

**MINUTES OF THE FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,  
FINNINGLEY, ON TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019 AT 7PM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ward Councillor Steve Cox

Mr Roy Hattersley

Three members of the public

A member of the public asked the Parish Council about the recent excavation work carried out on the Church Lane land owned by Peel Holdings. Councillor R Castle reported that he had been advised by the contractor that Peel were carrying out exploratory ground work. Councillor B Worsfold reiterated that the Parish Council land is still earmarked for allotments. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had not been made aware through normal processes of the reason for the activity on the land.

A member of the public asked for an update on the Parish Councils Definitive Map Modification Order Application (Old Bawtry Road).

Councillor W Bedford reported that the land owner is still to provide evidence to challenge the claim and that the user evidence provided is sufficient but he encouraged residents to submit any further user evidence to the Parish Council to support the application.

A member of the public raised concern regarding the increase in HGV movements through the village that will be generated by the recent Hanson Quarry planning application and the Chairman advised that the Parish Council has asked for an extension of the S106 traffic agreement to prevent Hanson lorries travelling through Finningley.

**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** – Cllr J Kong and 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**

The Chairman reported that a wheelie bin taken from Lindley Road had been set alight on the children's play area (27/12) causing damage to the surface. The Chairman advised that the incident had been reported to the police by him via 999 but they had not responded to the incident. He also thanked nearby residents for all their efforts in putting the fire out, preventing further damage.

Councillor B Worsfold advised that the police had also attended the Playing Fields recently due to anti-social behaviour and violence by a large number of youths. It was noted that neither incident had been reported via the Doncaster Central Police newsletter which members continue to receive on a weekly basis. Ward Councillor Steve Cox was asked to note this.

The Parish Council discussed the recent incidents of anti-social behaviour, lack of police presence and further use of CCTV with Ward Councillor Steve Cox.

**RESOLVED** to pursue Inspector Lynne Lancaster regarding incidents not being reported via the police newsletter.  
**WARD COUNCILLOR STEVE COX & CLERK**

## **5. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLORS/DMBC REPRESENTATIVES**

Ward Councillor Steve Cox advised that he is still liaising with the school regarding the ongoing traffic issues and gave a brief update on the Local Plan.

Ward Councillor Cox also discussed the recent staffing changes in the DMBC Planning Department and provided the Parish Council with the appropriate contact details.

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

No issues raised that required further discussion

## **7. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18.12.18**

**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 approached Dave Richards – DMBC Senior Planning Officer to request an update and advised that he would also follow this up with the contacts provided by Ward Councillor Steve Cox.

### Enforcement Training

The clerk advised that she had informed Rob Scarborough of the Parish Councils decision not to pursue the enforcement training any further and it was noted that he will arrange for officers to undertake patrols following any reports of dog fouling and littering on the playing field.

Councillor W Bedford spoke about the use of CCTV to aid the reporting of dog fouling.

**RESOLVED** to make initial enquiries with Stephen Racjan (DMBC).

**CLLR W BEDFORD**

## **9. REPORT ON DMBC PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY FORUM**

Councillor W Bedford gave a brief overview of the meeting held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November which included definitive map updates and discussion on High Speed 2 and disability access.

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

Councillor W Bedford advised that the test drilling at Tinker Lane has concluded with negative results for fractured gas at the site so the drill rig has been moved to Springs Road (Misson) where they will begin drilling two test holes imminently.

Councillor Bedford also gave an update on the injunctions currently in place and advised that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

## **11. VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

### Working Group Report

The Chairman advised that DMBC have confirmed that they will require three quotes for each project and spoke about the architect's involvement so far. It was agreed that as the future is uncertain at present the Parish Council would invite the architect to present a bill for the work he has done so far.

**RESOLVED** to contact the architect to request a quote for the work already done so the Parish Council can agree a payment.

**CHAIRMAN & CLERK**

The Chairman proposed that a pedestrian crossing should be installed on Wroot Road as part of the village enhancement project which members agreed might deter HGV's from using Wroot Road, restrict parking around the area of the crossing and make it much safer for children and parents crossing the road.

**RESOLVED** to approach DMBC to identify which projects they will support before obtaining three quotes for each one.

**CHAIRMAN & CLLR W BEDFORD**

It was noted that due to the workload involved with the Section 106 money projects for the playing fields Councillor B Worsfold had withdrawn from the Village Enhancement Working Group.

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

Report – PFA Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> January

Councillor B Worsfold advised that the Section 106 money process is proving much more demanding than originally anticipated as DMBC are insisting on three quotes for each project.

It was noted that Councillor Worsfold is struggling to obtain the quotes required but that he is hopeful that the work will start in the late spring / early summer.

The Chairman and Councillor Worsfold gave an update on the management of the project, tennis court lighting and the lighting upgrade agreed for the rear of the building.

Littering on the playing field and in and around the shelter

The Chairman advised that Mr Roy Hattersley has indicated that he wishes to stop carrying out a daily litter pick and dog fouling collection on the Playing Fields therefore additional volunteers are required.

Other volunteers are being actively sought by the PFA but so far no one has come forward. Members agreed that without daily attention the field would very quickly become an area unsuitable (or at least unpleasant) for its primary purpose as a recreational facility for the communities of Blaxton and Finningley. Once again members thanked Mr Hattersley for his work over the past 20 years.

**13. ISSUES RELATING TO VILLAGE HALL**

Village Hall Committee Meeting Minutes/Report

Councillor W Bedford advised that the next Village Hall Committee meeting had been rescheduled for Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January. It was also noted that the Finningley Community Group have committed £1,000 to purchase additional chairs.

**14. POND ISSUES**

Picnic Table

The Parish Council discussed the poor state of the picnic table at the pond.

**RESOLVED** to contact local joiner to enquire if the table is repairable.

**CLLR B WORSFOLD**

**15. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION**

The Chairman advised that a date for the pre-planning meeting was still to be confirmed and read out correspondence received from Dave Richards – DMBC Senior Planning Officer advising that no adverse comment had been received therefore subject to highways advice the detailed response will be favourable.

**16. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Pre-Approved BIB transactions – For Information Only

£ 347.94 J Leighton-Eshelby (January Salary and Mileage) BIB.447

£ 84.00 HMRC (PAYE) BIB.448

To approve BIB transactions

£ 131.47 DMBC (Dog Bin Emptying) BIB.449

£ 15.52 DMBC (Litter Bin Emptying) BIB.450

National Joint Council (NJC) Salary Scales 2019-2020

The Parish Council unanimously agreed the clerk’s new pay scale, to be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

## **17. PLANNING ISSUES**

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

1. (19/00013/FUL) Erection of a single storey extension to rear following demolition of existing conservatory, alterations to front elevation and rendering of bungalow. No Objections

### **b) Planning Concerns**

Cllr W Bedford spoke about the ongoing Harvey Arms planning application.

## **18. HIGHWAY ISSUES**

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

### Roadway and pavement repairs

The Parish Council had a brief discussion about the recent repairs and Cllr J Clarke commented on the longer-term quality of the repair.

Cllr R Castle spoke about arranging the next village walkabout and involving DMBC Highways and other DMBC officers to look at specific issues.

## **19. WEBSITE ISSUES**

### Parish Council Website

Cllr W Bedford raised the possibility of coordinating all local information on to one website and the Parish Council had a brief discussion about this. The Chairman made the point that it is the responsibility of each organisation to promote itself and that the Parish Council should merely signpost to their respective websites.

**RESOLVED** to look into the options available for a more integrated approach; to be discussed further at a future meeting. **CLLR W BEDFORD**

## **20. NEWSLETTER**

### Call for inclusions

It was agreed that the following items will be included in the next newsletter:-

Village Enhancement Projects  
Playing Field Projects  
Wood Burning Stoves and Fires  
Anti-Social Behaviour  
Dog Fouling

Members to forward any other items for inclusion in the newsletter to the Chairman.

### Timing of next newsletter

**RESOLVED** to produce the next newsletter in March.

### Printing

It was noted that the Parish Council need to source an alternative printer, Chairman and clerk to look into further.

Cllr B Worsfold to request quote from local printer and advise costs.

**21. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Cllr R Castle advised that a resident had raised concern regarding the height of the trees at the back of Gatesbridge Park.

**RESOLVED** to forward the residents' concerns in writing to the Chairman and clerk, to be referred to DMBC. **CLLR R CASTLE**

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

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

Chairman: .....