

**MINUTES OF THE FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
FINNINGLEY, ON TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2020 AT 7PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

3 members of the public were present. There were no items raised under Public Participation.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor W Bedford (Vice Chairman) asked for nominations for Chairman. There were no nominations and therefore he chaired the remainder of the meeting.

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 Received

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

Cllr R Johnson declared an interest in Item 15

Cllr W Bedford declared an interest in Item 16

Cllr J Clarke declared an interest in Item 15

Cllr R Castle declared an interest in Items 5 & 18

5. CO-OPTION TO FILL PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Councillor W Bedford advised that there were five candidates for the position which was very encouraging. The clerk explained the voting process and members were asked to complete a voting slip. The clerk tallied the votes cast and Councillor Bedford announced the result.

Carl Creighton was invited to join the Parish Council; he signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

The unsuccessful candidate present at the meeting was thanked for her interest and encouraged to try again should a vacancy occur in the future. The candidates not present were also encouraged to try again should a future vacancy occur.

6. POLICING ISSUES

Community Speedwatch

It was noted that both Finningley and Blaxton Parish Councils have been invited to participate in a Community Speedwatch and Councillor R Johnson spoke about how the initiative works.

Councillor Johnson advised that in the first instance members will need to attend a short training/briefing session and both Councils will need to identify the roads that they would like to monitor.

RESOLVED to contact PCSO Kate Martin to confirm that Finningley Parish Council has agreed to get involved with Community Speedwatch and to attend a joint training/briefing session.

CLLR R JOHNSON

NALC Consultation PC 13-19 "Strengthening Police Powers – Encampments"

Councillor R Johnson read out the NALC recommendations and these were unanimously agreed;

- All cases of unauthorised encampments should be criminalised on account of trespassing
- The police should have the power to direct trespassers to leave land as soon as it has been determined that they are there illegally
- The police should be able to take action regardless of the number of vehicles in the authorised encampment
- Principal authorities should have the power to demand the police attend as soon as an unauthorised encampment appears and to claim back costs incurred repairing damage caused by clearing up after unauthorised encampments

The Parish Council also agreed that it is important for neighbouring authorities to have an agreement on relocation of those removed from unauthorised sites to established ones.

RESOLVED to respond to the consultation and to include a piece in the Parish Council newsletter following the publication of the final decision.

CLERK

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

Councillor R Johnson reported that a meeting with the new MP for Don Valley, Nick Fletcher was arranged for Friday 24/01 to meet with the Chair of Finningley Parish Council. Nick Fletcher will also meet with Chairs of other Parish Councils in the Ward to review with them their current priorities and concerns.

RESOLVED that as there is currently no Chairman, Councillor R Johnson would attend on behalf of Finningley Parish Council.

Members briefly spoke about issues they would like to be raised at the meeting including public transport, the impact that DMBC planning consent has on traffic in the area, planning enforcement and the lack of communication from the police in relation to the reporting of criminal activity in the village.

Councillor W Bedford noted that Stephen Racjan (DMBC) had forwarded information regarding funding opportunities and advised that he would look into these on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee.

8. TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RAISED UNDER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – No Issues Raised

9. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 17.12.19

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

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

11. VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Progress Update

Councillor R Johnson reiterated that John Mason – Ink Architecture had attended the December Parish Council meeting and presented 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 which members had approved.

Update on progress with 106 Officer Decision Request (ODR)

Councillor R Johnson reported that he had spoken to DMBC to request an update on the ODR and had been advised that it is currently in the system but with no date yet available for when the next stage of the process to release the funds can begin.

12. PARISH COUNCIL SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE UPDATE

Presentation by Cllrs J Kong and R Castle

Councillors J Kong and R Castle presented their plans for the Parish Council Social Media page which were discussed at length and it was unanimously agreed that the page will not accept comments and is purely to be used as an electronic noticeboard for outward communication only.

Members also agreed that as the only posts will be official Parish Council information the site will be run as a page which is freely accessible rather than a group which you have to request to join.

RESOLVED to set up a Parish Council Social Media page and to post only meeting agendas, approved minutes and the most recent newsletter in the first instance.

CLLR J KONG & CLERK

13. REPORT ON PCJCC MEETING (17/01)

Councillor R Johnson had circulated a report to members following the meeting.

Councillor Johnson gave an overview of the meeting which included the election of a new Chair and Vice Chair, an update on planning enforcement and details of Air Quality Monitoring.

14. REPORT ON YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING (08/01)

Questions/comments on report circulated by Cllr R Castle 8th January 2020

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

Councillor Castle gave an overview of the meeting which was held primarily to provide information about their license application.

The Parish Council raised concern regarding the impact of the increased traffic that will be generated due to the new hotel & restaurants, weddings, live music and sporting events which will be in addition to that resulting from the relocation of the entrance to Hurst Lane.

15. ISSUES RELATING TO JOINT PLAYING FIELD

Update on progress with 106 Officer Decision Request (ODR)

Councillor R Johnson referred members to the report given in Item 11.

Any other current issues – None raised

16. ISSUES RELATING TO VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Management Committee Report

Councillor W Bedford advised that a long-standing member of the Management Committee had recently resigned and the Parish Council added their thanks to those of the Village Hall Management Committee.

Councillor Bedford also reported that as Elaine McNulty is stepping down on 22/02/2020 the Management Committee are re-evaluating the role and creating a job description prior to interviewing for a new caretaker.

Councillor R Castle raised concern regarding the signs that are put on the village green to advertise church events without permission from the Parish Council.

RESOLVED to write to the church and inform them that as per the agreement already in place with the Village Hall Management Committee they must get permission from the Parish Council on each occasion to put any signs/banners on the village green stating the period of time they will be in situ.

17. POND ISSUES

Timer to control pumps

Councillor R Johnson advised that Craig Woodland was looking into the cost of putting the aerators on a time switch. It was also noted that one of the floating islands may have come loose from its mooring, Councillor Johnson to ask Craig to have a look at this.

18. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION

Progress Update – work completed to date and planned further work

Councillors R Johnson and R Castle gave the following updates:-

Planning

The original consent was granted 21st March 2019. Work started on the site October/November (spray off was earlier).

In December, on advice, we decided to relocate the entrance. We applied for a variation to the original consent but DMBC treated the variation as a completely new application which needed to go through the complete planning cycle. They (DMBC) did not advertise until early January so the earliest a decision will be made is early February.

We are not anticipating any problems but cannot do anything until formal approval is given. We can carry on with work on all other aspects of the original consent.

Hedgerow Work

All completed. New hedge along Church Lane to be planted and verge restored when we are ready to give the go-ahead.

Fencing

Fencing is scheduled to commence week beginning Monday 20th January. We will fence 3.5 sides and leave the area where the original and new entrances are planned. This is to conform with planning but will also allow for large equipment to access the site.

Water Supply

Adien Utility Detection very kindly conducted a comprehensive survey of the site at no charge and provided the Parish Council with a "services map" of the area so we now know where things are.

There does not appear to be a credible water supply (although there is an unidentifiable pipe running along the centre of the site from the adjacent Peel land.

We have contacted Anglian Water to come and survey the site with a view to establishing a water supply. We are planning to provide a single standpipe just inside the car park area but will obviously take their advice.

Finances

Councillor R Johnson gave a breakdown of the expenses that have already been approved by the Parish Council (Item 1 - Spray off area x 2; Item 2 - Tree work, clear site and rotovate & Item 3 - Fencing and gates) and those that still require approval (Item 4 - Car park & entrance; Item 5 - Top soil; Item 6 - New hedge (Church Lane) & seed verge; Item 7 - Water connection & Item 8 - Formalising legal agreements.

It was noted that since 2011-12 provision has been made in the annual budget for the allotments amounting to £16,000 and that the Council can vie other reserves to cover the total cost, this would be approximately £10,000.

RESOLVED to approve the expenditure for items 4-8

Contractors

With the exception of Anglian Water where there is no choice, and the legal service which is still to be decided, all of the contractors have worked for the Parish Council or worked together in the past and are known to provide a good service at a competitive price. Seeking further quotations for any of the work listed is unnecessary, time consuming, will cause delay and would be of no substantial benefit.

RESOLVED to approve the selection of contractors to enable work on the site to be completed in time for handover to the Allotment Society in the spring.

Parish Council's relationship with Finningley Allotments Society

Councillors R Johnson and R Castle have met with members of the Allotments Society on a number of occasions with a view to keeping them informed of progress and encouraging their input and so far they are happy with what we have done.

The Parish Council will soon need to consider what relationship it will form with the Allotment Society and how that will be formalised and managed.

19. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Pre-Approved BIB transactions – For Information Only

£ 347.94	J Leighton-Eshelby (January Salary & Mileage)	BIB 517
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£ 84.00	HMRC (PAYE)	BIB 518
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To approve BIB transactions

£ 240.00	PKF Littlejohn (External Audit Fee)	BIB 519
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£ 15.52	DMBC (Litter Bin Emptying)	BIB 520
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£ 131.47	DMBC (Dog Bin Emptying)	BIB 521
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Confirmation that DMBC have been advised of the Precept for 2020-2021

The clerk confirmed that the precept notice for 2020-2021 had been returned to DMBC.

3rd Quarter Internal Audit

Councillor R Johnson confirmed that the 3rd Quarter accounts have been signed off and it was agreed that Councillor J Hill would be appointed as a second Parish Council auditor.

20. PLANNING ISSUES

a) Planning Applications Received:

19/02961/FUL - Change of use of the church building to offices with new access road and car parking spaces at Holy Family RC Church, Auckley Neutral Response

19/02761/FUL – Erection of orangery to side, new double garage and link extension to connect bungalow to existing garage and conversion of existing garage to living accommodation at 16 Croft Court, Finningley Neutral Response

19/02985/COU – Change of use from agricultural land to residential allotments (being re-submission of Application 19/00302/COU granted on 21.03.2019) incorporating an amendment to the access and site layout on land west of Church Lane, Finningley Fully Support

Councillor W Bedford referred to a public comment on the DMBC planning portal and it was agreed to respond and address their concerns.

19/02884/FULM – HTC Wolffkrann. Use of land at former Blaxton Quarry, Mosham Road as a commercial crane hire business including offices; welfare building; workshops; preparation, blast & paint areas; crane tracks and means of access onto Mosham Road. Note. Cllr Clarke reported on preliminary meeting Item 17c) November Meeting. Neutral Response

The Parish Council raised some concern regarding the increased traffic generated by staff vehicles.

b) Planning Concerns

20/00022/OUT - Outline application for the erection of up to 160 dwellings (approval being sought for access) on Land off Gate House Lane Auckley Doncaster DN9 3PF

RESOLVED to submit the following **objections** to DMBC.

- 1) The site is not suitable for 160 homes
- 2) The development would be built on a flood plain
- 3) The development would generate a significant increase in traffic

Councillor W Bedford spoke briefly about the recent planning application for the for the erection of a block of 12 apartments following demolition of The Mayflower public house, Austerfield (19/03050/OUTM)

c) Confirmation of response to DMBC re 19/03023/FUL

The clerk advised that the Parish Councils response had been sent to DMBC but the comments were still not displayed on the public access pages however it was noted that the clerk had received correspondence from a DMBC planning officer confirming that they will be visible within the next couple of days.

21. HIGHWAY ISSUES

Update on Definitive Map Modification Order Application – No further update

Lego Bricks

Councillor W Bedford advised that he would contact Ward Councillor Steve Cox for an update.

Councillor R Johnson spoke about the recent traffic assessment carried out on Bank End Road at the request of Blaxton Parish Council.

RESOLVED to ask for permission from Blaxton Parish Council to circulate the results of the survey to Finningley Parish Council members.

CLLR R JOHNSON

22. WEBSITE ISSUES

Parish Council Website

It was noted that Councillor W Bedford had requested the webmaster to update the contact us page.

23. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE

DMBC Dog fouling and Control Public Space Protection Order Renewal Consultation

The Parish Council discussed the consultation and agreed on the response to be sent to DMBC. **CLERK**

YLCA Spring Conference 28th March 2020

Details to be circulated to members

CLERK

24. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 18th February 2020 at 7pm in the Village Hall.