

MINUTES OF THE FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
FINNINGLEY, ON TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST 2017 AT 7PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Stephen Racjan (DMBC)
Mr Roy Hattersley

1. TO AGREE ITEMS TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETING) ACT 1960

RESOLVED to exclude the public and press for Item 22 – Follow up on presentation by Barrie Corscadden.

2. TO RECEIVE/ACCEPT APOLOGIES – All members present

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

Cllr R Johnson declared an interest in Item 12
Cllr B Worsfold declared an interest in Item 12
Cllr Mrs C Styring declared an interest in Item 15
Cllr Mrs C Sheriff declared an interest in Item 13 & 15
Cllr W Bedford declared an interest in Item 9 & 13
Cllr J Clarke declared an interest in Item 13

4. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

It was noted that one expression of interest has been received and that the Chairman had spoken to the resident at length. As the resident is currently on holiday it was agreed to defer the co-option until the September meeting. Members were advised that if there are other expressions of interest before the September meeting a member vote would decide the new member.

5. POLICING ISSUES

The clerk advised of the following incidents reported during April via police.uk:-

Burglary x 2 – Gatesbridge Park and St Oswalds Close
Criminal Damage and arson x 2 – Chapel Close and Blenheim Road
Anti-Social Behaviour x 4 – Elm Drive (3) and Blenheim Drive
Other Theft - Abbeyfields

Stephen Racjan (DMBC) reported that he had spoken to Inspector Mark Payling with regards to contacting Parish Councils to arrange a police presence at meetings. It was also noted that a police speed camera van had been situated on Wroot road on Saturday 12th August.

6. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLORS/DMBC REPRESENTATIVES

Stephen Racjan (DMBC) spoke about the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Leads By Order which means that dogs are permitted to be off the lead on the Playing Fields but must be put on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer or during organised events.

Councillor Mrs C Sheriff raised concern that the signage put up by DMBC is not very clear and is contradictory and it was noted that one sign has also been removed. Stephen Racjan to look at the signage and replace the missing sign.

The Chairman queried when authorised officers will be present to enforce the order and it was agreed to provide DMBC with a list of dates for organised events to facilitate the attendance of authorised officers.

The Parish Council raised concern regarding quad bike/scooter nuisance particularly on Darkie Lane, the ramp from Lower Pasture and informal access routes onto the field. Mr Roy Hattersley asked about installing a kissing gate at the entrance to Darkie Lane from Station Road and Stephen Racjan agreed to look into this further.

The Parish Council raised concern that no progress has been made following the walkround with David Hooley – DMBC Arborist Inspector on 18th April. It was noted that the trees in Lindley Road are in an appalling state, obstructing the footpath & telephone wires and urgently require attention. This has also been reported to DMBC online.

Stephen Racjan spoke about Expect Youth who are an organisation committed to ensuring high quality youth centered provision is available across the borough.

7. TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RAISED UNDER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – No issues raised.

8. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18.07.17
RESOLVED the minutes be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MEETING FOR INFORMATION/NOTING

Wellington Drive (Formally Trinity Gate) Footpath – Update

RESOLVED to refer to Ward Councillor Steve Cox and ask for his assistance as no response has been received from Richard Purcell / DMBC.

CLERK

North East Bassetlaw Community Liaison Group

Councillor W Bedford reported that a meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 31st August, Chairman and Councillor W Bedford to attend.

Elm Drive Update

The clerk read out the following update received from Ward Councillor Steve Cox:-

“I have no update with the school as they are on holiday. There is definitely a lack of willingness to connect with community. I brought it up in the last members meeting, hopefully a connection can be made. I was in a health and safety management meeting last month and brought up the lack of engagement between academies and any part of DMBC.”

10. CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

Councillor B Worsfold reported that he would be meeting with the qualified electrician who completed work on the pavilion within the next couple of weeks to discuss the work required.

11. TO DISCUSS FURTHER ACTION ON THE MANAGEMENT OF TREES IN THE VILLAGE

The clerk advised that she was waiting for Viking Trees to confirm a date in September for the next walk round to inspect the trees.

Contact with Higgins re Ash Tree

It was noted that due to holidays Councillors B Worsfold and W Bedford had been unable to speak to Higgins.

RESOLVED to chase response.

CLLRS B WORSFOLD AND W BEDFORD

12. ISSUES RELATING TO JOINT PLAYING FIELD

Pavilion Project Update

Councillor B Worsfold advised that the certificates required have now been received and that the pavilion is now open to the public.

Some external work is still to be finished and a date for the official opening is to be confirmed once the car park has been completed.

It was also noted that DDL have been given three weeks to remove the fencing and that "unfit for purpose" benches in the locker room have been replaced and hooks put up.

Pavilion Project – Financial Update

The Chairman gave an overview of the income and expenditure and advised that a final account is to be provided to both Sport England and DMBC. The Chairman also spoke about monitoring the footfall over the next three years as required by Sport England.

Public Space Protection Order Dogs and Dog Control – Previously discussed under Item 6 (Report from Ward Councillors/DMBC Representatives)

13. ISSUES RELATING TO VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Committee Meeting Minutes if available

It was noted that no Village Hall Committee Meeting had been held.

Councillor W Bedford reported that the Village Hall Committee has proposed that the existing defibrillator is located at the Village Hall and confirmed that the Finningley Village Community Group will support the ongoing maintenance costs.

The Parish Council considered the advice received from Malcolm Thomas – DMBC Design and Conservation Officer and agreed to the cabinet/defibrillator being put on the outside of the Village Hall provided that Listed Building Consent is granted, the Village Hall Committee cover all costs and the cabinet/defibrillator is fitted by a competent person.

