 2 – Bells Close and Lower Pasture

The Chairman advised that the rescheduled Chief Constables feedback event was being held at the Doncaster Civic Office on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Anyone wishing to attend needed to register.

The Chairman also read out correspondence received from the new Doncaster District Commander Chief Superintendent Shaun Morley setting out his aims to improve engagement with Parish Councils and the communities they represent including weekly updates on police activity in the area in the form of a newsletter and quarterly meetings.

**RESOLVED** to reply to Chief Superintendent Morley to extend a warm welcome to attend any future Parish Council meetings. **CLERK**

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

Stephen Racjan (DMBC) advised that he will be attending a stewards meeting regarding the Tour De Yorkshire on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April and that he will circulate further information in due course.

It was noted that the Chairman had received no feedback regarding the request for additional signage for Lindley Road indicating the location of the Playing Fields and Stephen agreed to chase this up.

The Chairman advised that he had made a number of attempts to contact Robert Scarborough (DMBC) to discuss the activity of the wardens throughout the borough but that he had been unable to contact him and Stephen Racjan agreed to follow this up. The Chairman also reported that data had been received from Ward Councillor Alan Jones regarding enforcement notices issued in Finningley within the last two years which he would like to follow up with Robert Scarborough.

It was reported that Bridget Clark has now secured all the funding required for the maypole.

Stephen Racjan (DMBC) advised that he was following up on concerns raised regarding a vehicle speeding around Gatesbridge Park early in the morning at weekends and advised that he would keep the Parish Council updated on this.

**6. TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RAISED UNDER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - No items raised.

**7. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 20.02.18**

It was resolved that 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

It was noted that no further response had been received.

**RESOLVED** to write to the Mayor of Doncaster Ros Jones to request that she intervene due to the lack of response from DMBC Planning.

North East Bassetlaw Community Liaison Group

Councillor W Bedford reported that the Misson site is under construction and that the test drills would be going ahead in the near future. It was noted that a large number of protestors had been on site and there had also been a heavy police presence.

The Chairman spoke about recent criticism by a CLG member about IGas not divulging the same information as that passed on to regulators. He stated that he believed the Community Liaison Group was not a regulator but that it is their job to hold the regulators to account. He would clarify this at the next CLG meeting.

**9. NEWSLETTER**

The Chairman reported that the newsletter is in the process of being put together and will go to the editorial team before printing. It is hoped that the newsletter will be distributed by the end of March.

**10. REPORT ON PCJCC MEETING**

GDPR

It was noted that the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force from the 25th May 2018 which replaces the existing law on data protection and gives individuals more rights and protection regarding how their personal data is used.

The Chairman spoke about the impact of GDPR on Parish Councils and the implications of not complying with the new legislation.

It was noted that the Chairman and the clerk would be attending YLCA training sessions on the GDPR and were looking into the necessary processes and documentation required for compliance.

### Service enhancement partnerships

The Chairman spoke about future opportunities for Parish Councils to employ a DMBC Street Scene operative to carry out tasks including grass cutting, litter picking, weeding etc. The Joint Charter was last reviewed in 2013 and did not include any reference to "service partnerships". He reported that the PCJCC Charter Working Group, of which he was previously a member, were to reform and review the Charter.

### Questions to the Mayor

The Chairman advised that only Finningley and Blaxton Parish Councils had submitted questions for the mayor. The Chairman gave an overview of the questions raised and expressed his disappointment with some of the answers received. He would request a hard copy for distribution to members.

**CHAIRMAN**

### **11. REPORT ON AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Councillor B Worsfold gave an overview of the meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March and advised that he would be attending the Airport Vision and Masterplan Launch on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March along with the Chairman and Councillors W Bedford and R Castle. It was agreed that details of the airport masterplan will be included in the forthcoming newsletter and be put on the Parish Council website.

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

It was noted that Viking Trees have now completed the work approved at the November meeting and have also carried out some additional work for which there would be no extra charge.

**13. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)** – Already discussed under Item 10

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

#### Pavilion

Councillor B Worsfold reported that the new roller shutter door is due to be delivered on or about Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March and will be fitted as soon as possible after that. It was noted that there would be additional charge of £30 due to a change in the delivery process and this was unanimously agreed.

Councillor Worsfold also advised that the boot scrapers have been delivered and will be fitted on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Worsfold for filling the hole at the entrance to the pavilion.

Councillor Worsfold gave an overview of the Ward Members meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the Section 106 money currently available and the list of potential projects.

It was noted that approx. £121,000 is available exclusively for use on the joint playing field with a further £122,000 available from the St Oswalds Drive development that is not ring-fenced to any specific area or project.

The Parish Council discussed the projects identified for the playing field and the possibility of using the money available from the St Oswalds Drive development to resurface Rectory Lane and improve the aesthetics of the village.

#### PFA Meeting minutes 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018

Councillor B Worsfold spoke about the ongoing difficulties with Finningley Athletic failing to attend PFA meetings or providing the data requested regarding usage and also leaving the facilities in a state, not consistent with the agreement, after use.

It was noted that following a long discussion it had been agreed to arrange a meeting with representatives to discuss the issues further before making any decision regarding renewing the current agreement which expires in July 2018.

The Parish Council also discussed, through its representatives, of asking for the PFA minutes available to members of the public.

#### Feedback on complaint regarding car parking at the junction of Lindley Road and Lindley Court

The Chairman reported that the request from Finningley Parish Council for support to ask the PFA to limit the number of games taking place at any one time to the capacity of the car park had been discussed and agreed at a recent meeting of Blaxton Parish Council. This now needs to be enforced through the PFA.

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

#### Village Hall Committee Meeting Minutes/Report

It was reported that new user contracts have been circulated with increased charges and new housekeeping rules. It was also noted that wi-fi was now available at the village hall for a small charge.

#### Follow up on recommendations provided by Bonsers

It was noted that the cupboard has now been cleared and cleaned by the Village Hall Committee.

**RESOLVED** to draft an initial maintenance plan to be presented to the Parish Council at a future meeting.

**CLLRS B WORSFOLD & W BEDFORD**

### **16. POND ISSUES**

Councillor B Worsfold reported that the pest control bin has now been installed but that he had been unable to purchase rat bait as a license is required for this.

**RESOLVED** to speak to DMBC to obtain details of their pest control maintenance contract.

**CLLR B WORSFOLD**

### **17. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION**

#### Site clearance quotations – progress and feedback

It was noted that Councillor B Worsfold was still awaiting further quotes and was meeting with another potential contractor later in the week.

#### Feedback from meeting with Peel (minutes circulated)

It was noted that the minutes had been previously circulated to members by Councillor W Bedford.

#### Finningley Parish Council Land Management Plan (1<sup>st</sup> draft circulated)

Councillor R Castle spoke about how the Parish Council manage the land and how the Allotment Society can fulfil the Parish Councils management plan.

The Parish Council had a lengthy discussion regarding the content of the plan and the Allotment Society constitution and it was proposed to arrange a meeting in the near future with the Allotment Society and Kellie Naylor (Peel).

**RESOLVED** to forward the Land Management Plan to Tony Lonsdale (Peel) and to request feedback.

**CLERK**

**RESOLVED** to write to the Allotments Society to request details of their constitution/incorporation document.

**CLERK**

### Roadmap (proposal circulated)

The Parish Council briefly discussed the roadmap (plan to get allotments up and running) proposal circulated, to be discussed further at a future meeting.

## **18. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

|           |                                                                            |         |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| £ 2570.40 | Biomatrix Water<br>(Final Payment Floating Island)                         | BIB.394 |
| £ 1764.00 | Viking Trees (Tree Work)                                                   | BIB.395 |
| £ 495.28  | J Leighton-Eshelby<br>(March Salary, Quarterly Office Allowance & Mileage) | BIB.396 |
| £ 93.32   | HMRC (PAYE)                                                                | BIB.397 |

### To approve BIB transactions

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|----------|-------------------------------------------------|---------|
| £ 12.00  | Clerk & Councils Direct Newsletter Subscription | BIB.398 |
| £ 434.00 | YLCA Subscription                               | BIB.399 |
| £ 230.00 | YLCA (Planning Seminar Training)                | BIB.400 |

## **19. PLANNING ISSUES**

**a) Planning Update: Site on Bank End Road 13/00531/TIP** – No further update

**b) Planning Applications Received**

18/00398/FUL – Retention of site access on Bank End Road (retrospective) at Bank End Quarry, Bank End Road, Blaxton Strongly Object

The original entrance was built without permission and this is a retrospective application to now legitimise the previous unauthorised action. We note that even though the application has not yet been considered (or granted) the access is in daily use, a flagrant breach of the planning system. It seems that the case is built on the other access being permanently closed when this one is approved, but that too is currently in daily use.

Both the Transport Assessment and the Design & Access Statements say that the quarry is in Blaxton. It is not; it is in Finningley. Getting that bit wrong doesn't give great confidence in the facts contained in either of these supporting documents.

The Transport Assessment (by LTP) concludes that the new entrance is safer than the old one and at 2.4m back from the road meets the visibility requirements for a road with traffic travelling at the survey recorded average speed of 52 mph. It does not meet the requirements 4.2m back from the road but they dismiss that as unnecessary for the proposed use. We suspect that the 4.2m visibility requirement is for HGV's and the 2.4m for cars.

The entrance will provide access to the whole of the site particularly if the present access is closed. The application states the site as being 180 square metres, it is in fact 47,474 square metres. Usage into 180sm would be significantly less than for 47,474sm. Once approved - what next? Our feeling is that this access will in the longer term be used for HGV's and other large equipment servicing the larger quarry area and no

further consents will be sought.

The D&A Statement also states that DMBC have been invited to a site meeting but have not responded. Why? Why has enforcement not acted to prevent use of the access until and if planning consent is granted?

There are also issues with 13/00531/TIP and the associated (also retrospective) application to build sheds on the same site. These have been approved but are "on hold" until the applicant complies with the "conditions of consent". One of these is the forming of a consultation group which would include a representative from FPC. To date we have not been approached by the applicant but it does seem that components of the proposed WTS are in place. We have no idea if it is operating (illegally). There is clearly activity on this site which is unexplained and quite possibly in contravention of planning consents. Complete compliance with any consent should be "enforced" before any activity is permitted.

Should the Council be minded to grant this application the Parish Council asks that written into the 106 Agreement is that any traffic to and from the site does not use Wroot Road as access to the A614 or B1369.

The retrospective Planning Application attempts to undo one of the main conditions from an earlier successful Planning Application for a Portal Framed Building (16/02016) concerning Wroot Road.

The designated preferred route is to turn left onto the B1369 (Bank End Road) to the roundabout at Blaxton (which is specifically profiled for HGV turning) and then North or South on the A614. The other possible route is to turn left onto Wroot Road (via a difficult junction for HGVs), over the level crossing to the junction with the A614 South (difficult left hand turn for HGV's).

There were a number of reasons why you asked that vehicles accessing and leaving this site use the "preferred route". On Wroot Road between Bank End Road and the junction with the A614 junction there are a number of obstacles that this would be a more difficult route for HGV's.

1. The access to St Oswald's Academy (Infant & Junior School with over 200 pupils) is located on this road. There is a 20 mph limit and crossing patrol in force during arrival and departure times which would be an inconvenience to HGV's. In addition the school promotes the supervised use of bikes and scooters for pupils in order to minimise traffic. Although parents are generally careful there are lots of young people about at arrival and departure times. In addition, those travelling from a distance use cars. There is no turning space or drop off on the school premises so parents generally park on both sides of Wroot Road, sometimes making it difficult for larger vehicles to manoeuvre.

2. The 57 Service to Doncaster terminates and then begins its journey from a bus stop on Wroot Road between the level crossing and the A614 junction. There are 2 to 3 scheduled services per hour from 6 am to 11pm. If the bus arrives early it parks at the bus stop on the road until its departure time. This can sometimes be for 10 minutes. HGV's will find it difficult to get by.

3. Also located on this stretch of road between the level crossing and the junction there are four access roads to over 200 houses (Gatesbridge Park 72, Elm Drive 45, Silver Birch Grove 19, Chapel Lane & Close 67). This is already a busy area. The B1369 is a much less congested route.

The Parish Council, on behalf of residents and the School, has already obtained agreements with The Green Group (who operate out of a similar site), Lafarge Quarry (situated on the A614) and AggregatesRUs (operating out of a site of Wroot Road north of Bank End Road) that their vehicles do not use the stretch of Wroot Road that passes the school. We are very grateful to them for instructing their drivers to use the A614 (designated HGV Route) through the village.

In considering a current Planning Application by Island Gas to drill a well and frack in Misson Springs, Nottinghamshire County Council has included in their proposed 106 Agreement the following condition:-

"Section 72. A suitably worded routing agreement is requested to ensure the HGVs associated with the development do not travel to and from the site using Wroot Road (between its junctions with A614 and B1396). Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council would be willing to be a signatory to a S106 Agreement if necessary."

The Parish Council would appreciate the co-operation of the applicant in instructing its drivers to comply with the same condition. In view of the applicants attempt to undo this condition in 18/0398 we see a need for a written S106 agreement laying out this preferred route.

We were happy with the original condition placed on Bank End Quarry to provide a HGV Management Plan – but in view of this retrospective Planning Application we would prefer a formal S106 agreement with Virgo Group and Jedidiah requiring them to avoid Wroot Road.

17/00910/FULM – Hybrid planning application comprising:

(1) Full planning permission for the erection of a new pro shop, changing suite, erection of driving range, sports bar and academy zone/ centre of excellence. Including complimentary supporting uses of a hotel with adjoining conference venue, main reception and health & fitness suite together with a bar and ancillary dining restaurant and permission for the change of use of land to create a new car park.

(2) Outline application for the erection of 18 dwellings and associated infrastructure being all matters reserved and re-development of existing golf course being all matters reserved at Bawtry Golf Club, Cross Lane, Thorne Road, Austerfield. Concern Raised

The Parish Council want assurances that the complex is going to go ahead and not just the housing development

The traffic survey data is out of date (2016)

**c) Planning Concerns** – No concerns raised

## **20. HIGHWAY ISSUES**

### Village Walk Around

It was noted that a date for the walk around is still to be arranged.

Councillor R Castle spoke about a recent traffic survey carried out in the village by the Department of Transport.

**RESOLVED** to contact the Department of Transport to request feedback from the survey and to ask for data obtained previously for comparison. **CLERK**

## **21. WEBSITE ISSUES**

Parish Council Website – No issues raised

**22. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE**

Finningley Village Community Group Scarecrow Festival

It was noted that correspondence had been received from Finningley Village Community Group requesting permission to put two banners on the green spaces either side of Wroot Road to advertise the Scarecrow Festival and this was unanimously agreed.

**RESOLVED** to write to the Community Group to confirm. **CLERK**

National Citizenship Service Community Projects

The Parish Council briefly discussed the project and how this could be utilised in the community.

**RESOLVED** to request further information on the project and to discuss further at the next meeting. **CLERK**

Parish Council Vacancy

The Chairman advised that Councillor Mrs C Sheriff had decided to resign as a Parish Councillor and that the March meeting would be her last.

The Parish Council are really sad to lose such an active member with over five years service to our community and she will be sorely missed by the Council and by residents. We wish her well and hope that she may one day return as a Councillor.

The Chairman explained the procedure following the resignation of a Councillor and it was agreed to put details of the vacancy in the forthcoming newsletter.

Councillor W Bedford agreed to act as Vice Chairman until a formal appointment can be made.

**RESOLVED** to contact DMBC to advise them of the vacancy. **CLERK**

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

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Chairman: .....