

**MINUTES OF THE FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
FINNINGLEY, ON TUESDAY 19TH MARCH 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
Six members of the public

A member of the public thanked Councillor Bill Worsfold for all his hard work for the village.

Councillor W Bedford gave an update on the Parish Councils Definitive Map Modification Order Application and it was noted that 26 user evidence forms had been received so far claiming that they have walked, ridden or cycled the route during the last 20 years.

The Chairman encouraged as many residents as possible to complete a form to support the Parish Council in keeping the access open.

The Chairman reported that following comments raised by a member of the public at the February meeting he had contacted Nottinghamshire County Council but unfortunately they have advised that there is no evidence of a footpath running the whole length of Old Bawtry Road.

A resident raised concern that on the A614 within the village there are no safe places to cross especially for children and the elderly. The resident also acknowledged, but disagreed with the current DMBC/Police policy that there was no accident evidence to warrant action on this matter.

Raised previously under public participation the Chairman gave an update on the footpath after the entrance to the former Higgins office site and it was noted that the clerk was awaiting a response from DMBC.

A resident informed that as advised at the February meeting he had reported the nuisance caused by flies in this area and DMBC were now dealing with this.

A resident congratulated the Parish Council on the progress made on the allotments.

A member of the public spoke about the concerns raised by the Parish Council regarding traffic movements in relation to the recent Bank End Quarry planning application. The Parish Council was assured that all vehicle movements are now monitored and that he will ensure that the HGV's only use the designated route. The resident also offered the Parish Council a voluntary arrangement that transport from the quarry will not use Wroot Road to access the A614 and the Parish Council thanked him for his assistance.

The Chairman also made an appeal for volunteers to help keep the Playing Field clean and tidy.

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 – Ward Councillor Steve Cox

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 9
Cllr Mrs C Styring declared an interest in Item 15
Cllr J Clarke declared an interest in Item 12
Cllr R Castle declared an interest in Item 13

4. POLICING ISSUES

The Chairman advised that police speed checks had been carried out near The Green in the last week; 100 vehicles were checked with 5 found to be exceeding the speed limit, all under 40mph.

Councillor R Castle reported a recent hoax bomb threat at the airport which has been traced to a youth in Rotherham and the Chairman advised that there is still an ongoing problem with littering on the Playing Field mainly in and around the teen shelter.

It was also noted that members continue to receive the Doncaster East Police newsletter via Ward Councillor Steve Cox.

5. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLORS/DMBC REPRESENTATIVES

Stephen Racjan (DMBC) spoke about the recent speed monitoring that has been carried out and advised that Ward Councillor Steve Cox is keen to liaise with local schools to raise awareness of speeding and involve students in the monitoring of speeds.

Stephen Racjan also spoke about targeting neighbouring villages to tackle anti-social behaviour and encouraged residents to sign up to South Yorkshire Police alerts.

The Parish Council had a brief discussion about reporting local issues to DMBC and it was noted that the DMBC website is becoming increasingly complex and is not user friendly.

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 19.02.19

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

The Chairman reiterated that the Parish Council has been pursuing a continuous footpath across the front of Bury Farm to the entrance of Wellington Drive for some considerable time.

RESOLVED to request a site meeting with Roy Sykes (DMBC Head of Planning) to discuss this further.

CLERK

Old Bawtry Road Footpath – also raised under Public Participation

The Chairman reiterated the need for residents to support the Parish Council's campaign to keep this access open as a Public Byway. Cllr W Bedford is coordinating this effort and PROW forms can be obtained from him or via the Chairman/Parish Councils website.

Narrow footpath after the entrance to the former Higgins office site

It was noted that the clerk had contacted DMBC to seek clarification with regards to who is responsible for the overgrown footpath and that she was awaiting a response.

RESOLVED to contact Higgins to ask if they would consider widening the footpath as a goodwill gesture.

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

Councillor W Bedford reported that following the disappointing result for fractured gas at the Tinker Lane site, initial results at the Springs Road (Misson) site are encouraging and may lead to a planning application to frack.

