

**MINUTES OF THE FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
FINNINGLEY, ON TUESDAY 21ST AUGUST 2018 AT 7PM**

The agenda for this meeting was shortened to deal only with current issues

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

IN ATTENDANCE:
Stephen Racjan (DMBC)

Mr Roy Hattersley
Two members of the public

A member of the public asked if the Parish Council had a view on the number of peafowl in the village. He noted that currently there are at least 17 (including chicks) and questioned if it was advisable to have this many as they are causing damage and making a general mess around the village.

A member of the public enquired about the progress of the allotments, to be discussed under Item 8.

Stephen Racjan (DMBC) advised that part of his role with DMBC is to help with social isolation and he put forward the idea of having a communal allotment area for residents to work together on and advised that funding may be available to help with this.

Stephen also requested an update on the Section 106 money earmarked for the playing field and Councillor B Worsfold advised that unfortunately the Parish Council has now been advised that DMBC are unable to administer the projects through the DMBC framework and therefore he was in the process of sourcing suitable contractors which has caused delays.

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 – Councillor J Kong
PCSO Cheryl Gough

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

Cllr Mrs C Styring declared an interest in Item 8

4. TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RAISED UNDER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Peafowl in the village

The Chairman advised that Finningley Parish Council is not responsible any wildlife in the village including the peafowl but reiterated that if any action was taken against any wildlife by individuals then the Parish Council would be obliged to act to protect them.

Whilst some residents are not in favour of the peafowl others are in support of them and the last time some residents wanted them removing from the village, other residents organised a petition that was presented to the Parish Council containing over 250 names wanting the peafowl to stay.

It was noted that the Parish Council has recently received correspondence from a resident expressing concern about the peafowl but it had been concluded that they would need to demonstrate that "a significant proportion of residents" would like the peafowl removed from the village before they gave the matter further consideration.

5. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 17.07.18

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

6. HIGHWAY ISSUES

Village Walkabout Report – Review of actions

The Chairman reiterated that the Parish Council carries out a quarterly village walkabout to keep the village safe and tidy.

The Parish Council discussed the recent village walkabout (08/08) and the new approach to reporting both Highway and Street Scene issues (as suggested by DMBC) which is a great improvement to the old method and ensures that the Parish Council receives a response/feedback on any issues that are identified.

Boulders blocking footpath on Old Bawtry Road (adjacent to the Moto Park entrance)

Councillor W Bedford gave an update on the obstruction and it was noted that DMBC has suggested that the Parish Council request a modification to the Definitive Map that will restore the Public Right of Way in Old Bawtry Road.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council complete a Definitive Map Modification Order application to be supported by a User Evidence form and forward to Julie Guest – DMBC. **CLLR W BEDFORD & CLERK**

7. REVIEW OF VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

Following confirmation that the Section 106 money generated from the St Oswalds Drive development can be used for open space improvements in the village, members of the Parish Council walked the village with a resident to review previous recommendations made by him to improve the look and functionality of the area.

Among the areas visited and discussed were:

- Road entrances to the village from Austerfield, Wroot and Blaxton (new signs and improved "look")
- Verges throughout the village, particularly areas where street furniture made it difficult to maintain the grass (corner planting of shrubs and flowers at say Ashley Court or junction of Bawtry Road with Wroot Road)
- Wildflower and shrub planting in the above and other areas
- Screening of "Utility Areas" on Bawtry Road and Old Bawtry Road with hedges
- Tree lining on Bawtry Road and Wroot Road

Additional thoughts following the meeting:

- Improvement and / or development of village greens (e.g. seating area on the green at the junction of Chapel Lane and Wroot Road)
- Recovery of some (apparently) unused land - for maybe another seating area / quiet spot (e.g. opposite Rectory Lane on Old Bawtry Road)
- Possible improvements to the pond and surrounding area

RESOLVED to seek professional advice on the suggested improvements, further idea's and costings; to be considered at the September Parish Council meeting. **CLLR'S B WORSFOLD AND W BEDFORD**

8. ALLOTMENTS UPDATE

DSA response to updated Land Management Plan

It was noted that Tony Lonsdale had reviewed the two-tiered plan recently submitted and advised that although progress had been made the document did not contain a comprehensive habitat/wildlife management plan specifically concerning CAP 772 Bird-strike Risk Management.

Ecologist Update

It was noted that the Chairman and Councillor B Worsfold had met with a DMBC Ecologist to discuss compliance with CAP 772 and that he has agreed to assist by providing a report regarding the management of hedgerows, trees and crops and compliance with CAP 772.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Pre-Approved BIB transactions – For Information Only

£ 347.94 J Leighton-Eshelby (August Salary and Mileage) BIB.423

£ 84.00 HMRC (PAYE) BIB.424

£ 57.50 YLCA (Conference 28/09) BIB.425

To approve BIB transactions

£ 85.00 Gillies Landscapes (Grass Cutting/Weeding) BIB.426

Parish Council Insurance

The Parish Council discussed and agreed the renewal quote from Zurich Municipal (£1434.29).

The Parish Council also briefly discussed the potential impact of GDPR with regards to the Parish Council Insurance.

10. PLANNING ISSUES

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

b) Proposed Meeting – Bank End Quarry

It was noted that both Ward Councillors Steve Cox and Alan Jones had recently attended a meeting with the owners of Bank End Quarry and that the owners had also expressed a desire to meet with representatives of local Parish Councils.

The Parish Council discussed the invite and Councillor W Bedford proposed that the Parish Council attend an informal meeting (without prejudice) but there was no seconder for this proposal. Councillor R Castle made a counter proposal that the meeting should not go ahead and this was seconded by Councillor B Worsfold.

A vote was taken on the counter proposal and with a majority vote it was resolved that the meeting should not go ahead.

RESOLVED to inform Ward Councillors Steve Cox and Alan Jones of the Parish Councils decision.

c) Planning Applications Received:

18/01913/REMM – Approval of details reserved from hybrid application under reference 17/02189/OUTA relating to animal attractions area including some animal enclosures and supporting facilities including details of the anchor and main ribbon buildings at Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Brockholes Lane, Branton.

The Parish Council discussed the application and particularly their concerns regarding the new entrance on Hurst Lane and the implications that might have on traffic numbers and flow in the area and its possible impact on residents of Finningley.

RESOLVED to circulate the comments raised when reviewing the hybrid application 17/02189/OUTA to members in order for them to add any additional comments; Chairman and clerk to summarise comments and send to DMBC Planning.

18/01890/FUL – Erection of a swim tub surround in the back garden (retrospective) at 2 Priory Grove, Finningley – No Objections

11. NEWSLETTER

Printing of newsletter

The Chairman requested that members forward any items for inclusion in the next newsletter within the next couple of weeks.

12. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED to circulate to members in the usual manner.

Further correspondence from resident concerning peacocks

The clerk read out further correspondence received concerning the peacocks.

RESOLVED to thank the resident for their correspondence which has been noted. **CLERK**

57 Bus Service – revised Timetable

It was noted that the Parish Council are now aware of the proposed new 57 Bus timetable and have concerns about its possible impact on essential bus services particularly for pupils of Hayfield School / New College travelling from and to the village. The Council has engaged with the Ward Councillors on this matter who have taken it up with SYPTE and First Bus.

RESOLVED to await feedback from Ward Councillors before any further action **CLERK**

13. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Chairman:

These are DRAFT MINUTES of the above meeting. They are not considered as a true record until approved at the next meeting shown in item 13 above.

Julie Leighton-Eshelby
Clerk to the Council