

**MINUTES OF THE FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
FINNINGLEY, ON TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2020 AT 7PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

2 members of the Allotments Society and 2 members of the public were present.

A resident raised 3 issues:

1. The road markings at the Wroot Road junction with the A614 are in urgent need of re-painting.
2. Parking at St Oswald's Academy is again causing concerns for residents of Elm Drive and Wroot Road.
3. There should be more publicity of the events taking place on the Playing Fields.

See Agenda item 7.

The members of the Allotments Society asked when it might be possible for their members to access the allotments and start planting.

See Agenda item 15.

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 – The Council accepted apologies from the Clerk for the reasons given. Cllr Johnson agreed to take minutes of the meeting. Apologies also received from Ward Councillor Steve Cox and Steve Racjan of the DMBC Neighborhood Team (see Item 6).

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

Councillor W Bedford declared an interest in Item 13

Councillor R Castle declared an interest in Items 13 & 15

Councillors R Johnson & J Castle declared an interest in Item 12

Councillor Bedford circulated a form for members to update their "declaration of members interests" to update the Councils website.

5. POLICING ISSUES

Community Speedwatch

Cllr. Bedford reported that training was completed on 25th February and members are now awaiting completion of the risk assessments on designated roads before speed watch activity can begin. Awaiting response from PCSO Martyn who is co-ordinating the project.

RESOLVED that Cllr Bedford would follow up with PCSO Martyn.

CLLR. BEDFORD

6. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLORS/DMBC REPRESENTATIVES

Noted that Steve Racjan has been transferred to the flood resilience team for a fixed period and that Richard Lewis is his replacement for the period of the secondment. Contact is Richard.Lewis@doncaster.gov.uk, 01302 734188, 07825 386097.

Cllr. Cox provided a written response to a question raised at the February meeting concerning the Hospital Park & Ride service from Doncaster Racecourse to both DRI and Mexborough Hospitals. Members noted the report, thanked Cllr. Cox for his response, and requested that Cllr. Cox continued to campaign to maintain and improve the service for both staff and patients.

RESOLVED that the Clerk pass on the Councils support to Cllr. Cox.

CLERK

7. TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RAISED UNDER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1 – Road Markings at junction of Wroot Road with A614. Members agreed there is a problem and it should be referred to DMBC Highways.

RESOLVED to report the concern to DMBC Highways

CLERK

2 – Parking at the School and resident concerns. Members agreed that this is an ongoing issue, is still a problem and should be referred back to the Ward Councillors.

RESOLVED to contact Cllr. Steve Cox.

CLERK

3 – Publicity of events on the Playing Fields – Cllrs Johnson and Clarke agreed to raise this with the Playing Fields Committee at their next meeting.

CLLRS JOHNSON & CLARKE

8. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18.02.20

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

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

10. REPORT ON PCJCC MEETING HELD ON 11TH MARCH 2020

Cllr Johnson gave report covering:

- The Great Doncaster Spring Clean – March / April 2020.
- Community Infrastructure Levy – an update in relation to Doncaster Council.
- Local Commission on Climate Change – formed in September 2019, Purpose and Membership
- Future topics for PCJCC Meetings.

Members noted the report.

11. VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Progress Update

Cllr Bedford reported on a meeting with the DMBC Area Team member progressing the release of the 106 Funds. Members noted the report and registered some disappointment that the progress was slower than expected.

The Council confirmed that it would however continue with the plans agreed at previous meetings and comply with the new / changed administrative requirements outlined by DMBC.

RESOLVED to provide the additional information required. **CLLRS BEDFORD & JOHNSON / CLERK**

12. ISSUES RELATING TO JOINT PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Johnson gave an update on progress with 106 Officer Decision Request (ODR) in relation to the Joint Playing Fields projects and confirmed he would work with Cllr Bedford to provide whatever information was required to secure the funding for the Village Enhancement and Playing Fields projects (see above).

Cllr Johnson also reported that the PFA had purchased mowing equipment to enable easier maintenance of the skate park, verges and areas where the contract mower cannot access.

13. ISSUES RELATING TO VILLAGE HALL

Councillor W Bedford advised that a new caretaker is now in position. He also reported on progress with the proposed repairs and redecoration of the inside of the building, reparation to the external limewash and reconfiguration of the toilets. All projects are currently at the specification and quotation stage. He will report further as more information becomes available and particularly in those areas which require Parish Council agreement or approval.

RESOLVED that Cllrs Bedford & Castle (FPC representatives on the VHC) keep the Council informed of progress.

CLLRS BEDFORD & CASTLE

14. POND ISSUES

Cllr Bedford reported that one timer had been installed to limit on / off times for one aerator, the other unit is still working 24 / 7.

Cllr Johnson reported that he would speak to the Clerk to determine progress with the disconnection of the water supply to the pond.

CLLR JOHNSON / CLERK

15. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION

Regarding the question raised under Public Participation. Members discussed when occupancy of the site by Allotments Society members would be appropriate. At the present time there is no formal occupancy agreement between the Parish Council and the Allotments Society, however, there is a Management Agreement that clearly sets out the conditions of use. Members agreed that continued access to the site should be "subject to" a formal occupancy agreement and not "dependent on" the agreement being in existence prior to occupancy of the site.

RESOLVED that as soon as is possible (subject to the addition of top soil but not completion of fencing and water connection) the Allotments Society should be allowed access to confirm and allocate plots and start planting. **CLLRS CASTLE & JOHNSON**

RESOLVED that Cllrs Castle & Johnson should work with the Allotments Society to agree the terms of occupancy and present to Council for approval. **CLLRS CASTLE & JOHNSON**

RESOLVED that, once approved, the Allotments Society must comply with the terms of the Occupancy Agreement in order to enjoy continued access to the site. **CLERK / COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that although ultimately controlled by the Allotments Society, Finningley residents should take priority in the allocation of plots or sub-plots on the site. **COUNCIL TO MONITOR**

RESOLVED that providing expenditure remains within that approved at the January 2020 meeting work on the site can progress without reference back to Council. **CLLRS CASTLE & JOHNSON / CLERK**

Councillor Castle gave an update on the progress made to date and the possible dates for completion of the car parking area, fencing, hedge planting and connection of the water supply.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Cllr Castle for his efforts in progressing work on the site over the past few weeks.

16. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Pre-Approved BIB transactions

£ 5990.40	Bentley Fencing (Allotment Fencing)	BIB.524
£ 1372.20	Anglian Water (Allotment Water Supply Connection)	BIB.525
£ 56.37	Steve Sheriff (Website Renewal Reimbursement)	BIB.526
£ 800.16	Arrow Valves (Allotment Water Supply Materials)	BIB.527
£ 445.94	Clerks Salary and 4 th Quarter Office Allowance	BIB.528
£ 84.00	HMRC (PAYE)	BIB.529

Payments for approval

£ 555.00	YLCA Subscription (01/04/2020-31/03/2020)	BIB.530
£ 12.00	Clerk & Councils Direct Subscription Renewal	BIB.531
£ 113.26	Npower (Village Pond Electric 02/12/2019-01/03/2020)	BIB.532

Members approved payments.

17. PLANNING ISSUES

a) Planning Applications Received:

20/00646/FUL - Erection of single storey aluminium framed marquee measuring 18m x 9m. (Re-submission of application 18/01984/FUL granted on 11.03.2019) at Harvey Arms, Old Bawtry Road, Finningley.

Members discussed the application and;

1. Had no particular concerns about the increase from 10 to 12 events per annum and registered a neutral response to the new application.
2. However, they questioned the need to continue with Clause 9 from the 18/01984/FUL application / Consent, and,
3. Would like DMBC to ensure that noise and traffic are properly managed.

RESOLVED that Cllr Johnson to contact DMBC Planning to confirm details and Clerk to post to DMBC Planning website when wording agreed. **CLLR JOHNSON / CLERK**

b) Planning – Local Plan

Cllr Bedford gave an update on the local plan, particularly the proposed housing developments. There is currently no proposed further development in Finningley village. He will update members on the minerals plan as more information becomes available.

The Council has been notified that the DMBC Local Plan has now been submitted to the Secretary of State for examination.

Cllr Bedford also referred to the North Lincolnshire Local Plan (2017 to 2036) – Preferred Options Consultation, further information on which will be made available as it is publicised.

c) Housing Scheme (Partner Construction)

Cllr Johnson referred to an email he had received and circulated to members requesting a meeting with the Council and other interested parties. Members agreed that the Council should be represented at such a meeting.

RESOLVED that any or all of Cllrs Bedford, Clarke and Hill should attend the meeting when it is organised. Cllr Johnson to advise Partner Construction **CLLR JOHNSON**

18. HIGHWAY ISSUES

Update on Definitive Map Order Application

Cllr Bedford reported that the application to make Old Bawtry Road a Public Byway was in the system for DMBC Legal Department to post a notice.

Lego Bricks

No change from the February meeting when it was noted that Ward Councillor Steve Cox would continue to raise this with Peel (landowner).

Cllr Bedford also stated that he had also asked Cllr Cox to question why the access from Old Bawtry Road through the woods to Footpath #5 had been locked off. Cllr Cox has also questioned with DMBC Planning compliance with planning consent in respect of conditional developments from the Austerfield roundabout access to Old Bawtry Road which included upgrading the roadway and provision of a viewing site.

Doncaster Road from the Green to the Post Office Corner

Members raised concern about the inadequate repairs made to the roadway as a result of the complaint made at the February meeting.

RESOLVED to again contact Highways and register concerns about vehicle / cycle safety, water splash onto pedestrians and unnecessary noise generated from the uneven surface. **CLERK**

Walkway from Lower Pasture to footpath #1 / Chapel Lane

The depression in the surface is clearly a hazard to pedestrians, particularly at night. Cllr Castle reported that there is some dispute in DMBC as to whether this should be dealt with by Highways or PROW.

RESOLVED to contact DMBC again and establish when this hazard will be dealt with.

CLERK

19. COMMUNICATION

Parish Council Website

Cllr Bedford agreed to arrange with webmaster to get the register of interests updated based on the information collected at the meeting (see item 4).

Newsletter

The quarterly newsletter was due in March. Members agreed to delay publication until more information is available on Allotments, the Village Enhancement, Playing Fields projects and the possible effects of Covid-19 on PC activity / business.

Social Media

Cllr Kong requested that approved minutes be sent to her to post to the page at the same time as they are posted to the Councils website and Notice Boards. Members agreed.

RESOLVED Cllr Johnson to advise Clerk.

CLLR JOHNSON

20. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE

NALC / YLCA Guidance – COVID-19

The strong advice is to follow Government Guidelines. This may mean that meetings, for the foreseeable future, may need to be cancelled. The issue is that if meetings do not take place, what provisions are in place to allow Council business to continue.

Members discussed the above and made the following resolutions.

RESOLVED that Cllrs Bedford & Johnson along with the Clerk will recommend to members whether meetings should take place or be cancelled starting with the April 2020 meeting.

CLLRS BEDFORD & JOHNSON / CLERK

RESOLVED that until otherwise determined, the Clerk be authorised to exercise any of the powers of the Council subject to email consultation with, and agreement of, members before the action is taken.

CLERK / MEMBERS

RESOLVED that individual members be empowered to make progress within their delegated areas of responsibility and already approved expenditures subject to email consultation with members and the Clerk, and general agreement of the action before it is taken.

MEMBERS / CLERK

21. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21st April 2020 at 7pm in the Village Hall (subject to 20.1 above).

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.