It was noted that a local charitable trust is looking at installing a defibrillator/cabinet in the school and although the gates will be locked out of school hours this was not considered to be a problem if a second defibrillator is located at the Village Hall.

Follow up from June Meeting re further investigation of damp issues

It was noted that Councillors J Clarke and B Worsfold have tested all the reveals and timber and that the readings have shown no evidence of excessive damp.

RESOLVED to continue to monitor on a monthly basis throughout the winter and to report back to the Parish Council at the monthly meetings.

CLLRS J CLARKE AND B WORSFOLD

Concern was raised regarding the lack of ventilation inside the building and it was agreed to ask the Village Hall Committee to delay any redecoration of the older part of the building until April/May 2018 to allow the Parish Council to conclude the monitoring process.

14. POND ISSUES

Councillor B Worsfold reported that Biomatrix have now installed two floating islands on the pond.

Pest Control Options

Councillor B Worsfold reported that the rat problem at the pond is not as serious as first thought.

RESOLVED to write to DMBC to request that the litter bin by the feed station is replaced by a pest control litter bin. The Parish Council agreed to covers the cost of the bin if applicable (£171 + VAT and £16 delivery charge).

Quote to cut back hedge at the back of the pond

The clerk reported that a quote of £80 for the first year and £80 per year thereafter plus £100 to purchase waders (if required) had been received from Gillies Landscapes.

RESOLVED to accept the quote to cut back the hedge with waders available to borrow from Councillor B Worsfold (if required). **CLERK**

15. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION – No further update

16. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Pre-Approved BIB transactions – For Information Only

£ 385.28	J Leighton-Eshelby (August Salary and Mileage)	BIB.357
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£ 93.20	HMRC (PAYE)	BIB.358
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To approve BIB transactions

£ 85.00	Gillies Landscapes (Grass Cutting/Maintenance)	BIB.359
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£ 29.66	Npower (Pond Electricity)	BIB.360
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£ 35.00	Information Commissioner (Data Protection Renewal)	BIB.361
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Income Received

£ 500.00	Donation received from the Harvey Arms
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It was noted that the donation was given to the Parish Council for the use of the Village Hall car park during the music festival and it was agreed that the Parish Council will consider how to use the money for the benefit of the village at their September meeting.

RESOLVED to write to the Harvey Arms to thank them for their generous donation.

CLERK

Parish Council Insurance

The Parish Council discussed and agreed the renewal quote from Zurich Municipal (£1340.45).

RESOLVED to increase the noticeboard cover to £2,000 and to add the three floating islands at the village pond to the policy (additional increase in the premium agreed if applicable).

CLERK

Solicitor's Fees

It was noted that an invoice had been received from Setfords Solicitors totaling £7109.00 for the legal work carried out in relation to the pavilion.

RESOLVED to pay the bill in full by bacs.

CLERK

17. PLANNING ISSUES

a) Planning Update: Site on Bank End Road 13/00531/TIP – No further update
Councillor W Bedford read out the planning conditions relating to the application.

The Chairman spoke about the application to the Traffic Commissioners Office to relocate eight goods vehicles and one trailer to Bank End Quarry.

RESOLVED to compile letter to be sent to Michael Booth Haulage asking that their vehicles use the A614 (designated HGV route through the village) and not Wroot Road.

CLLR W BEDFORD & CLERK

b) Planning Applications Received - NONE

Councillor W Bedford spoke about the recent planning application for the proposed erection of 9 detached houses on Station Road, Blaxton.

RESOLVED to raise the Parish Councils concerns regarding the number of houses on such a small plot and the further burden on infrastructure i.e. the lack of buses, vehicular traffic on Station Road, doctor's surgery and schools in the villages of Blaxton and Finningley. **CLERK**

The Chairman reported that he will be attending the Yorkshire Wildlife Park Community Engagement Meeting on Wednesday 30th August and will provide feedback to the Parish Council at the September meeting.

18. HIGHWAY ISSUES

Councillor W Bedford reported that BT Openreach have been working in the area and that some residents had temporarily lost their phone line and internet connection.

19. WEBSITE ISSUES

Parish Council Website

Councillor W Bedford spoke about the Parish Council website content and proposed that all members create a monthly blog so the website is kept updated. Chairman urged members to think carefully about "blog" v "newsletter" and questioned the need for both.

Councillor Mrs C Sheriff read out advice received from the webmaster regarding the website content.

RESOLVED to tidy up the website and remove out of date information. Members to agree what is to be removed and to provide information and updates to go on the website. **MEMBERS**

20. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved to circulate to members in the usual manner.

Letter received regarding wild flower verges around the village

A letter received from a resident regarding the flowers on the verges around the village was read out and it was noted that the flowers have been planted by DMBC Street Scene.

RESOLVED to write to the Ward Councillors to ask that the planting is continued around the village in the future. **CLERK**

21. FOLLOW UP ON DISCUSSIONS WITH RHA

RESOLVED to contact Tony Lonsdale to advise that Councillors Mrs C Sheriff, Mrs C Styring and W Bedford have been appointed to represent the Parish Council. Councillor Mrs C Sheriff to contact Tony Lonsdale to liaise further. **CLLR MRS C SHERIFF**

22. FOLLOW UP ON PRESENTATION BY BARRIE CORSCADDEN

It was noted that a meeting with Barrie Corscadden had been arranged for Friday 25th August 2017.

23. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 19th September 2017 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Chairman: