

MINUTES OF THE FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE ON TUESDAY 19TH MAY AT 7PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ward Councillors Steve and Jane Cox

In the meeting notice (posted on noticeboards), the Parish Council website (www.finningley.org) and its Social Media page (Finningley Parish Council Facebook site), members of the public were invited to raise questions or concerns in person at the remote meeting (by request) or by email to the clerk via the Parish Council website.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr C Creighton proposed Cllr R Castle, this was seconded by Cllr J Kong and unanimously agreed. **RESOLVED** that Cllr R Castle be appointed as Chairman.

2. TO RECEIVE/ACCEPT APOLOGIES – All members present

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

Councillor R Castle declared an interest in Item 13
Councillor J Clarke declared an interest in Item 10
Councillor R Johnson declared an interest in Item 10

4. POLICING ISSUES

Ward Councillors Weekly Reports – Circulated to members

Councillor W Bedford spoke about suspicious activity on Wroot Road and around the Green that has recently been posted on social media and it was noted that this has been brought to the attention of Finningley Neighbourhood Watch and the local PCSO.

RESOLVED to post a reminder on the Parish Council Social Media site that residents must report all instances of crime to the Police so these can be recorded. **CLLR J KONG**

RESOLVED to establish if the Ward Councillors Weekly Reports can be posted on the Parish Council Social Media site. **CLERK**

5. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLORS/DMBC REPRESENTATIVES

Ward Councillor Steve Cox reported that due to the current Covid 19 lockdown the majority of Planning Officers are working from home and enforcement appears to have been put on hold. Councillor Cox also reported that discussion with Peel regarding the lego bricks has also stopped since the lockdown.

6. TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC VIA THE COUNCILS WEBSITE OR BY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT THE MEETING

No issues raised via the Parish Council website and no members of the public requested an invitation to the remote meeting.

7. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 21.04.20

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

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

9. VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

Update on progress with 106 Officer Decision Request (ODR) – any change since last meeting

Councillor W Bedford reported that there had been no further progress as DMBC staff are being re-directed within DMBC due to the current lockdown.

Project Update

Councillor Bedford reiterated that the quotes received for the three village enhancement projects (seating on the Blenheim Drive open space, seating on the Chapel Lane/Wroot Road open space and an upgrade to the walkway & seating around the pond) have come in significantly below the initial estimates so the Parish Council are now looking at additional projects for the remaining funding including enhancements to the side of the village hall and remedial work to Footpath No.1 (Darkey Lane area).

Concern was raised that the Section 106 money could potentially be at risk of being withdrawn due to the ongoing delays; Councillor R Johnson gave an overview of the Section 106 process and advised how the money is allocated.

10. ISSUES RELATING TO JOINT PLAYING FIELD

Update on progress with 106 Officer Decision Request (ODR) – any change since last meeting

Councillor R Johnson advised that as DMBC decided to combine the Section 106 grants for both the Playing Field and the Village Enhancement Projects this caused significant delays which resulted in the quotes previously received going out of date.

It had been agreed that both Finningley Parish Council and DMBC would chase updated quotes but due to the current Covid 19 crisis DMBC staff are being re-directed and no longer able to assist therefore further work is required by the Parish Council.

Lockdown Report

Councillor Johnson gave an update on the tennis courts and advised that the PFA are awaiting further information regarding the lifting of lockdown restrictions.

Roy Hattersley

Councillor R Johnson proposed that the Parish Council noted a vote of thanks to Roy for all his hard work and dedication to the playing fields and the community over the past 20 plus years. Councillor Johnson also informed members that the floral tribute arranged by the Playing Fields Association included the following tribute "Thank you Roy for all your hard work over the past 20 plus years from past and present members of the Playing Fields Association and Blaxton & Finningley Parish Councils. We will miss you."

Councillor Johnson suggested that the Parish Council under Item 14 "contribution to the floral tribute to Roy Hattersley" consider making a donation to the wreath and to the more permanent tribute to Roy that the Playing Fields Association would discuss when circumstances allowed.

Members agreed that their thanks to Roy be noted in the minutes.

11. ISSUES RELATING TO VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Management Committee Report

Councillor W Bedford advised that no further meeting had been held and that two quotes had been received to date for the interior redecoration.

Councillor Bedford also reported that the Parish Council clerk was liaising with the Village Hall treasurer regarding their loss of revenue due to the Covid 19 crisis and applying to DMBC for Government assistance with this.

12. POND ISSUES – No issues raised

13. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION

Tenancy Agreement Rules Review

Councillor R Johnson reported that the revised set of rules has been reviewed and they now reflect the occupancy agreement.

Progress Update

The Chairman reported that the car parking area and footpaths are now complete but the fencing is still to be done.

Water provision to site

The Chairman advised that he is awaiting delivery of valves to complete the pipework which will then be inspected and connected by Anglian Water.

Councillor R Johnson advised that the allotment holders were enjoying the recreation and that the Chairman had done a great job.

14. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Pre-Approved BIB transactions

£ 577.80	Allotment Water Connection Supplies	BIB.540
£ 65.00	Allotment Water Connection Supplies	BIB.541
£ 335.94	May Salary	BIB.542
£ 84.00	HMRC (PAYE)	BIB.543

Payments for approval

£ 85.00	Gillies Landscapes (shrubs & beds maintenance)	BIB.544
£ 264.00	DMBC (Pest Control Contract Renewal)	BIB.545

Members approved payments.

Annual Return 2019/20 – Internal Audit

RESOLVED to reappoint Chris Phillipson to carry out the internal audit for 2019/20.

CLERK

Contribution to the Floral Tribute to Roy Hattersley

Councillor R Johnson advised that the Playing Fields Association had purchased a wreath, the dedication as noted in item 10 above. The cost of the wreath was £100 and they were inviting donations towards that cost, any amounts in excess of the cost would go toward a more permanent tribute.

RESOLVED that Finningley Parish Council donate £50 to the Playing Fields Association to be used as they determine.

CLERK

15. PLANNING ISSUES

a) Planning Applications Received:

20/01008/FUL – Erection of 6 detached houses following demolition of derelict bungalow known as San Diego and garage of Heathfield House (No Objections)

b) Planning Consent Compliance – Land off Wroot Road

Members raised concern that a livery yard on land off Wroot Road may not be compliant with the planning consent that was granted by DMBC for the site (13/01158/FUL). This was discussed at length and it was noted that the Parish Council fully support the venture.

RESOLVED to speak to the tenant in the first instance to make sure that they are aware of the planning conditions and the need for compliance with the Decision Notice from DMBC.

CHAIRMAN

Members also raised concern regarding HGV's carrying rubble that are driving through the village to a recycling site on Bank End Road and leaving a lot of dust deposited on the highway and causing dust clouds.

16. HIGHWAY ISSUES

Update on Definitive Map Order Application

Councillor W Bedford advised gave a brief update.

Lego Bricks - Refer to Item 5

17. COMMUNICATION

Parish Council Website

Councillor W Bedford reported that he had requested that the Village Hall be removed from the Finningley Community Group website and transferred to the Parish Council website and this was unanimously agreed.

Social Media

Councillor J Kong reported that she was pleased that the site presence was increasing steadily.

18. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE

Rural Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme

The Parish Council noted receipt of the correspondence and had a brief discussion regarding posting correspondence received by the Parish Council to the website and/or social media page.

RESOLVED that correspondence would not be posted on the Parish Council website but members would discuss social media site postings further at the June meeting.

NALC Guidance on Annual Parish Meetings & Election of Officers

Councillor R Johnson reiterated the NALC Guidance received regarding the Annual Parish Meeting (which cannot be held remotely) and the election of officers which is usually done at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

Members discussed the above and made the following resolutions:-

RESOLVED that the Annual Parish Meeting in April/May where the public are present and where the Chairman delivers the Annual Report will not be held this year and will be postponed until April 2021.

RESOLVED that the Annual Meeting of the Council where Councillors are appointed to various Committees will be held at the earliest opportunity once the Parish Council can hold a face to face meeting and members of the public can be present; the current appointments will then continue until that meeting is possible.

RESOLVED that until the Annual Meeting of the Council is held all previous appointments will continue.

19. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 16th June 2020 at 7pm via videoconferencing subject to any change to lockdown guidance/rules.