

**MINUTES OF THE FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, FINNINGLEY, ON TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019 FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Roy Hattersley

Three members of the public

All issues raised by residents were raised at the Annual Parish Meeting held immediately prior to the April Parish Council Meeting.

**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** – None Received

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

Cllr R Johnson declared an interest in Item 15

Cllr W Bedford declared an interest in Item 9

Cllr Mrs C Styring declared an interest in Item 18

Cllr J Clarke declared an interest in Item 10 & 15

Cllr R Castle declared an interest in Item 11 & 16

**4. POLICING ISSUES**

It was noted that members continue to receive the Doncaster East Police newsletter but this has now moved to a two weekly report, current priorities include nuisance vehicles, speeding and anti-social behaviour.

The Chairman briefly spoke about the current inadequacies of the 101 service and reminded that the PC had been advised to use 999 if the incident was still in progress or had just finished. If residents required a "crime number" after the event then they had no choice but to use 101, but should be prepared for a long wait for a response. He also advised that the "campers" on the land opposite the Post Office have now moved on.

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

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

Road Safety

Following concerns raised by a resident at the Annual Parish Meeting it was agreed to look into the ways to report a near miss road incident and if possible include details in the next newsletter.

**7. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 19.03.19**

**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

It was noted that no response had been received in relation to the Parish Councils request for a site meeting with Roy Sykes (DMBC Head of Planning).

**RESOLVED** to follow up.

**CLERK**

Overgrown footpath after the entrance to the former Higgins office site

It was noted that no response had been received from Higgins.

**RESOLVED** to follow up.

**CLERK**

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

Councillor W Bedford reported that IGas are pleased with the initial results at the Springs Road (Misson) site and based on the results so far it is highly likely that IGas will submit a planning application to frack later this year.

It was also noted that the Tinker Lane site will be closed and restored to its original use.

## **10. REPORT ON AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (28/03)**

Councillor J Clarke gave an overview of the meeting held on 28/03 which included a presentation by Andy Hudson on the new legislation concerning drones, discussion on the impact of Brexit and the election of three Parish & Town Council representatives to the Airport Consultative Committee - Town Councillor Alan Cropley (Bawtry Town Council), Parish Councillor Norma McCarron (Blaxton) and Parish Councillor Jennifer Worthington (Cantley with Branton).

**RESOLVED** to note the report and circulate details to Councillors in the usual manner. **CLERK**

## **11. REPORT ON YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (10/04)**

(Report previously circulated to members)

Councillor R Castle gave an overview of the meeting held on 10/04 which included discussion about the extra 140 houses planned for Auckley which the Consultative Committee were not aware of, draft road schemes / highway improvements and internal progress within the park.

Councillor Castle raised concern regarding HGV movements to the quarry (adjacent to the wildlife park) and it was noted that the Parish Council have already raised these concerns with Nottinghamshire County Council.

The Chairman stressed that unless improvements are made to the infrastructure in the area this will result in major problems with increased traffic from the wildlife park expansion, the quarry and the additional 140 houses in Auckley and it was noted that the Parish Council will continue to make their voice heard.

## **12. REPORT ON DMBC PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY FORUM (11/04)**

Councillor W Bedford gave an overview of the meeting held on 11/04 and reported that work will start at the end of April to do routine maintenance on all public rights of way.

It was also noted that the HS2 route will cut through a number of public rights of way and this will be addressed by the PROW Group.

### Update on Definitive Map Modification Order Application

Councillor Bedford read out correspondence received from Julie Guest (DMBC Senior Public Rights of Way Officer) advising that in the absence of any further information from the land owner she considers that she has sufficient evidence to demonstrate use by the public at large over the prescribed period but is happy to continue to receive further user evidence forms. Residents were encouraged to continue submitting their user evidence forms to support the Parish Councils application.

## **13. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY**

It was noted that DMBC have notified the clerk that no election has been requested so the Parish Council can fill the vacancy by co-option.

The Chairman explained the process and it was noted that the vacancy will be advertised on both the Parish Council notice board and website.

Candidates to be invited to attend the June or July Parish Council meeting when it is hoped that the Parish Council will co-opt a new member.

## **14. VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

### Working Group Report

The Chairman reported that both himself and Councillor W Bedford had met with a local architect to discuss 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 to provide disabled access and make the area DDA compliant.

#### Proposals and Quote (Previously circulated to members)

The Parish Council discussed the quotes received at length. It was noted that that the Parish Council has now spoken to 3 architects and has shown due diligence in obtaining three quotations for similar services.

**RESOLVED** to speak to the DMBC Area Team in the first instance to establish which of the architect costs (topological, drawings & project management) can be funded by the Section 106 money and which will have to be funded by the Parish Council before arranging a further meeting with the architect to discuss his proposals further.

**CHAIRMAN**

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

#### Projects Update

The Chairman advised that three quotes had now been received but DMBC had raised concern that one quote was significantly lower than the other two as it was not like for like.

The Chairman has chased up the contractor for a like for like quotation but is still waiting receipt of this. As soon as it is available, he will forward to DMBC and follow up.

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

#### Village Hall Committee Meeting Minutes/Report

Councillor W Bedford advised the Committee have purchased a projector screen & new chairs and that a new member has also been appointed to the Village Hall Committee

#### Village Hall Car Park Signs

Councillor R Castle reported that the Committee has discussed the use of temporary car park signs at length but a decision is still to be made.

#### Village Hall Entrance Door

It was noted that as the new door is bespoke the contractor required a deposit of £1,000 which has been paid by the Parish Council and it is hoped that the door will be fitted by the end of April or early May.

#### New Parish Council Notice Board

The Chairman advised that the current Parish Council notice board sited on the outside wall of the village hall is not fit for purpose and that he had contacted Malcolm Thomas (DMBC Conservation Officer) for guidance in replacing the notice board with regards to the listed building.

The Parish Council noted the response received from Malcolm Thomas advising that listed building consent would not be required for a like for like replacement and it was agreed that the Chairman will circulate details/costs to members for approval.

Concern was also raised regarding the broken rear gate at the Village Hall and the Chairman agreed to look at this in the first instance and if possible, make a temporary repair.

### **17. POND ISSUES**

It was noted that the current DMBC pest control contract is due to expire and the Parish Council unanimously agreed the renewal at a cost of £264.00 inclusive of VAT (£44).

The Chairman advised that 100 kg of Siltex powder and three nets of barley straw have already been put in the pond to help control silt and algae levels with three more nets to be put into the pond in June.

It was also noted that the pond needs to be aerated using an air pump and air bricks at the bottom of the pond, to be agreed at a later date.

### **18. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION**

#### Planning Application Decision

It was noted that DMBC have now approved the Parish Council planning application 19/00302/COU - Change of use from agricultural land to residential allotments on land west of Church Lane, Finningley.

### Progress Update

The Chairman advised that he had met with Viking Trees to discuss cutting back the perimeter hedge but due to the bird nesting season this cannot be carried out until the end of August.

It was also noted that Viking Trees had provided a quote to spray and clear the land (£600) and this was unanimously agreed.

## **19. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

£ 1,000.00 Window Tech (Village Hall Door Deposit) BIB.466

£ 347.94 J Leighton-Eshelby BIB.467  
(April Salary and Mileage)

£ 84.00 HMRC (PAYE) BIB.468

### To approve BIB transactions

£ 442.00 YLCA (Subscription) BIB 469

£ 15.52 DMBC (Litter Bin Emptying) BIB 470

£ 131.47 DMBC (Dog Bin Emptying) BIB 471

## **20. PLANNING ISSUES**

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

(19/00771/FUL) Rebuilding of existing toilet and storage area to office, mess room and toilet facility, for use by agricultural workers at Grange Farm, Wroot Road, Finningley

### Comment Only

There is insufficient information for the Parish Council to pass a reasoned judgement on the application.

### **b) Planning Concerns**

#### DMBC Conservation Area

Councillor W Bedford spoke about his wish for the Conservation Area to be reviewed and the development restrictions within conservation areas (circulated to members).

**RESOLVED** to contact Malcolm Thomas (DMBC Conservation Officer) to query what difference it would make to the current status of the un-assessed Conservation Area if DMBC carried out a formal assessment. **CLERK**

## **21. HIGHWAY ISSUES**

Update on Definitive Map Modification Order Application – Update already given during Item 12

### Barbed wire – Footpath No.5

It was noted that the Parish Council had contacted Julie Guest (DMBC Senior Public Rights of Way Officer) following concerns raised by a resident.

The Chairman read out the response received from Julie Guest advising that she had inspected the whole of public footpath No. 5 and did see the barbed wire but as it is a considerable distance from the footpath and separated by a ditch and hedge she does not consider that it will cause a danger to users of the footpath and therefore she is unable to take any enforcement action to have it removed. Any

concerns regarding this should be taken up with the land owner.

**RESOLVED** to ask Julie Guest to clarify who the land owner is so the Parish Council can approach them with regard to requesting removal of the barbed wire. **CLERK**

**22. WEBSITE ISSUES**

Parish Council Website

The Chairman advised that, as agreed at the March meeting, a short piece giving information about the Playing Fields Association, with contact details, had been put on the Parish Council website. For clarity, the former "Pavilion" tab had been changed to "The Playing Fields".

**23. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Possible encroachment on to airport bunding – Old Bawtry Road

The Chairman read out correspondence received from a resident but it was agreed that this was outside the Parish Councils remit.

DMBC Community Street Audit

Councillor W Bedford reported that Hannah Wild – DMBC Public Health Improvement Officer (Walking & Cycling) had already met with a number of residents to discuss how DMBC can make the streets safer and more suitable for walking so no Parish Council input was required. The Chairman expressed surprise and disappointment that, as this item was included on the agenda for this meeting, the walkabout had taken place without prior notice to the Parish Council.

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

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Chairman: .....