

**MINUTES OF THE FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE ON  
TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT 7PM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ward Councillor Steve Cox

In the meeting notice (posted on noticeboards), the Parish Council website ([www.finningley.org](http://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. TO RECEIVE/ACCEPT APOLOGIES** – All members present

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

Councillor R Castle declared an interest in Item 14  
Councillor R Johnson declared an interest in Item 9  
Councillor W Bedford declared an interest in Items 8 & 12  
Councillor C Creighton declared an interest in Item 14  
Councillor J Clarke declared an interest in Items 8 & 9

**3. POLICING ISSUES**

It was noted that the clerk was awaiting receipt of the latest Doncaster Central and South Neighbourhood Newsletter.

**4. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLORS/DMBC REPRESENTATIVES**

Lego Bricks

Ward Councillor Steve Cox advised that he was still pursuing this with Peel and Councillor R Johnson expressed concern regarding the impact that these are having on the village as the current viewing access restrictions are taking amenity parking away from residents.

**5. 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.

**6. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15.09.20**

**RESOLVED** the minutes be approved as a true record.

**7. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MEETING FOR INFORMATION/NOTING**

Lamppost Update

Councillor C Creighton advised that a lot of remedial work is required on the lamppost which could cost upwards of £1,500 and it was noted that the light may also require repair.

**RESOLVED** to defer until the spring and put it on the March agenda for further discussion with a view to including a provision in the 2021-2022 budget.

**8. VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS**

Update on progress with 106 Officer Decision Request (ODR) – No further update

Update on proposed projects

Councillor W Bedford gave a financial update on the Village Enhancement Projects and the Parish Council agreed that they would like to proceed with the increased specifications and costs as previously discussed.

### Village Hall Garden Improvements

Councillor Bedford advised that he was hoping to receive the proposals from Ink Architecture within the next couple of weeks.

Councillor Bedford to circulate the final draft to members for comment and approval before submitting to DMBC and it was noted that members will need to consider the Parish Council funding any deficit for the Village Hall garden improvements.

Councillor R Johnson advised that once the final Village Enhancement Scheme proposals are submitted to DMBC it will take at least three months to get the funding released.

## **9. ISSUES RELATING TO JOINT PLAYING FIELD**

### Update on S106 Project

Councillor R Johnson reported that Blaxton Parish Council was still awaiting receipt of the Joint Playing Fields S106 money from DMBC.

### Update – Field & Pavilion usage/ Covid-19 measures

Councillor Johnson reported that the gas meter housing demolished by a vehicle has now been replaced. This was paid by Blaxton Parish Council and DMBC have agreed that this can be recovered from the Section 106 money once this is released.

It was also noted that following agreement of the risk assessment the Harriers now have use of the kitchen & home dressing room toilet and that the Pavilion and Playing Field is registered with NHS Track & Trace.

### CAP Report – Meeting 01.10.2020

Councillor R Johnson reported that Alcohol Awareness Week will take place from 16th to 22nd November and a CAP meeting has been arranged for 2<sup>nd</sup> November to finalise the programme.

## **10. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

The Chairman advised that he had laid the Parish Council wreath on 14<sup>th</sup> October but due to Covid 19 restrictions only he and Reverend Neil Redeyoff were present although Reverend Redeyoff had filmed the proceedings for inclusion in a virtual Remembrance Service.

It was agreed that Councillor J Clarke will attend the Remembrance Service at Blaxton on behalf of the Parish Council if this goes ahead.

## **11. BUS ISSUES**

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had received complaints from residents regarding the bus service but First have confirmed that no issues have been reported to them.

The Chairman has asked the residents concerned to keep a log of events but to date has not heard anything further.

## **12. ISSUES RELATING TO VILLAGE HALL**

### Update on events

Councillor W Bedford reported that the Village Hall has had no new bookings as Finningley is now under Tier 2 Covid Restrictions but the two exercise classes are continuing under the current Covid 19 guidance.

It was noted that a new sanitizer dispenser is now in use and the Village Hall is registered with NHS Track & Trace.

Councillor Bedford also advised that due to the current Tier 2 Covid restrictions the AGM may not go ahead as planned and therefore the current Committee positions will stand.

### Bonser Assessment (circulated to members)

The assessment received from Bonsers was discussed and it was noted that the Village Hall will require lime washing every 5-6 years to maintain it with the cost in excess of @ £ 7,500 + VAT.

It was noted that the estimate only covers the main Village Hall and not the extension therefore provision will also need to be made for this.

**RESOLVED** to contact Bonsers to arrange a site visit to look at the work required and obtain a formal quote with a view to getting the work booked in for next year as lime washing should only be carried out between April to September.

**CLERK**

### Outside Redecoration Quotes

Councillor W Bedford reported that Bagnalls have declined to quote as they do not have sufficient staff qualified to carry out this type of work as it is a very specialist job.

### Holly Hedge Reduction

The clerk advised that Gillies Landscapes have suggested that he should reduce the width of the holly hedge on the footpath side this year and the inside next year. The cutting of the hedge will be as per the contracted rate with no extra charge for reducing and this was unanimously agreed. **CLERK**

### Work required to side door

It was noted that the clerk had been unable to contact the local joiner to obtain a quote for the work required; clerk to follow up.

## **13. POND ISSUES**

### Water Supply Project Update

The Parish Council discussed the pond levels and the considerations for and against incorporating the work with the village pond enhancement project.

Following a lengthy discussion regarding the placement of the standpipe and the planned piling around the pond it was agreed to proceed with the water connection now as there may be a significant delay in receiving the S106 money from DMBC.

**RESOLVED** to contact the contractor who will be carrying out the piling around the pond to ensure that this will not affect the standpipe before proceeding with the water connection.

**CLLRS W BEDFORD & J CLARKE**

Ward Councillor Steve Cox joined the meeting.

### Tree Work

It was noted that Viking Trees have carried out all the work required at the pond and it was agreed to post an update on the Parish Council social media site.

## **14. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION**

### Progress Report

It was noted that both the Chairman and Councillor C Creighton had attended the recent Allotments Society Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October.

### Proposals re further development of the site (circulated to members)

The Chairman gave an overview of the Allotment Society's proposals to further develop the site and whilst members agreed with the fencing improvements and installation of a further two standpipes concern was raised regarding future plans for the installation of a community building and toilet cubicle.

### Funding

It was noted that money is still available in the Allotment budget and members agreed to the Allotment Society using this for rabbit proof fencing and two additional standpipes.

### Management of Funding

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council will place the orders, receive the goods, organise the work required and claim back the VAT as the allotment is a Parish Council asset.

Councillor C Creighton to speak to the Allotment Society regarding any remaining funds that may be available to enable to Society to purchase a storage shed.

The Parish Council briefly discussed the possibility of the school and local disability support groups having a plot on the allotment.

## **15. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### Pre-Approved Transactions

BIB 569	Arrow Valves (Pond Equipment)	£ 705.60
BIB 570	Royal British Legion (Wreath)	£ 100.00
BIB 571	Viking Trees (Pond Work)	£2,160.00
BIB 572	Julie October Salary (Including NALC Salary Backdate)	£ 653.47
BIB 573	HMRC (PAYE)	£ 163.37

### Payments to be approved

BIB 574	Gillies Landscapes (Various)	£ 140.00
BIB 575	DMBC (Dog Bin Emptying)	£ 131.47
BIB 576	DMBC (Litter Bin Emptying)	£ 15.52

### NALC National Salary Backdated Award

The Parish Council discussed and agreed to backdate the 2019-2020 salary award which was not implemented previously.

## **16. PLANNING ISSUES**

### **a) Planning Applications Received:**

(20/02357/FUL) Erection of ground floor front extension, porch, detached garage and new access to Old Bawtry Road following demolition of existing detached garage at Villa Bonita, Rectory Lane, Finningley

### The Parish Council raised the following objections:-

1. The Design & Access says that there will be parking "for a minimum" of 3 cars on the drive and members question if the driveway that replaces the existing grass verge will be used for parking. This would not be in keeping and would spoil the look of the area, no other properties on Old Bawtry Road park outside their boundaries.
- 2) Concern regarding the "external lighting" proposed around the property. The street lighting in this area is adequate and the proposed lighting is excessive.
- 3) The proposed garage seems far too large for the property (in relation to the bungalow). The Parish Council object to this size garage and request that it is scaled down to allow for more on-site parking

### **b) Planning Updates**

Grant of Application 19/02884/FULM – Commercial crane hire business at site junction of Mosham Road and Gatehouse Lane

It was noted that the Parish Council submitted an objection to the application but were not informed by DMBC that this was going before the Planning Committee and therefore no Parish Council representative attended the meeting.

The Chairman spoke about the difficulties the Parish Council are experiencing with the DMBC planning process and members discussed the ongoing issues.

**RESOLVED** to write to DMBC Planning regarding the ongoing problems and to request clarification regarding the consultation process.

**CLERK**

Ward Councillor Steve Cox also expressed his concerns regarding the consultation process and advised that he will also speak to DMBC concerning this.

Submission to Environment Agency re: Application by Tetron Finningley for permit to landfill with toxic waste

It was noted that the Parish Council have sent a lengthy objection to the Environment Agency and it was resolved to submit a Freedom of Information Request to the various agencies involved regarding the materials, tonnage and site location.

**CLLR R JOHNSON & CLERK**

## **17. HIGHWAY ISSUES**

Update on Definitive Map Order Application – No further update

Traffic Monitoring on Wroot Road

Councillor W Bedford spoke briefly about the traffic monitoring strips that have been put across Wroot Road (outside the school) and asked if the data collected could be shared with the Parish Council. Ward Councillor Steve Cox agreed to look into this on behalf of the Parish Council.

## **18. COMMUNICATION**

Parish Council Website

Councillor R Johnson spoke about the requirement for Public Sector websites to be WCAG 2.1 AA compliant which means that local Councils must ensure that reasonable adjustments are made to websites so they are accessible to people with various disabilities.

**RESOLVED** to speak to the webmaster in the first instance regarding the guidelines and work towards full compliance.

**CLLR R JOHNSON & CLERK**

Social Media

Councillor J Kong reported that there had been a few issues with changing platforms but noted that site traffic is continuing to steadily increase.

**RESOLVED** to link the Parish Council site to the DMBC site.

Newsletter

Councillor R Johnson advised that due to Covid 19 the newsletter was put on the Parish Council Website, Social Media Site and Noticeboards and copies were left in the Post Office. Councillor Johnson spoke about the possibility of supplying the Post Office with a leaflet holder which they are happy to put on their counter and it was agreed that Councillor Johnson would look into the costs etc. and circulate details to members.

## **19. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE**

Invite to Quarry Liaison meeting 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – Nominee

**RESOLVED** that Councillor W Bedford will attend the above meeting on behalf of Finningley Parish Council.

Councillor R Johnson thanked the Ward Councillors for instigating the meeting and members briefly discussed the ongoing traffic issues which this meeting hopes to address.

The clerk read out the following correspondence received from Bridget Clark:-

“To all members of Finningley Parish Council,

Very many thanks for your email it's so kind of you to recognise my award (*British Empire Medal*) I could not have done all the work through the first stage of the pandemic without the fantastic set of volunteers that have worked alongside me and must share the praise  
I work for this wonderful community because we have a very special set of people in a place I have been privileged to call my home since birth I will remain working hard to pay back all that the community has given me over the years  
I remain as always your friend Bridget x”

## **20. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7pm via videoconferencing