

**MINUTES OF THE FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
FINNINGLEY, ON TUESDAY 16TH JULY 2019 AT 7PM**

PRESENT: Cllrs R Johnson (Chairman), W Bedford, R Castle, J Clarke, J Kong and Mrs C Styring
After item 4, Cllr J Hill

APOLOGY FROM THE CLERK

Members had received an apology from the clerk which was accepted for the reason given. The Chairman explained that the meeting could proceed providing members agreed and some one took responsibility for taking minutes of the meeting. Members confirmed they were happy to proceed with the meeting and Cllr C Styring agreed to take minutes.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Stephen Racjan (DMBC)
Two co-option candidates
Three members of the public

A member of the public asked about the blocks (lego bricks) on Old Bawtry Road (OBR). The Chairman and Cllr W Bedford explained the situation with regard to the Parish Councils request for clarification of planning issues and confirmation of the claims of criminal activity and fly-tipping around the quarry site. Both are on-going.

RESOLVED to continue to ask the Police for confirmation of activity in this area.

CLERK

A resident noted that the grass verge beyond the entrance to Higgins on OBR had now been cut making walking there safer. The Parish Council has established that DMBC will continue to mow this area. The resident also asked about the possibility of widening the footpath. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council would continue to make requests to DMBC for this to be done.

RESOLVED to follow this up with DMBC

CLERK / CHAIRMAN

A resident asked a question regarding the signage at the Austerfield end of OBR in respect of the legality of the wording and position. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had already raised this issue with DMBC and additionally had found a copy of the original planning consent that stated the approved second entrance to the quarry was "off OBR road" and not "on OBR". The matter is ongoing.

Concerns were expressed regarding the number of vehicles speeding on OBR. The Parish Council agreed to report to the police and suggested that it may be useful for the resident to speak with the PCSO when she visits the Thursday coffee morning once a month to listen to resident questions and concerns.

RESOLVED to contact the Police and raise resident's concerns.

CLERK

Councillor W Bedford answered a question that the survey regarding the footpath/public right of way on OBR was still ongoing.

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 - None

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

Cllr R Johnson declared an interest in Item 14
Cllr W Bedford declared an interest in Item 10
Cllr Mrs C Styring declared an interest in Item 17
Cllr J Clarke declared an interest in Item 14
Cllr R Castle declared an interest in Items 12, 15 & 20

4. CO-OPTION TO FILL PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

As there were two candidates' members were asked to complete a voting slip. The Chairman tallied the votes cast and announced the result.

Jacob Hill was invited to join the Parish Council. He signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

The unsuccessful candidate was thanked for their interest and encouraged to try again should a vacancy occur in the future.

5. POLICING ISSUES

CAP Update

The Chairman gave an overview of the structure and membership of CAP (Community Alcohol Partnership) initiative and attendees at the meeting on 12th July 2019 which consisted of representatives from the Police, Fire & Rescue, MP Caroline Flint, Local Traders, DMBC Officers, members of the Youth Service, Student representative's and Ward / Parish Councillors. The official launch will be on the 25th July 2019, time and venue TBC. The Partnership is likely to be a 6 to 12-month program.

The Chairman and Stephen Racjan (DMBC) provided further information regarding drug usage and the sale of alcohol to underage drinkers. Stephen Racjan agreed to try and ascertain the nature of the powder found on the Playing Field and handed to local police as it may impact on any future decisions regarding the shelter facility on the playing fields

The Chairman advised that Inspector Lynne Lancaster had been promoted and will move to Sheffield, Inspector Mark Payling will take over as head of Central Region.

Finningley Parish Council is still concerned about the accuracy of the crime reports and criminal activity in the village.

Members agreed to follow-up the crime reporting issue with the new Inspector.

RESOLVED to contact Inspector Payling for meeting previously requested with Inspector Lancaster.

CLERK

6. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLORS/DMBC REPRESENTATIVES – None Present

7. TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RAISED UNDER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman summarised issues raised and members agreed resolutions. They are noted above.

8. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18th JUNE 2019

RESOLVED the minutes be approved as a true record and official copy will be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting.

CLERK / CHAIRMAN

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MEETING FOR INFORMATION/NOTING

Further correspondence in relation to Peafowl

After the consultation with the DMBC Ecology Team they had recommended three local companies qualified to carry out a survey on the peafowl population. Members had agreed a brief which had been sent to the companies and their responses / quotations given to the Parish Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to commission Estrada Ecology to carry out a survey of the peafowl population and produce a report to the Parish Council consistent with the terms of the brief. Residents will be invited to make comment to Estrada for inclusion in their report.

CHAIRMAN / CLERK

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

For the benefit of the new member Cllr W Bedford explained the background to the NEB CLG and provided a brief update on the current position. Report noted by members.

11. REPORT ON PCJCC MEETING 10th July 2019

The Chairman covered the salient points of the meeting in a report, copies of which were given to members. It was noted that the Police & Crime Commissioner Dr Billings would be attending a future meeting (possibly the November meeting) and would be answering questions. Members were asked to think and formulate/prepare questions for the Police & Crime Commissioner. Report and request noted by members.

12. REPORT ON YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (11/07)

Cllr R Castle gave a report on the meeting held 11th July 2019 which centred on the forthcoming road closure of Hurst Lane for the period July 20th to August 30th (school holidays) to enable construction of the new entrance to the Wildlife Park.

A number of questions were raised.

- regarding the route that HGV's accessing the Hanson site would be using. Members were assured that they will be following the designated diversion and not travel through Finningley / Blaxton.
- Details of the bus consultation were still vague but Ward Councillor Steve Cox contacted First who were not at the time of enquiry aware of any diversion affecting the bus route. This will be followed up.
- The traffic light system proposed for the Hurst Lane / Mosham Road junction was still awaiting sign-off.
- Cllr R Castle again raised the bus stop issue and concerns regarding the width of the bus waiting area.

This is the first phase of the development and disruption can be expected during every school holiday until Easter 2020.

13. VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

We are informed that decision on the release of funds is scheduled on the September DMBC Cabinet Agenda.

14. ISSUES RELATING TO JOINT PLAYING FIELD

The Chairman reported that a review of fees is on the agenda of the 19th July 2019 meeting. He will report at next meeting.

Cllr R Castle reported that there had been a recent "intrusion" onto the playing field at Austerfield and asked whether the JPF was secure enough to prevent such an occurrence here. The Chairman summarised the access points and security in place but agreed to keep the situation under review.

15. ISSUES RELATING TO VILLAGE HALL

Cllrs W Bedford & R Castle reported that the new door is now adequate but a retaining hook needs fitting, and the Committee would like to add a crash bar emergency exit.

RESOLVED to advise that the VH management Committee should deal with these seeking the appropriate consents.

CLLRS W BEDFORD & R CASTLE

The VH Committee had approved the new notice boards

RESOLVED to now make the listed building consent application and order the new Notice Boards.

CLERK / CHAIRMAN

Cllr W Bedford reported that the Committee had discussed ways to use media for advertising the Saturday Sign Post Surgeries. Noted.

No work has yet been done on the new toilets but it was agreed that Wickes / B&Q (or similar) be contacted and asked to take a look. Cllr J Clarke advised he has a contact for a suitable builder which he would pass on to Cllr Bedford.

16. POND ISSUES

Cllr W Bedford reported that aerators were now in situ but there are issues with fitting the tubes due to blockages in the pipes. The Chairman has drain rods and will, with assistance, attempt to clear. Aim is to avoid drilling holes in the supply box for tubing.

The Parish Council is grateful to the local resident who acquired and fitted aeration system and assists with other pond matters.

17. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION

The land is now brown and the Chairman has left a message with Viking to review and if necessary, arrange for a further treatment.

RESOLVED to contact Viking T&G and determine next steps

CHAIRMAN

18. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cllrs. Bedford & Clarke signed approval for payments:

BIB 485	Clerk Salary (July)	£ 335.94
BIB 486	HMRC (PAYE)	£ 84.00
BIB 487	DMBC DOG BIN EMPTYING	£ 131.47
BIB 488	DMBC LITTER BIN EMPTYING	£ 15.52

19. PLANNING ISSUES

Applications / Concerns

There were no planning applications/concerns to be considered.

Working Group NCC Draft Minerals Plan

RESOLVED that the Chairman and Cllr W Bedford to be the two Finningley Parish Council representatives on the Working Group.

20. HIGHWAY ISSUES

Village Walkabout

Cllr R Castle reported that all the details and concerns from the village walkabout had been logged onto the DMBC Report It system and sent to the Highways Officer. Cllr Castle will track progress.

21. WEBSITE ISSUES

Parish Council Website - No issues raised

Harvey Arms Notices – The website had been updated as required new dates

Expenditure over £100 – As required under transparency rules for a Parish Council of our size, all expenditure over £100 during 2018-2019 accounting period was now posted to the website.

22. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED to circulate to members in the usual manner.

23. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Members agreed that unless circumstances determined otherwise there would be no meeting in August
Next meeting will be Tuesday September 17th 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall.