

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

2 members of the public were present. There were no items raised under Public Participation.
John Mason, Ink Architecture.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor W Bedford (Vice Chairman) asked for nominations for Chairman. There were none and therefore he chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Councillor Bedford reported that the Clerk was unable to attend due to illness and that Councillor R Johnson had agreed to take minutes of the meeting. Members passed on their best wishes to the Clerk for a speedy recovery.

Councillor Johnson said that he had received a briefing note from the Clerk covering a number of items. Among them was the response from Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA) with regards to the charring of future Parish Council meetings. The information was reported to the meeting and noted by members.

2. TO AGREE ITEMS TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETING) ACT 1960 - None

3. TO RECEIVE/ACCEPT APOLOGIES - None

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

Cllr R Johnson declared an interest in Items 14 & 17

Cllr W Bedford declared an interest in Item 15

Cllr J Clarke declared an interest in Item 14

Cllr R Castle declared an interest in Items 13 & 17

5. POLICING ISSUES

Community Speedwatch.

Councillor W Bedford reported on recent correspondence with the Area PCSO who is to attend training on 18th December on use of the speed monitoring equipment. She has promised to get back to him when the "speedwatch" programme is being planned. Members have already expressed an interest in being involved in the programme.

CAP Update

Councillor R Johnson gave an update on the local effect of the initiative which seems to have resulted in a reduction in evidence of alcohol and drug use on the joint playing field. Members noted and commented that this may also be influenced by the weather.

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

7. TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RAISED UNDER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - No Issues Raised

8. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15.10.19
RESOLVED the minutes be approved as a true record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MEETING FOR INFORMATION/NOTING

Item 10 Parish Council Social Media presence

Councillors R Castle & J Kong had requested that, to allow time for further development, this item be omitted from this agenda and included on the January meeting agenda.

10. VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Review of proposals

John Mason of Ink Architecture was in attendance to present draft plans for the 3 projects; Seating on the Blenheim Drive open space, seating on the Chapel Lane / Wroot Road open space and an upgrade to the walkway and seating around the pond. Members discussed and agreed the proposals. Mr Mason agreed to consult with Cllr J Clarke on technical matters relating to the pond walkway.

RESOLVED to proceed with planning applications to DMBC

CLERK / INK ARCHITECTURE

Update on 106 ODR (Officer Decision Request)

Councillor R Johnson provided members with a revised spending plan for the project which has been requested by and provided to DMBC for inclusion in the ODR. Members expressed concern that the ODR is now unlikely to be progressed until the New Year.

RESOLVED to check progress early January 2020.

CLERK / CLLR R JOHNSON

11. REPORT ON AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Councillor R Castle had circulated a report to members immediately after the meeting. In summary:

- Drones – “you must not fly a drone within 5 Km (3 miles) of any airport or airport boundary”.
- Control of airspace is moving from a ground based to satellite-based system.
- New arrival and departure routes to be implemented to avoid built up areas.
- New routes expected in 2020 which will increase passenger and freight business.
- Further housing and industrial development on land adjacent to the airport.

Members noted the report and briefly discussed the potential effect of the above on Finningley village and its residents. Members agreed to closely monitor events and remain engaged as a member of the Consultative Committee.

12. REPORT ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY FORUM

Councillor W Bedford reported on the meeting, minutes of which had been circulated to members. Members were asked to note the “Get Doncaster Walking” event planned for Wednesday 20th May 2020 when it is planned to sponsor a walk in every community in the Borough. More on this when details become available.

13. REPORT ON YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK DROP-IN SESSION (MOSHAM ROAD JUNCTION CONSULTATION)

Councillor R Castle had circulated a report to members immediately after the meeting. In summary:

- Consultation was primarily aimed at residents who will be affected by the proposed changes.
- Work is now likely to start in April 2020 rather than early in the new year as originally planned.
- There are a number of concerns about the proposals from local Parish Councils, Ward Councillors and residents.
- The Wildlife Park and DMBC Highways consider that the proposals are the best possible taking account of the constraints of the location.

Councillor R Johnson reminded members that the plans were available to view on the Parish Council website. Councillor R Castle also reported his concern that, unlike other consultative bodies, the Wildlife Park do not apparently make minutes of their meetings available to the general public, relying instead on its members for wider circulation of the minutes. Members agreed that they did not consider this to be the Parish Council’s responsibility.

14. ISSUES RELATING TO JOINT PLAYING FIELD

Update on 106 ODR (Officer Decision Request)

Councillor R Johnson referred members to the report given in item 10.

There are currently no other issues that concern the Parish Council

15. ISSUES RELATING TO VILLAGE HALL

Councillor W Bedford reported that the alarms and electrical equipment had recently been tested and certified as functional and safe for use.

Councillor Bedford asked if the need for new members of the Village Hall Committee could be included in the next Parish Council Newsletter. Members were happy with this request. Editorial team to consult with Councillor Bedford prior to drafting the next Newsletter.

14. POND ISSUES

Recommended actions for winter / spring

Councillors W Bedford and R Johnson reported on recommendations from Craig Woodland that due to a build up of silt and high oxygen demand we should:

- Increase the siltex dosage to twice per annum – requiring about 250 Kg, cost to be determined.
- Add Barley Straw extract rather than the straw – cost approx. £150 for 25 litres.
- Put “aerators” on a time switch to save electricity over the winter period.

The pond will need “netting” in the spring to remove some fish and it would help if those feeding the ducks do not throw bread into the water.

RESOLVED to follow the recommendations.

CLLRS W BEDFORD/ R JOHNSON & CW

15. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION

Progress Update

Councillors R Castle & R Johnson reported that:

- The hedge work is now complete and the site had been rotovated.
- On advice the hedge along Church Lane had been removed completely and will be replaced by a new (probably hawthorn) hedge. A quote is awaited.
- Fencing to be installed mid-January.
- There had been close consultation with the Chair of the allotment’s society during the work.

Update on variation to access and parking arrangements

Councillor R Johnson reported that a variation to the planning consent was being sought which required a re-submission of parts of the original planning application. That had been done and we are awaiting a response from DMBC Planning.

RESOLVED to progress the work as quickly as possible with the aim of allowing occupation by the springtime.

CLERK / CLLRS R CASTLE & R JOHNSON

16. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Pre-Approved BIB transactions – For Information Only

£ 457.94	J Leighton-Eshelby (December Salary, Mileage and Quarterly Office Allowance)	BIB 512
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£ 84.00	HMRC (PAYE)	BIB 513
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£ 85.00	Trador Print (Newsletter)	BIB 514
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To approve BIB transactions

£ 522.59	NPower (Pond Electricity Nov 2018 to Dec 2019)	BIB 515
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£6,720.00	Viking Trees (Allotments)	BIB 516
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Draft Budget & Precept for 2020-2021

Members reviewed the draft budget and confirmed a Budget for 2020-21 of £27,875.

Councillor R Johnson read out the Parish Precept guidance provided by the DMBC Financial Management Team and after consideration members agreed a precept for 2020-21 of £26,520.

RESOLVED that DMBC be notified in the usual way by the required date.

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17. PLANNING ISSUES

- a) Planning Application 19/02683/FULM Erection of three B1, B2 and B8 use industrial and warehousing units, an electricity sub-station, car parking, service yards, accesses and landscaping on land east of First Avenue, Auckley.

Members discussed the application and raised concerns about the cumulative impact of all the proposed developments in the area. Cllr R Johnson reminded members of the recent joint Parish Councils response to the Nottinghamshire County Council draft Minerals Plan which detailed all the current and potential developments in the area and the concerns raised in that document.

RESOLVED to raise the Parish Council's concern with Ward Councillor's

CLERK

- b) Planning Concerns – None raised.

18. HIGHWAY ISSUES

Update on Definitive Map Modification Order Application

Councillor W Bedford advised that the position was the same as reported at the last meeting.

Lego Bricks

Councillor W Bedford reported that he had been advised that the bricks might be relocated further up the road but he was informed that would be at the discretion of Peel Holdings and their tenant. DMBC had no influence.

Cllr R Castle reported that he had followed up with DMBC Highways on the promised surface improvements to the verges outside the Post Office. They had confirmed that the work was in their programme but recent flooding in other parts of the Borough had taken priority. Members asked that Cllr Castle continue to monitor progress.

19. WEBSITE ISSUES

Parish Council Website

Register of Interests requires update – **to be actioned by the Clerk.** Members were asked to review the site and inform Cllr W Bedford or R Johnson of any required updates.

20. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE

White Rose Update

Councillor R Johnson referred members to the December issue of the YLCA Newsletter and particularly the Home Office / NALC Consultation on strengthening Police Powers to deal with unauthorised encampments. Members agreed to consider a response at the January meeting which would be in time for the February 19th response deadline.

Correspondence from the office of Caroline Flint

The Clerk had sent a note detailing correspondence she had received.

"I received a letter from Caroline Flint (dated 9th December) on behalf of the resident who lives adjacent to the Playing Fields Car Park regarding his overgrown hedge. I have responded and advised her that the hedge was cut by DMBC 20/11 as a Ward Councillor organised a team to do the work and I have made it clear that this was not at the request of the Parish Council or the Playing Fields

Association and it is not their ongoing responsibility.”

Members noted the communication and confirmed that neither the Parish Council or the Playing Fields Association accept any responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the hedge.

RESOLVED to advise Ward Councillors.

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21. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7pm in the Village Hall.