The Chairman also spoke about the potential options for dealing with the gas.

10. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

With regret the Chairman announced the resignation of Councillor B Worsfold due to personal reasons. Councillor Worsfold joined the Parish Council in 2015 and was a great asset who will be sorely missed.

Consideration of "substitutes" for PFA and other duties

The following representatives were appointed on a temporary basis until the positions are appointed at the Annual Meeting of the Council in May: -

Joint Playing Field Committee– Councillor J Clarke

Yorkshire Wildlife Park Consultative Committee (Deputy) – Councillor R Johnson

Newsletter Editorial Team – Councillor J Kong

Police Liaison Committee – Councillors’ J Clarke/J Kong

11. VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Working Group Report

The Chairman gave a brief overview of the history to date and 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 to provide disabled access and make the area DDA complaint.

It was noted that the Chairman and Councillor W Bedford had met with a local architect to discuss the above projects and also possible enhancements to the side of the village hall (to be considered funds permitting). To be discussed further at the next meeting once the proposals and quotes have been received.

12. ISSUES RELATING TO JOINT PLAYING FIELD

Projects Update

The Chairman advised that he was still awaiting the final quote required before DMBC can produce an Officer Decision Record (ODR). It was noted that this process needs to be completed before the Parish Council is required to decide the next steps.

13. ISSUES RELATING TO VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Committee Meeting Minutes/Report

Councillor W Bedford gave an overview of the recent Village Hall Committee meeting which included discussion on refurbishing the toilets, interior work and potential improvements to the Village Hall grounds.

Village Hall Car Park Signs

Councillor W Bedford reported that the Village Hall Committee has been advised 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.

It was noted that Councillor R Castle has provided the Village Hall secretary with examples of moveable temporary signs to be reviewed by the Village Hall Committee at their next meeting (08/04).

Village Hall Entrance Door

The Chairman advised that one quote had been received and that he was awaiting a second quote. It was noted that obtaining a third quote was proving difficult as due to the “like for like” specifications imposed by the DMBC Conservation Officer the door will need to be “bespoke”.

14. POND ISSUES

The Chairman advised that three nets of barley straw and 100 kilos of Siltex have been put into the pond to help control silt and algae levels; three more nets of barley straw and a further 100 kilos of Siltex to be put into the pond in June.

The Parish Council briefly discussed a recommendation that the Parish Council buy a pump to be located in the electrical box and that two or three air bricks are put in to aerate the pond, to be investigated further.

15. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION

Progress Update

It was noted that one comment has been submitted to DMBC in support of the Parish Councils planning application and that no objections have been received.

RESOLVED to pursue with DMBC as the perimeter hedge needs to be cut back before April or this will have to be postponed until the end of the bird nesting season.

CHAIRMAN

Mike Styring thanked the Parish Council for all their hard work on behalf of the Allotment Society.

16. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Pre-Approved BIB transactions – For Information Only

£	93.00	Heatherbank (Newsletter Printing)	BIB.460
£	80.00	Peter Johnson (Repairs to Village Pond Picnic Table)	BIB.461
£	56.37	Steve Sheriff (Reimbursement Website Hosting & Domain)	BIB.462
£	457.94	J Leighton-Eshelby (March Salary, Quarterly Office Allowance and Mileage)	BIB.463
£	84.00	HMRC (PAYE)	BIB.464

To approve BIB transactions

£	29.97	Richard Johnson (Reimbursement 3 x Keepnets)	BIB 465
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17. PLANNING ISSUES

a) Planning Applications Received:

1. (19/00438/FUL) Erection of detached dwelling with integral garage following demolition of existing dwelling and garage at White Cottage, Rectory Lane, Finningley.

Finningley Parish Council cannot support this planning application for the reasons detailed below:-

1) The Application is completely out of keeping with one of the most important approaches (and exits) to our Grade 1 Listed Building. This development is in the area of Finningley that contains all our Listed Buildings:-

Listed Buildings in Finningley Conservation Area:

a. Church of the Holy Trinity and St. Oswald, Grade I EH reference 334765

b. Holly House Grade II EH reference 334763

c. Parish Council Rooms Grade II EH reference 334764

d. The Old Rectory, Rectory Lane Grade II EH reference 334736

2) Finningley Parish Council requires a rendered finish to the building – not brick. This property is called “White Cottage” for a reason.

3) This application is double the size of the original cottage and would be too big for the plot and too big for this important Lane in the Finningley Conservation Area. FPC suggests a 3 bedrooomed cottage that is much smaller may be more acceptable.

4) FPC have already reviewed a planning application (18/02237/FUL) for a 4 bedrooomed detached house and double garage at the rear of White Cottage and those comments about a shared drive remain relevant to keep the green character of other gardens in this vicinity. In addition parking is a particular problem in this part of Finningley when the Church holds marriages, christenings and funerals. This planning application would increase this problem.

5) FPC have seen the comments from the Conservation Officer and endorse his comments and agree with him that this application should not be agreed in its current form for all the reasons that are laid

out in the Conservation Officers report.

6) FPC has seen the Doncaster Civic Trust response and FPC agree with the comment made and that this proposal is inappropriate with a development so close to a Grade 1 Listed Building.

2. (19/00575/FUL) Erection of single storey flat roof extension with roof lantern to rear following demolition of existing conservatory at 12 Wroot Road, Finningley. No Objections

b) Planning Concerns

Councillor W Bedford spoke about the planning application for 140 units on Hayfield Lane, Auckley (18/01748/OUTM). Previously the Parish Council had been informed that the Mayor had ruled "no housing" in the vicinity of the airport until "more jobs" had been created. The Parish Council considered asking "what had changed?". Still under review.

Councillor Bedford also expressed concern that the DMBC Conservation Area review is overdue and the Parish Council discussed the potential advantages and disadvantages of a review.

RESOLVED for Cllr Bedford to detail the points to be raised as part of the review, to be circulated to members for discussion at the April meeting. **CLLR W BEDFORD**

18. HIGHWAY ISSUES

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

19. WEBSITE ISSUES

Parish Council Website

Councillor W Bedford spoke about his proposal (previously circulated to members) to update the website to include Finningley Village Hall and the Playing Fields Association and the Parish Council discussed the proposal at length.

The Chairman raised his objections to the proposal as listed below and these were also discussed by the Parish Council:-

- 1) Both organisations are independent of the Parish Council and responsible for themselves
- 2) Both are closed meetings i.e. they are only obliged to issue agenda's and minutes to members
- 3) The cost would fall to the Parish Council and might be unlimited i.e. there is no control on what each organisation would be able to ask the PC to publish on its website or handle through its website
- 4) Our current webmaster does the job for free. We would almost certainly have to consider remuneration if we add these two organisations.
- 5) Football fixtures are only known one month in advance and frequently change. Cricket fixtures are published for the season but these are also subject to change and the PC does not want responsibility for upkeeping such information on its website.

A vote was taken and the vote was recorded as follows:-

In favour of updating the website to include Finningley Village Hall and the Playing Fields Association:-
2 votes received

In favour of encouraging Finningley Village Hall and the Playing Fields Association to develop their own website and providing links to these from the Parish Council website:- 4 votes received

RESOLVED to write a short piece detailing the contact details for the Playing Fields Association; to be published on the Parish Council website **CHAIRMAN**

20. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED to circulate to members in the usual manner.

Blaxton Parish Councils concerns regarding traffic volume and speed

The Chairman read out correspondence received from Blaxton Parish Council regarding traffic volume and speed.

It was noted that Blaxton PC are striving to get DMBC to carry out a traffic survey to determine the increase in traffic volume through Blaxton as the statistics obtained from DMBC are either out of date or inaccurate.

RESOLVED to write to Blaxton Parish Council to offer the Parish Councils support.

CLERK

21. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 16th April 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Chairman: