

**MINUTES OF THE FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,  
FINNINGLEY, ON TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7PM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  
Ward Councillor Steve Cox

Mr Roy Hattersley  
Twelve members of the public

A member of the public raised concern regarding gate posts and CCTV that have been erected on Old Bawtry Road near the Austerfield roundabout.

The Chairman reported that he had made enquiries and had been advised that the quarry has erected the gate posts and will eventually install gates which will be locked during operational hours due to safety concerns raised regarding pedestrians and cyclists using the footpath at the same time as HGV's. The CCTV has also been installed by the quarry due to an increase in fly tipping and security concerns. Concern was raised by members of the public regarding the lawful use of CCTV.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the Old Bawtry Road footpath and Councillor W Bedford gave an update on the Parish Councils Definitive Map Modification Order Application. A member of the public encouraged residents to submit further user evidence to the Parish Council to support the application and volunteered to promote this through social media.

A member of the public also suggested that the Parish Council contact Nottinghamshire County Council as when the new road was built and Old Bawtry Road closed to through traffic he believed it was before the 1974 boundary change and the area was in Nottinghamshire.

A member of the public raised road safety concerns along the A614 through the village and asked that residents are made aware that they can report near misses.

A member of the public referred to the Parish Councils planning application for the change of use from agricultural land to residential allotments, the Chairman gave an update on the history of the application and the progress to date.

A resident raised concern regarding the lack of an adequate footpath after the entrance to the former Higgins office site and asked who maintained the grass verge in this area. He also raised nuisance caused by flies in this area and the difficulties he had experienced in reporting. He had also had difficulties in reporting an attempted theft using 101.

The Chairman suggested he initially called the Environment Agency on 0800 807060 and reported the fly issue. If no action resulted, he could come back to the Parish Council for them to take up the matter. In regard to 101, the Chairman said that the Parish Council had been advised by the Police that the 101 service is under severe pressure and people should use 999 if the incident is serious.

Ward Councillor Steve Cox agreed to speak to DMBC with regards to the flies and advised the resident to contact the DMBC Anti-Social Behaviour Unit with regards to the attempted theft. The Parish Council also briefly discussed the ongoing difficulties with the police 101 service.

A resident thanked the Parish Council for repairing the picnic table at the village pond.

**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** – Stephen Racjan (DMBC)

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

Cllr R Johnson declared an interest in Item 13  
Cllr W Bedford declared an interest in Item 11  
Cllr Mrs C Styring declared an interest in Item 16  
Cllr B Worsfold declared an interest in Item 13

### **4. POLICING ISSUES**

Councillor Steve Cox reported that he had not received the weekly police newsletter since 1<sup>st</sup> February and agreed to follow this up with Inspector Lynne Lancaster.  
Councillor W Bedford advised that a purse had recently been stolen from the Village Hall and the Chairman reported that the police had attended an incident on the Playing Fields on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February. He understood that up to three teenagers had been detained by police attending the incident.

### **5. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLORS/DMBC REPRESENTATIVES** – No further issues raised

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

**RESOLVED** to contact Nottinghamshire County Council regarding Old Bawtry Road footpath.  
**CHAIRMAN**

The Parish Council discussed the use of CCTV on Old Bawtry Road and it was agreed to make further enquiries with DMBC regarding the placement of CCTV cameras in such locations and if warning notices should be posted. Clerk to seek advice on which officer to contact.

**RESOLVED** to seek clarification from DMBC with regards to who is responsible for the overgrown footpath after the entrance to the former Higgins office site. **CLERK**

### **7. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15.01.19**

**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 – No further update

Silver Birch Trees to the rear of 24 Gatesbridge Park

The Chairman read out the response received from Jonathan Tesh - DMBC Trees and Hedgerows Officer (previously circulated to members) advising that DMBC has adopted a policy not to fell or excessively prune trees for merely exhibiting natural events, therefore no action will be taken by DMBC. The resident could however call DMBC on 736000 if he wanted to discuss the matter further.

Councillor B Worsfold advised that the resident has indicated that he is willing to pay for any work required and it was agreed to feed back to the resident to pursue this matter further with DMBC.

**RESOLVED** to speak to the resident to pass on the advice received and the DMBC officers contact details. **CLLR B WORSFOLD**

Newsletter Content & Printing

It was noted that members had provided the Chairman with items for inclusion in the newsletter and the Parish Council discussed the quote received from a local printer.

**RESOLVED** to accept the quote of £93.00 to provide 850 A4 newsletters (folded twice).

### **9. REVIEW OF JOINT CHARTER REFRESH 2018-19**

The Chairman advised that the Joint Charter governs the relationship between DMBC and Parish & Town Councils in the Borough. The Parish Council reviewed the Charter (previously circulated to members) and was happy that the revised Charter reflects the current situation.

**RESOLVED** to approve its adoption and confirm in writing to Allan Wiltshire – DMBC Head of Policy & Partnerships. **CLERK**

## **10. REPORT ON YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (Minutes previously circulated to members)**

Councillor R Castle gave an overview of the meeting held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January which included updates on current progress and highway improvements with regards to the YWP expansion programme.

The Chairman raised concern regarding the increase in traffic when the new entrance is in operation and re-iterated the need for DMBC to take account of all the other proposed developments in the area that would themselves result in increased local traffic. Claims are made in the planning process that each individual development will not have any significant impact on local communities but there appears to be no proper assessment of the cumulative effect.

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

Councillor W Bedford reported that IGas are making much better progress than originally anticipated at Springs Road (Misson) and advised that the Tinker Lane site is to be closed and restored.

It was also noted that David Petrie – Communications Manager has now left IGas Energy Plc. His replacement as coordinator of the CLG is to be announced.

## **12. VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

### Working Group Report

The Chairman advised that both he and Councillor W Bedford had met with DMBC (13/02) to review the proposed village enhancement projects and it was noted that a number of the proposed projects cannot be supported by Section 106 funding which must be used for enhancement of green space or are not supported by DMBC Highways.

The Chairman also advised that unfortunately a pedestrian crossing cannot be funded by this allocation of Section 106 money.

The Chairman spoke about the projects that had received a positive response from DMBC including seating areas at the end of Chapel Lane junction with Wroot Road & between Blenheim Drive and the churchyard and improving pathways and seating around the pond.

**RESOLVED** to obtain quotes for all the projects that had received a positive response from DMBC to be discussed further at the March Parish Council meeting.

**CHAIRMAN & CLLR W BEDFORD**

**RESOLVED** to also approach the contractors who have provided quotes for the Playing Field Section 106 projects.

**CLLR B WORSFOLD**

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

### Projects Update

Councillor B Worsfold gave an update on the Section 106 projects and advised that he has now obtained most of the quotes required prior to DMBC producing an Officer Decision Record (ODR).

Councillor Worsfold also advised that the tennis court lighting has been upgraded and that the tennis courts will now remain open all year round with restricted times during winter. It is also hoped that a tennis club will be established in the near future.

### Feedback from Blaxton PC January Meeting re Management of Section 106 Projects

The Chairman advised that at the Blaxton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January the Parish Council accepted the offer from Finningley Parish Council to manage the projects in liaison with the Joint Playing Field, subject to the provision of regular financial and progress updates.

It was noted that Blaxton Parish Council had also confirmed their continued financial support for the Playing Fields.

**RESOLVED** that Finningley Parish Council will also continue to make an annual grant to the Playing Fields Association.

**14. ISSUES RELATING TO VILLAGE HALL**

Village Hall Committee Meeting Minutes/Report

Councillor W Bedford gave an overview of the meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January and it was noted that the Village Hall Committee are hoping to run new events to raise funds.

Village Hall Car Park

The Chairman read out a letter received from the Village Hall Committee concerning unauthorised parking in the Village Hall car park and the Parish Council discussed their request to consider the provision of notices to be placed in the car park advising that the car park is for the use of hirers of the hall only.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council is not in favour of installing permanent signs but would support the use of temporary signs to restrict parking when the hall is in use. **Councillor W Bedford** to provide feedback to the Village Hall Committee.

Village Hall Entrance Door

The Chairman read out a letter received from the Village Hall Committee expressing concern regarding the state of the door and asking the Parish Council to assist with the repair or replacement of the door.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council will replace the door and manage the project. Parish Council to liaise with DMBC Conservation Officer and obtain at least three quotes, to be discussed at a future meeting.

**CHAIRMAN, CLLR R CASTLE & CLLR B WORSFOLD**

Councillor R Castle to keep Village Hall Committee informed of progress.

Councillor W Bedford spoke about the open space at the Village Hall and the possibility of using Section 106 funding (Village Enhancement) to make improvements.

**RESOLVED** to look at options and obtain quotes, to be discussed further if Section 106 funds are available.

**CLLR W BEDFORD**

**15. POND ISSUES**

Councillor B Worsfold advised that Siltex and nets of barley straw will be put into the pond in early March to help control silt and algae levels.

Councillor Worsfold also reported that when DMBC empty the bin at the pond they are not putting it back correctly leaving the rat bait exposed.

**RESOLVED** to report to the appropriate officer at DMBC.

**CLERK**

**16. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION**

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council have now received notification of the Parish Councils planning application (19/00302/COU) Change of use from agricultural land to residential allotments on land west of Church Lane, Finningley.

It was noted that the Parish Council have also received notification from DMBC that the application may affect the route of an existing Public Right of Way.

**RESOLVED** to contact David Richards – DMBC Senior Planning Officer to make further enquiries.

**CHAIRMAN**

**17. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Pre-Approved BIB transactions – For Information Only

£ 231.00 DMBC (Allotment Planning Fee) BIB.451

£ 347.94 J Leighton-Eshelby BIB.452  
(February Salary and Mileage)

£ 84.00 HMRC (PAYE) BIB.453

To approve BIB transactions

£ 135.00 Gillies Landscapes BIB 454  
(Bed maintenance & hedge cutting at pond)

£ 1092.00	Viking Trees (Tree Work)	BIB 455
£ 250.00	Alan Mason (Village Enhancement Project Work)	BIB 456
£ 28.08	Richard Johnson (Plans purchased to support Allotment Planning Application)	BIB 457
£ 115.95	Bill Worsfold (Printer ink & paper and 3 keepnets for village pond)	BIB 458
£ 9.00	Will Bedford (Land Registry Fees – Map Modification Order Application)	BIB 459

## **18. PLANNING ISSUES**

### **a) Planning Applications Received:**

1. 19/00292/FUL – Section 73 application to vary Condition 2 (approved plans) from the previously approved 18/01562/FUL; to include external changes, including stone window surrounds, colour of frames, removal of glazing bars, rainwater goods and new side ensuite window introduced at Burnham House, 3 Chapel Lane, Finningley. No Comment

### **b) Planning Concerns – No Issues Raised**

## **19. HIGHWAY ISSUES**

Update on Definitive Map Modification Order Application – Update already given during public participation

## **20. WEBSITE ISSUES**

### Parish Council Website

Due to time constraints this item was deferred until the March meeting.

## **21. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE**

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

### Further correspondence received regarding peafowl

The Chairman read out correspondence received requesting the Parish Council put a piece in the next newsletter concerning peafowl population control.

The Parish Council discussed the complaints previously received regarding the increasing number of peafowl in the village and the nuisance and damage caused.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council is not responsible for the peafowl and that whilst they sympathise with the resident's situation the Parish Council will not take any action unless there is a significant number of residents who feel that their number should be reduced or that they should be removed.

**RESOLVED** to comply with request and put a piece together for inclusion in the next newsletter, to be circulated to all members for approval.

**EDITORIAL TEAM**

### HGV's travelling along Wroot Road (email)

The Chairman advised that a complaint had been received from a resident concerning a HGV travelling along Wroot Road from a company who had previously agreed not to use this route.

It was noted that the Chairman had spoken to the company who agreed to remind all their drivers of the agreement not to use Wroot Road to access the A614 from Bank End Road and vice versa.

Road Concerns B1396

The Chairman read out an email received raising concern regarding objects falling from lorries and other such vehicles including tractors with trailers.

**RESOLVED** to refer the correspondence to Ward Councillor Steve Cox for advice as the B1396 passes through a least three parishes in the Finningley Ward. **CHAIRMAN**

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

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Chairman: .....