

MINUTES OF THE FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
FINNINGLEY, ON TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7PM

PRESENT: Cllrs R Johnson (Chairman), Mrs I Batunas, W Bedford, Mrs J Tuff, Mrs C Sheriff, Mrs C Styring and B Worsfold
Mrs J Leighton-Eshelby – Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Ward Councillors Steve Cox and Allan Jones
Mr Roy Hattersley
Sixteen members of the public

Mr Barry Lifsey (CST20 Group) gave an update on the completed investigation report and spoke about the aims of the group and the support they have received.

A number of members of the public present put forward their views on the proposed traffic calming measures.

A member of the public asked about the provision of allotments in the village and the Chairman gave an update on this.

Concern was raised regarding the recent spate of vehicle theft and break in's and the lack of support received from local police. The use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera's and CCTV were discussed and residents were encouraged to either write to Inspector Palin detailing their concerns or to forward these to the clerk or any member of the Parish Council so they could be raised with Dr Billings (South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner) who will be in attendance at the March Parish Council meeting.

The Chairman spoke about the reintroduction of the Community Safety Meetings and it was agreed that the Parish Council would raise concerns regarding safety of property and ask for feedback from DMBC and the Police about the use of ANPR and CCTV.

The current situation concerning the ducks on the pond was discussed. The Chairman gave a brief explanation of the progress of the duck island/house and it was noted that the investigation work that has been done is to support the wishes of the village and not to oppose it.

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 10 Pavilion Project; Update on Due Diligence Report; Decide on Appointment of Contractor and defer this item until the end of the meeting.

2. TO RECEIVE/ACCEPT APOLOGIES – Stephen Racjan (DMBC)

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

Cllr R Johnson declared an interest in Item 10

Cllr Mrs C Sheriff declared an interest in Item 13

Cllr Mrs J Tuff declared an interest in Item 8, 11 & 13

Cllr Mrs C Styring declared an interest in Items 11 & 13

Cllr Mrs I Batunas declared an interest in Items 11 & 13

Cllr B Worsfold declared an interest in Item 10

Cllr W Bedford declared an interest in Item 8

4. POLICING ISSUES

No Police Officers/PCSO's present but it was noted that the PCSO's had attended the Community Group coffee morning held in the Village Hall on Thursday 21st January.

The clerk advised of the following incidents reported during December via police.uk:-
Anti-Social Behaviour x 1 and Criminal Damage/Arson x 3

5. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

The Chairman thanked the Ward Councillors for their help in securing the Section 106 money.

RESOLVED to provide DMBC with a copy of the agreed payment schedule to be included in the Section 106 agreement once the Pavilion Project contract has been awarded.

CHAIRMAN

Councillor Mrs C Sheriff spoke about the difficulties in communicating with DMBC and advised that previously reported incidents have been closed without being resolved.

RESOLVED to provide Ward Councillor Allan Jones with further information so that he can raise this with DMBC.

COUNCILLOR MRS C SHERIFF/CLERK

6. TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RAISED UNDER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

RESOLVED to support the CST20 Group with a crossing that is suitable in terms of its type and location, stop signs at the junctions of Old Bawtry Road; The Green and Lindley Road with the A614/Doncaster Road. The Council would also support an increase in the time the 20 mph signs outside the school on Wroot Road operate.

RESOLVED to contact DMBC regarding the use of ANPR and CCTV and to report the concerns raised by residents to the Community Safety Officer.

CLERK

7. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 19.01.16

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

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING FOR NOTING

Wellington Drive (Formerly Trinity Gate) Footpath

The clerk advised that she had received a reply from Richard Purcell (DMBC) advising that neither he nor Don Sorby would be available to attend the Parish Council meeting but that he intended to prepare a note that explains how they see the situation relating to the footpath links.

RESOLVED to circulate the information to all members once received.

CLERK

Footpath top of St Oswald's Close

It was noted that the clerk was still awaiting a response from Ian Wigglesworth (DMBC).

RESOLVED to chase Ian Wigglesworth for a response and to ask Stephen Racjan (DMBC) to chase this up on behalf of the Parish Council.

CLERK

North East Bassetlaw Community Liaison Group (Fracking at Misson Site)

Councillor W Bedford reported that following planning approval for the installation of Groundwater Monitoring Boreholes, IGas are to respond to the concerns raised and it was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 23rd February.

It was also noted that a condition had been applied stating that IGas nor its contractors would not use any part of Wroot Road.

The Chairman advised that both he and Councillor Bedford had attended a recent meeting of the CLG when the group had discussed and received a presentation on the policing of the fracking operation by the Environment Agency and the Health & Safety Executive.

Queens 90th Birthday Beacon Event

Following a discussion it was resolved that the Parish Council would not participate in the beacon event but that a birthday celebration event would be discussed further.

Finningley Vulcan Ball Proceeds – suggestions for use

The suggestions for the use of the proceeds were discussed including a village defibrillator, Community Group events, Finningley Folk Group, and the refurbishment of the Village Hall and Church.

RESOLVED to forward the suggestions to Julie Kong (Finningley Vulcan Ball organiser)
CLERK

9. TO DISCUSS FURTHER ACTION ON THE MANAGEMENT OF TREES IN THE VILLAGE – No further update

10. ISSUES RELATING TO JOINT PLAYING FIELD

Playing Fields Dog Control Order

The clerk reported that she had been advised by Mark Benton – Environmental Crime Officer that enforcement officers would patrol Footpath No.1, Old Bawtry Road and the Playing Fields as requested.

