

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, FINNINGLEY, ON TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2019 AT 7PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE:  
Stephen Racjan (DMBC)  
Mr Roy Hattersley

Two members of the public

A member of the public spoke about concerns raised previously regarding the lack of an adequate footpath after the entrance to the former Higgins office site and the overgrown grass verge in this area. The Chairman reiterated that the Parish Council has already reported the concerns raised with DMBC and Higgins but were still awaiting a response, clerk to follow up.

A member of the public also raised concern regarding vehicles speeding on Old Bawtry Road in both directions from the junction with The Green to past the Fire Station entrance.

**1. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR**

Cllr W Bedford proposed Cllr R Johnson, this was seconded by Cllr J Clarke and unanimously agreed.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr R Johnson be Chairman for the year.

**2. SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FORM**

Cllr R Johnson signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**3. TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR**

Cllr R Castle proposed Cllr W Bedford, this was seconded by Cllr J Clarke and unanimously agreed.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr W Bedford be Vice Chairman for the year.

**4. TO AGREE ITEMS TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETING) ACT 1960** - None

**5. TO RECEIVE/ACCEPT APOLOGIES** – All members present

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

Cllr R Johnson declared an interest in Item 15

Cllr Mrs C Styring declared an interest in Item 18

Cllr W Bedford declared an interest in Items 13 & 16

Cllr R Castle declared an interest in Items 16 & 20

Cllr J Clarke declared an interest in Item 15

**7. POLICING ISSUES**

It was noted that the last Doncaster East Police Newsletter received was 26<sup>th</sup> April.

The Chairman reported that Auckley Parish Council had been invited to send a representative to a meeting tomorrow at The Hayfield School organised by the police concerning anti-social behaviour but that neither Blaxton or Finningley Parish Council had been invited to attend.

Concern was raised that dealing with anti-social behaviour in Auckley by concentrated Police action may encourage those responsible to move their activities to neighboring villages like Blaxton and Finningley.

It was agreed that the Chairman would attend the meeting on behalf of both Finningley and Blaxton Parish Councils as being aware of action taken in Auckley would put both Parish Councils in a better position to identify increased activity in their own areas.

Councillor J Kong advised that she had written to Inspector Lynne Lancaster as Chair of Neighbourhood Watch expressing concern regarding the increase in crime in the village which is not being monitored or reported.

**RESOLVED** to write to Inspector Lancaster advising that the Parish Council support the points raised by Neighbourhood Watch. **CLERK**

### **8. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLORS**

Stephen Racjan (DMBC) spoke about the forthcoming meeting at Hayfield School and advised that he is currently working with DMBC Trading Standards who are in the process of updating their No Cold Calling material and literature.

Stephen advised that he is keen to liaise with Parish Councils to establish problem areas that may benefit from a No Cold Calling zone being set up.

Stephen also spoke about the weekly drop in sessions at the Holmescarr Centre to promote wellbeing and the services available for residents.

It was agreed to discuss at a future meeting widening the Parish Councils scope to encompass the services available for residents at local level.

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

The complaint regarding speeding on Old Bawtry Road was noted and it was agreed that this would be investigated further if further complaints are received.

### **10. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 16.04.19**

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

### **11. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 16.04.19**

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

### **12. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MEETING FOR INFORMATION/NOTING**

No Issues Raised

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

Councillor W Bedford reported that test drills have been done at the Springs Road (Misson) site and the core has been sent for formal testing; IGas will then decide if to submit a planning application to frack.

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

The Chairman advised that he had referred the architect's costs (topological, drawings & project management) to the DMBC Area Team to establish which can be funded by the Section 106 money and which will have to be funded by the Parish Council but had received no response.

**RESOLVED** to follow up with DMBC.

**CHAIRMAN**

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

#### **Projects Update**

The Chairman advised that as DMBC had identified that one of the three quotes obtained for the Field Enlargement project was not "like for like" the contractor had been contacted and resubmitted his quote which the Chairman had forwarded to DMBC.

**RESOLVED** to follow up with DMBC.

**CHAIRMAN**

It was noted that the allocation of Section 106 Funding for both the Village Enhancement Project and Joint Playing Field Project will be decided by DMBC Cabinet.

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

#### Village Hall Management Committee Report

It was noted that the Committee have purchased a projector screen to be fixed inside the Hall and that Malcolm Thomas – DMBC Design and Conservation Officer had raised no issues with this.

#### Village Hall Entrance Door

The Chairman advised that it was initially hoped that the door would be fitted by the end of April or early May but unfortunately the supplier had informed the door fitter that due to an increased workload the door would now not be ready until the end of May. Due to the delay the door fitter is looking to source an alternative supplier and it is hoped that the door will be fitted by the end of May.

### **17. POND ISSUES**

The Chairman reported that there is a problem with rats around the pond which have been seen out during the day eating the food that has been left for the ducks.

It was noted that the DMBC pest control contract has been renewed as agreed at the April Parish Council meeting and that the clerk has reported the concerns raised to Mark Drabble – DMBC Pest Control Manager.

**RESOLVED** to contact DMBC Pest Control and ask them to investigate increased pest activity despite the presence of the “pest control” bin.

**CLERK**

The Chairman read out advice received regarding aerating the pond and it was agreed to purchase the pump, pipework and stones suggested at a total cost of £330.00

### **18. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION**

#### Progress Update

The Chairman advised that the perimeter hedge cannot be cut back until the end of the bird nesting season but it was agreed that Viking Trees can commence with spraying and clearing the land. Chairman to contact Viking Trees to confirm.

The Chairman also reported that he had asked DMBC for a quote to install a dropped kerb and that he was in the process of arranging a site meeting to agree the exact location.

### **19. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

£ 347.94	J Leighton-Eshelby (May Salary and Mileage)	BIB.473
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£ 84.00	HMRC (PAYE)	BIB.474
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#### To approve BIB transactions

£ 12.00	Clerk & Councils Direct Subscription	BIB.475
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£ 38.60	W Bedford (Expenses)	BIB.476
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The Parish Council also gave approval to purchase a new notice board to be sited on the outside wall of the Village Hall and it was agreed that the Chairman would liaise with Councillor W Bedford on the purchase.

## **20. PLANNING ISSUES**

**a) Planning Applications Received:** None

**b) Planning Concerns**

### Harvey Arms Planning Decision

The Chairman reiterated that the Parish Council are required to publicise the dates of events in the marquee as a condition of the planning consent.

The Chairman advised that David Richards – DMBC Senior Planning Officer had confirmed that the Parish Council can post a permanent (for the duration of the consent) notice on its primary notice boards (Village Hall & Post Office) indicating that it will publicise the event dates on the Parish Council website and this was unanimously agreed.

It was also noted that the Parish Council are only required to publish the event dates and not the nature of the event

### White Cottage revised plans

Councillor W Bedford spoke about the objections the Parish Council raised previously and the amended plans for the proposed frontage.

The Parish Council discussed the amended application and it was agreed that Finningley Parish Council still cannot support this planning application for the reasons detailed below:-

- 1) The proposed dwelling is still too big and not in keeping with the character of the Conservation Area, particularly Rectory Lane.
- 2) The Parish Council has concerns regarding further building at the rear in the future.

### Yorkshire Wildlife Park

The Chairman spoke about the Yorkshire Wildlife Park proposed road changes and it was noted that the Yorkshire Wildlife Park Consultative Committee have requested sight of the draft plans but these have not been made available.

Ward Councillor Steve Cox has confirmed that DMBC are also still to receive the plans and he is following this up.

### Public Consultation on the Draft Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan – (Previously circulated to Members)

It was agreed that members would share their views on the consultation and formulate a response

## **21. APPOINTMENTS TO:**

### Joint Playing Field Committee (2)

Councillors R Johnson and J Clarke

### Village Hall Committee (2)

Councillors W Bedford and R Castle

## **22. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES:**

### PCJCC (1) plus a deputy

Councillor R Johnson Deputy – Councillor Mrs C Styring

### Airport Noise Monitoring Committee (1) plus a deputy

Councillor J Clarke Deputy – Councillor R Castle

### DMBC Public Rights of Way Forum (1)

Councillor W Bedford

### Update on Definitive Map Modification Order Application

It was noted that Julie Guest – DMBC Senior Public Rights of Way Officer is currently writing a report to be submitted for decision and although she has sufficient user evidence forms she is still happy to accept further evidence from residents.

### IGas CLG Representatives (2)

Councillors R Johnson and W Bedford

### Yorkshire Wildlife Park Consultative Committee (1) plus a deputy

Councillor R Castle Deputy – Councillor J Kong

### Police Liaison Committee (1) plus a deputy

Councillor J Kong Deputy – Councillor J Clarke

## **23. PARISH COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:**

### To agree/confirm 2 Council Auditors

Councillors R Johnson and Mrs C Styring

### To agree/confirm Cheque/BIB Signatories

Councillors W Bedford, R Castle, J Clarke and J Kong

### To agree/confirm members who will undertake Highways/Footpaths patrols

Councillor R Castle to lead and all members to undertake patrols on the basis of those available when the inspections are carried out.

### To agree/confirm Newsletter Editorial Team

Councillors Mrs C Styring, R Johnson and J Kong plus the clerk

## **24. HIGHWAY ISSUES**

It was noted that DMBC have been carrying out resurfacing and repainting of road markings throughout the village.

Councillor W Bedford reported that the resident who had previously raised concern regarding HGV's travelling along Wroot Road was pleased to report that this had now stopped.

## **25. WEBSITE ISSUES**

### Parish Council Website

Harvey Arms marquee event dates to be published on the Parish Council website-see Item 20b.

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

Resolved to circulate to members in the usual manner.

YLCA South Yorkshire Branch nominations 2019

The Parish Council discussed and agreed nominations for Branch Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

**RESOLVED** to submit nominations to the YLCA.

**CLERK**

Finningley WI Marker Stone Request

It was noted that the WI would like to plant seasonal flowers around the marker stone on Station Road and had asked the Parish Council to provide a retainer for the planting area.

The request was discussed and it was agreed that as refurbishing the village entrance signs is included in the village enhancement project proposals it would not be appropriate for the WI to plant up this area at present but that the Parish Council are happy to talk to the WI with regards to extending the areas that they currently look after.

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

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Chairman: .....