

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
FINNINGLEY, ON TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.15PM**

PRESENT: Cllrs R Johnson (Chairman), W Bedford, R Castle, J Clarke, J Hill and J Kong

IN ATTENDANCE:

40 members of the public were also present

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chairman explained that Item 1 is a standing item on every Parish Council agenda which is very rarely implemented and nobody would be excluded from the meeting.

A number of the members of the public present raised questions and expressed their concerns regarding the peafowl, the current petitions being circulated (including on-line) and lack of communication.

A lengthy discussion took place and the Chairman gave an overview of the history and action taken to date. The Chairman also reiterated that the Parish Council would only be making decisions on the items listed on the agenda. The Estrada Report and possible options in relation to the peafowl in the village was not on this agenda but would be on the agenda for the 15th October Ordinary Meeting.

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

The Chairman advised that he had received a letter of resignation from Councillor Mrs C Styring with immediate effect. With regret the Parish Council accepted her resignation and expressed their thanks for all her hard work during her term of office.

The Chairman stated that there was now a vacancy on the Parish Council and explained the process that the Parish Council must take in order to fill the vacancy.

3. DECLARATIONS OF OTHER INTERESTS AND ANY UPDATES TO EXISTING MEMBERS' INTERESTS - None

4. TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE PC WILL GIVE CREDIBILITY TO A WRITTEN PETITION OR PETITIONS (THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE) SUBMITTED BY RESIDENTS REGARDING PEAFOWL IN THE VILLAGE

The Chairman read out the annotation from the peafowl petition at the Post Office and it was agreed that this would be accepted by the Parish Council as correspondence.

Concern was raised regarding the validity of some of the signatures i.e. some of them do not live in Finningley but it was agreed that this was an indication of the feeling of support for the peafowl.

A resident offered to separate the signatories by postcode; the Chairman said that would be helpful.

RESOLVED that the petition is considered as an acceptable statement of fact and the Parish Council will give credibility to the petition subject to the concerns noted.

It was also noted that the Parish Council are not aware of any petition calling for the reduction/removal of the peafowl.

5. TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE PARISH COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE A SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE, AND, IF SO, IN WHAT FORMAT.

The Chairman advised that Councillor R Castle had proposed that the Parish Council retain the existing methods of communication and in addition start a Finningley Parish Council social media page. He stated that this would allow for more effective dissemination of information.

The social media page would not receive comments / communication from recipients, that would continue to be accepted through the current methods i.e. the Parish Council contact page.

Councillor J Kong presented the Parish Council with a draft social media page which would be used as an electronic noticeboard and members had a brief discussion on how this would be administered and controlled.

RESOLVED to set up a Parish Council social media presence with Councillors J Kong and R Castle to look into the details and talk through with members at an informal meeting (to be arranged). Update to be given at the October Parish Council meeting.

6. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 15th October 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Chairman: