

**MINUTES OF THE FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
FINNINGLEY, ON TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

15 members of the public were also present

A member of the public requested an update on the allotments provision. The Chairman advised that a second spray had been carried out 14/09 with the ground to be ploughed over and enriched at a later date. The perimeter hedge is to be cut back to comply with the approved Management Plan in October. It was also noted that DMBC have approved the installation of a drop kerb at the entrance.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the peafowl with very diverse views being expressed by several members of the public present. A number of concerns were raised including damage, road safety hazards and the increase in numbers alongside support for keeping the peafowl population as a feature of the village.

It was noted that as the Parish Council do not have expert knowledge regarding peafowl and were continuing to receive complaints from residents they had consulted with the DMBC Ecology Team who had recommended three local Ecology specialists who might undertake a survey.

At the July meeting, following due process, the Parish Council commissioned Estrada Ecology to carry out a survey of the peafowl population and to produce a report to be considered at the September meeting. Estrada Ecology were chosen from the 3 recommended because they included consultation with residents as part of their survey and would include a summary of comments in their report.

Discussion took place concerning road safety throughout the village with concerns raised regarding speeding vehicles/HGV's and the lack of safe crossing provision. A resident reiterated that a near miss road incident can and should be reported to the police and asked that a more robust approach is taken with regards to road safety. The resident also raised the question of a pedestrian crossing in the village. The Chairman responded that the Parish Council noted the concern but DMBC Highways had so far not agreed that a crossing in the village was necessary.

It was also noted that the Parish Council has in the past requested the police to carry out speed monitoring using their specialist vehicle (as used in other sites in the Borough and resulting in prosecutions) but had been told that there is no appropriate site in the village for the speed camera van.

A member of the public enquired about the campaign to keep Old Bawtry Road open as a public byway for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders and Councillor W Bedford gave a progress update.

It was also noted that DMBC are unhappy about the blocks that have been put on Old Bawtry Road and that their legal department have written to Peel and asked them to instruct their tenant (Tetron) to remove them. The Parish Council has also spoken to the police who do not back up their claims of regular criminal activity in and around the quarry site.

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 – Councillor J Kong, Ward Councillor S Cox & 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 19
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 Items 13

4. POLICING ISSUES

The Chairman gave a brief report of the Police Liaison Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17th September (provided by Ward Councillor S Cox. It was noted that approval has been given for an additional 50 police officers in the Borough within the next two years and that a police officer will be assigned to each Ward as part of community policing.

The Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) role is to be dissolved but the 17 PCSO's currently in the Borough will be offered the opportunity to train as police officers in addition to the 50 already approved.

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

6. TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RAISED UNDER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Both items raised under public participation on the agenda (Items 9 & 10)

7. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 16.07.19

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

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MEETING FOR INFORMATION/NOTING – None Raised

9. PEA FOWL SURVEY REPORT

The Chairman reiterated that following consultation with the DMBC Ecology Team the Parish Council had agreed a brief which had been sent to three local companies and that their responses/quotations had been considered at the July meeting and Estrada Ecology commissioned. It was also noted that Parish Council members had only received the final report from Estrada yesterday (late afternoon).

The Parish Council discussed the contents of the report at length and discussed the four options that had been put forward:-

- 1) Do-Nothing
- 2) Total Removal
- 3) Selective Reduction
- 4) Removal of Tree Roosts – This option was discounted as two of the three roost sites recorded are within private land.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to publish the report on the Parish Council website subject to permission being granted by Estrada Ecology.

Members gave their initial views but it was agreed that further time was required for members to consider the suggested options so it was agreed to defer any decision until the October Parish Council meeting and to contact Estrada Ecology to seek clarification on two questions raised by members:-

- 1) At present it would appear that the gene mix is reasonable but if the Parish Council choose option 9.2 " do nothing" could this lead to future problems with regards inbreeding?
- 2) 8.4.3 states that the current population of 22 individuals is below the carrying capacity of the village, what maximum number would you consider to be acceptable?

10. DISCUSS SPEEDING CONCERNS/ENFORCEMENT

Councillor R Castle raised concerns that there is a speed issue through the village that is not being supported by the PCSO's due to a lack of enforcement and that the Parish Council has been advised that there is no appropriate site in the village for the speed camera van.

RESOLVED to contact Inspector Mark Payling for clarification concerning the speed enforcement policy criteria. **CLERK**

11. VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

See Item 12

12. ISSUES RELATING TO JOINT PLAYING FIELD (Items 12 & 13 dealt with together)

Projects Update

The Chairman advised that DMBC are in the process of finalising the Officer Decision Record (ODR) which will combine the Section 106 Grants for both the Playing Fields and the Village Enhancement Projects.

The Chairman spoke about the project delays and the new information from DMBC that there would be a differentiation between Section 106 money spent within 3 years of approval (known as a Capital Grant) and that spent thereafter (designated as a Revenue Grant). Revenue Grant requires the Parish Council to pay up front and reclaim, this has a cash flow implication for the Parish Council.

The only element of all the planned projects that would be considered as a "Revenue Project" is the Joint Playing Fields Playing Surface Improvement Project. This is currently a projected 10 year project. Members agreed that a change to front load the project would be advisable and maybe shorten the term to 8 years. The Chairman, also a member of the Playing Fields Association, agreed to discuss options with the PFA at its next meeting and, if consistent with the Parish Councils decision, in conjunction with the clerk, respond to DMBC.

RESOLVED to refer options to the PFA and if approved inform DMBC. **CHAIRMAN & CLLR J CLARKE**

RESOLVED to proceed with the topological surveys and drawings for seating at Blenheim Drive & Chapel Lane and for the Pond (topological surveys total £900 & drawings total £3850). It was also agreed not to proceed with the Village Hall topological survey and drawings at present, although this may be considered again at a future meeting. **CLERK**

13. ISSUES RELATING TO VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Management Committee Report

Councillor W Bedford advised that the Committee have purchased a large screen which will be attached to the inside wall in the near future.

Councillor J Clarke raised a query regarding the progress of the redecoration inside the hall and Councillor Bedford agreed to put this on the forthcoming AGM agenda for discussion.

Update on Replacement of Village Hall Noticeboards

The Chairman advised that DMBC have now granted listed building consent for replacement of the existing Parish Council noticeboard and the addition of a second noticeboard for the display of Village Hall notices so he, along with Cllr W Bedford and the clerk, was in the process of finalising the purchase of the new noticeboards.

Councillor R Castle stressed that once the Village Hall noticeboard is in place no further notices should be put on the doors, Elaine McNulty to monitor this.

Holly Hedge outside Village Hall

It was noted that the hedge has now been cut back by Gillies Landscapes.

14. POND ISSUES

Cllrs R Castle and W Bedford suggested that we closely monitor pond levels to determine if there might be a leak in the lining. Members agreed to monitor.

15. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION – Progress update already given by the Chairman during Public Participation.

16. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Pre-Approved BIB transactions – For Information Only

£ 2,000.00	Playing Fields Association (Annual Grant)	BIB.489
£ 81.33	C Woodland (Pond Equipment Reimbursement)	BIB.490
£ 93.00	R Johnson (Newsletter Reimbursement – Printing Costs)	BIB.491
£ 335.94	J Leighton-Eshelby (August Salary and Mileage)	BIB.492
£ 84.00	HMRC (PAYE)	BIB.493
£ 180.00	Viking Trees (Emergency Tree Work – Old Bawtry Road)	BIB.494

To approve BIB transactions

£ 170.00	Gillies Landscapes (Tree/Shrub Maintenance)	BIB.495
£ 457.94	J Leighton-Eshelby (September Salary, Mileage and Quarterly Office Allowance)	BIB.496
£ 84.00	HMRC (PAYE)	BIB.497
£ 720.00	Viking Trees (Allotments Spraying x 2)	BIB.498
£ 480.00	PKF Littlejohn (External Audit)	BIB.499

Parish Council Insurance

The Parish Council discussed and agreed the renewal quote from Zurich Municipal (£1469.45)

17. PLANNING ISSUES

a) Planning Applications Received

19/02019/FUL – Erection of dwelling with attached garage following demolition of existing dwelling and garage (resubmission of previous application 18/01562/FUL – amendments to the design) at Burnham House, 3 Chapel Lane, Finningley. Comment Only

This is a very large property and is not in keeping with other properties in the area.
The 3D views provided are not consistent with the plans (drop kerb)

b) Planning Concerns

c) NCC Draft Minerals Plan Response

The Chairman reiterated that the Parish Council have agreed to work with Branton, Blaxton and Auckley Parish Councils and Ward Councillors to develop a joint Ward response and it was noted that the final draft will be circulated to other Councils and all members in due course.

d) Doncaster Local Plan

It was noted that there is no further proposed housing allocations for Finningley village. There is one minerals allocation at a site off Bank End Road/Wroot Road which will be subject to a planning application if and when there is a proposal to develop it. We will get the opportunity to comment at that time.

18. HIGHWAY ISSUES

Update on Definitive Map Modification Order Application

Councillor W Bedford advised that Julie Guest – DMBC Senior Rights of Way and Highways Records Officer had met with Peel to discuss the Modification Order for Old Bawtry Road (Tetron declined to attend).

Peel indicated that they intended to object but to date no objections have been received and after six weeks this will become an addition to the Definitive Map; any objections received will be fed back to the Parish Council as the applicant.

Councillor J Clarke raised concern that Old Bawtry Road has become very overgrown beyond the “Lego Bricks”. Members agreed to monitor the roadway beyond the barrier and review at the October meeting.

Councillor R Castle reported that he had spoken to Highways again regarding the poor state of the road surface at Silver Birch Grove and it was noted that their response was that the work is authorised and planned but subject to the availability of funds.

19. UPDATE ON ISSUES RELATING TO NORTH EAST BASSETLAW COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP – No further update

The Chairman spoke about correspondence received from a resident raising concern regarding fracking.

20. WEBSITE ISSUES

Parish Council Website - No issues raised

21. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED to circulate to members in the usual manner.

22. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

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

Chairman: