

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

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Nicola Ward – DMBC Principle Planner  
Mr Roy Hattersley  
Three members of the public

Nicola Ward advised that last year DMBC put together their Local Plan which outlined their policies and plans for housing development from 2017 – 2032. Unfortunately, the re-routing of HS2 rendered the plan unusable as many of the proposed housing developments lay in the path of the new HS2 track.

As a consequence DMBC have revised the plan and are currently consulting with local communities (consultation ends 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018) prior to presenting it to government for approval.

The Parish Council discussed the new Local Plan and as far as Finningley is concerned there is no difference to the proposals in the old Plan. There are no major housing developments beyond those already approved as the requirement in plan is 55 and 67 have already been approved, all of which are either completed or close to completion. In-fill housing is still permitted.

The Plan also outlines approvals for “Minerals Extraction”. There is a large site just off Bank End Road that has been approved as part of the plan. The Parish Council has made representations to DMBC on the routing of heavy goods vehicles in order to avoid more traffic using Wroot Road as the connection between Bank End Road and the A614 to Austerfield and will continue to make that case.

A member of the public raised concern regarding the boulders blocking the footpath on Old Bawtry Road and Councillor W Bedford gave an update on the obstruction.

A discussion also took place regarding the public footpaths around the village and improving the standard of these.

**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  
Ward Councillors Steve and Jane Cox  
Stephen Racjan (DMBC)

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

Cllr R Johnson declared an interest in Item 12  
Cllr W Bedford declared an interest in Item 10  
Cllr Mrs C Styring declared an interest in Item 15  
Cllr B Worsfold declared an interest in Item 12

**4. POLICING ISSUES**

It was noted that the 12/10 Doncaster East Police newsletter previously circulated to members contained no reported crimes in Finningley.

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had received an invite from Chief Superintendent Shaun Morley – Doncaster District Commander to attend the quarterly Councillor’s meeting being held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. It was agreed that the Chairman will attend the meeting and report back to the Parish Council.

**5. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLORS/DMBC REPRESENTATIVES** – None present

The Parish Council expressed their disappointment in the lack of regular attendance from the Ward Councillors.

**RESOLVED** to raise the Parish Councils concerns with Ward Councillor Steve Cox.

**CHAIRMAN**

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

It was agreed to put upgrading the standard of the public footpaths in the village on the November agenda.

**RESOLVED** to identify all the public footpaths and circulate to members prior to the November meeting.

**CLLR W BEDFORD**

#### **7. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18.09.18**

**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 Chairman advised that he had spoken to a former Parish Councillor who has agreed to pass on any paperwork relating to the Wellington Drive Footpath that may be of use.

Councillor B Worsfold to also follow up with a resident who may have some relevant documentation.

##### Newsletter

The Chairman advised that there is now enough content for the editorial team to put a newsletter together.

Councillor R Castle spoke about using the newsletter to collect information from residents regarding the ongoing bus issues but after consideration it was agreed that Councillor Castle should ask for feedback via social media and refer issues back to the Parish Council.

##### Tree review-village greens

The Chairman advised that he had contacted Viking Trees to arrange a date for the tree inspection but had not received any response.

**RESOLVED** to follow this up.

**CHAIRMAN**

Councillor W Bedford reported that the Queens Commonwealth Canopy trees are being dispatched this week.

##### Lack of response from DMBC re: Enforcement Training

The Chairman reported that he had managed to speak to Rob Scarborough – DMBC who has confirmed that the training offered some months ago is still available.

It was agreed that members are still interested in undertaking the training, providing that if the Parish Council decide that members will not carry out the enforcement DMBC continue to send Enforcement Officers to patrol the Playing Field and village.

**RESOLVED** to contact Rob Scarborough to arrange the training for mid to late November. **CHAIRMAN**

#### **9. PARISH COUNCILLORS REPRESENTATION OF VIEWS EXPRESSED ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

As Councillor J Kong was unable to attend the meeting the Chairman read out correspondence received expressing her views on the issue.

The Chairman also reiterated that the Parish Council has already agreed at a previous meeting that members who are signed up to social media can respond to posts as a Councillor providing they remember that they are signed up to the Code of Conduct. That means that any response should be respectful and factual i.e. correcting a misunderstanding or incorrect information and members should avoid expressing opinions.

The Parish Council comprehensively discussed the pros and cons of using social media as a platform and the best practice for dealing with this.

**RESOLVED** to accept that social media is a platform for residents to report any issues and should be dealt with in the same manner as any other form of reporting i.e. speaking directly to a member of the Parish Council or the clerk or emailing/telephoning a member of the Parish Council or the clerk.

Parish Council members who are members of social media forums can refer issues to the Parish Council, particularly those within the Parish Councils areas of responsibility.

**MEMBERS**

**RESOLVED** that the Council will not respond to issues raised on social media via the same means. All responses will continue to be made through the normal Parish Council channels; Minutes of Meetings, the website, Newsletters, Notice Boards, and to individuals and organisations by email and mail via the Clerk or a nominated member.

The clerk read out correspondence received from a resident requesting that the Parish Council publish their minutes etc. on community websites.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council will continue to publish their minutes on the Parish Council website and post them on the Parish Council noticeboards situated at the Village Hall and the Post Office.

## **10. UPDATE ON ISSUES RELATING TO NORTH EAST BASSETLAW COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP**

Councillor W Bedford spoke about test drilling which is imminent at both the Tinker Lane and Springs Road sites.

It was also noted that protest levels are being controlled due to the injunction that is now in place. The next Community Liaison meeting is scheduled for Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

## **11. REVIEW OF VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS**

### Consideration of proposals circulated to members

Councillor W Bedford spoke about the proposed village enhancement proposals previously circulated to members along with an options appraisal to help the Council formulate their proposals to DMBC and the Ward Councillors.

Councillor B Worsfold spoke about the proposals for new village signs as part of the village improvements.

The Chairman thanked Councillors W Bedford and B Worsfold for all the work that they have put into the project.

### Next steps

**RESOLVED** to summarise appraisal responses received and circulate to members. **CLLR W BEDFORD**

**RESOLVED** to identify at the November meeting the projects that the Parish Council would prefer to support and, in the first instance, speak to the DMBC Area Team about their validity within the terms of the 106 Agreement from which funds might be available.

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

### Update: Field improvement projects

Councillor B Worsfold gave an update on the Section 106 money projects for the Playing Field.

### Update: Pavilion and field maintenance

Councillor B Worsfold advised that this is still ongoing and advised that the Playing Fields Association will re-evaluate their budget now that the pavilion has been in use for a year.

### Update: Signs

Councillor B Worsfold reported that DMBC have installed the new playing field sign on the village green onto the existing column and replaced the Village Hall sign with a smaller one to allow them both to go on the same column. There is also a sign on Lindley Road at the entrance to the car park.

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

### Village Hall Committee Meeting Minutes/Report

Councillor W Bedford reported that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

It was noted that the Parish Council would like to delegate responsibility for agreeing that hirers can put a sign on the village green to the Village Hall Committee and the Chairman asked Councillor Bedford to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

**14. POND ISSUES**

Meeting to discuss ongoing maintenance

It was noted that the Chairman and Councillor B Worsfold would be meeting with the resident who has volunteered to help with the pond on 17<sup>th</sup> October to discuss the work required.

**15. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION**

Response from DSA re: Land Management Plan

The clerk read out the response from DSA Operations Director who has agreed that in principle the plan looks good and would not be objected to by DSA.

**RESOLVED** to contact DMBC to arrange a pre-planning consultation.

**CHAIRMAN**

**16. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Pre-Approved BIB transactions – For Information Only

£ 347.94 J Leighton-Eshelby BIB.434  
(October Salary and Mileage)

£ 84.00 HMRC (PAYE) BIB.435

To approve BIB transactions

£ 15.52 DMBC – Litter Bin Emptying BIB.436  
(Expenses – Filing Cabinet, suspension files & key safe)

£ 131.47 DMBC – Dog Bin Emptying BIB.437  
(Grass Cutting/Flowerbed Maintenance)

**17. PLANNING ISSUES**

**a) Planning Applications Received**: None

**b) Planning Concerns**

Councillor W Bedford spoke about his wish to request that DMBC carry out a formal review of the Conservation Area as soon as possible and this was discussed by the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED** to contact Ward Councillor Steve Cox in the first instance to enquire what a Conservation Area review involves and when this is scheduled to be done.

**CLERK**

**18. HIGHWAY ISSUES**

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

Councillor W Bedford had already provided an update during the public participation.

Update on Definitive Map Modification Order Application – Old Bawtry Road

Councillor W Bedford reported Julie Guest (DMBC) has indicated that she is hopeful that the footpath will be adopted within the next six months.

**19. WEBSITE ISSUES**

Parish Council Website - No Issues Raised

**20. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE**

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

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

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

Chairman: .....