Councillor Mrs C Sheriff reported further issues with Footpath No.1 and advised that she has reported this to the FLAG Team and Stephen Racjan (DMBC).

Report on meeting with St Leger Homes reference clearance of rubbish at rear of pavilion

The Chairman advised that himself, Councillor B Worsfold and Mr Roy Hattersley had met with St Leger Homes and it had been agreed that either the tenant or St Leger would remove the rubbish by Monday 22nd February.

It was also noted that the tenant had been advised that dogs must be kept on a lead whilst on the playing fields.

Pavilion Project – 106 Monies

The Chairman advised that he hoped that DMBC would release the Section 106 money by Monday 22nd February.

Pavilion Project – Sport England Grant

The Chairman advised that he had sent a copy of the Due Diligence Report to Sport England and that they were very happy with this.

It was also noted that Sport England have confirmed in writing that the Parish Council will not lose the funding if the project is delayed due to the length of time it has taken DMBC to release the Section 106 money.

11. ISSUES RELATING TO VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Committee Meeting Report

Councillor Mrs J Tuff advised that the committee have agreed a colour scheme and are in the process of obtaining quotes for the inside renovations.

It was noted that the committee are still looking at fundraising ideas including a vintage tea planned for Friday 3rd June and that they are also holding a further meeting with Sharon Middler (DMBC) on Monday 29th February.

Discussion took place regarding responsibility for the outside areas and the Chairman confirmed that the Village Hall Committee are responsible for the grassed play area.

Removal of tree stump – feedback from VHC on purpose of removal

Councillor Mrs J Tuff advised that the Village Hall Committee want the stump removing for cosmetic purposes and that a member of the committee will look at removing this.

12. POND ISSUES

Protecting Ducks from predators (Duck Island/Duck House) – Report on meeting with DMBC Ecologist/Planner re proposals from resident referred to DMBC

Councillor B Worsfold advised that both he and the Chairman had met with Helen Markland (DMBC Ecologist/Planner) on Tuesday 16th February to discuss the duck island options:-

Duck Island – A duck island would require planning permission as heavy equipment will be needed to complete the work and DMBC would want to see the specification of construction materials to eliminate contamination risks.

Duck Refuge – This would most likely not be approved by the Conservation Officer as it is viewed as “not in keeping” with the conservation area and it could be a problem for ducks to access if water levels fell.

Floating Island (**Recommended Option**) – These are readily available, are accessible at all water levels, removable for cleaning if necessary and would most likely not require planning permission providing the specification was approved by the Ecologist and the size approved by the Conservation Officer.

RESOLVED to source further information and quotes for a floating island.
COUNCILLOR B WORSFOLD

Proposals for replacement of pump

RESOLVED to contact Viscum to discuss viable options. **COUNCILLOR B WORSFOLD**

Feedback from AES on removal of staging

The clerk reported that she had not received any response from AES.

RESOLVED to continue to chase.

CLERK

13. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION

Councillor W Bedford gave a brief update and it was resolved that both he and the Chairman would continue to look into this further.

14. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Pre-Approved BIB transactions – For Information Only

£	347.94	J Leighton-Eshelby (Feb Salary & Mileage)	BIB.267
£	84.00	HMRC	BIB.268

15. PLANNING ISSUES

a) Planning Updates

Councillor Mrs C Sheriff raised concern regarding planning comments sent to DMBC that were not showing on their website but it was noted that the application has been resubmitted taking into account the Parish Council’s recommendations.

The Chairman reiterated the agreed list of potential projects for the Section 106 money generated from the St Oswalds Drive Development.

It was noted that the Playing Fields Association have decide to remove the wooden play equipment and that DMBC’s preferred option is to provide a bowling green at the Playing Fields.

b) Planning Applications Received - None

16. HIGHWAY ISSUES

Response from Headteacher reference issues relating to school parking on Wroot Road/Chapel Lane/Elm Drive and request for meeting

The Chairman stressed that he was disappointed that the Parish Council have not received any response from the school.

RESOLVED to continue to chase.

CLERK

17. WEBSITE ISSUES

Parish Council Website

RESOLVED to proceed with setting up a new Parish Council website and a £200 ceiling was agreed.

CLERK/CHAIRMAN/CLLR MRS C SHERIFF

18. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED to circulate to members in the usual manner.

19. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY 15TH MARCH AT 7 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

DEFERRED ITEM – PUBLIC AND PRESS EXCLUDED

Pavilion Project – Update on Due Diligence Report; Decide on Appointment of Contractor

The report on the Due Diligence Meetings held on Wednesday 3rd February 2016, previously circulated to members, was reviewed and discussed. It was noted that Blaxton Parish Council members, who had received the same information, were happy to proceed with the recommendation made by the Due Diligence Committee (Councillors R Johnson, B Worsfold and L Hornsby).

Councillors R Johnson and B Worsfold reported on a further meeting with a Contractor on Tuesday 16th February.

RESOLVED to award the contract to Dominion Developments Limited subject to satisfactory assurance of financial soundness including Bank and Trade References.

Chairman: