

FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday, 19 October 2021 at the Village Hall, Rectory Lane, Finningley, at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors R Castle (Chairman), C Creighton, J Kong, A Martin, J Tuff, J Clarke, G Nicol and one member of the public.

1. Welcomed G Nicol and introduced her to the councillors.
2. To receive and note apologies for absence and consider any reasons given for absence
The apologies of Sheena Spence were noted
3. To receive declarations of interest, updates to existing interests of Councillors and decide upon applications for dispensation.
No changes or updates.
4. To consider applications for the vacant seat on the Council
One applicant- Isabella Batunas. Accepted onto council and presented with the relevant paperwork.
5. To receive an update on policing issues
There was no report from the police. Police newsletter has been distributed on social media and Councillor Creighton offered to print off relevant pages to put on the noticeboards.
6. To receive a verbal report from DMBC ward councillors
There was no report from the ward councillors. G Nicol to make contact with DMBC to see how they want the results of the questionnaire to be presented.
7. To discuss any issues raised by the public via the Council's website or by public participation at the meeting
Peacocks
A query about peahens being given to a sanctuary to accompany their peacock however Council concluded that the Peacocks are wild animals, and it would not be the Council's place to decide on their relocation, the RSPCA would be the people to contact.
A member of the public raised that several people had spoken to him regarding the peacock population this year and how it has appeared to increase. The Chairman informed him that the Council stands by the minutes noted 2 years ago and that another survey won't be taken unless 15% of the Finningley population complains again.
8. Approval of Minutes
RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 20 September 2021 be approved as a correct record.
9. Finningley Village Hall matters
The expired signed copy of the lease between FPC and the Village Hall Committee was found.
The lease did not have an official end date and it inferred that it was open ended. A new lease will be arranged at a future date.
A lease between the Church and FPC was not found. Ground rents may be re-evaluated and increased. A lease will be arranged at a future date following discussions with Neil.
G Nicol to write to the Village Hall Council to explain the lease situation.
Proposed: A Martin Secoded: J Kong

Majority agrees

9.2 Update on Village Hall

Confirmed that the original quote from Viking Trees for removal of the ivy and roots is still valid. The old quote from Bonsers to repaint the village hall relapsed so a new quote was obtained. This was 10% more than the previous quote but it was agreed that this was still acceptable.

Proposed: C Creighton Seconded: J Kong

Majority agrees

G Nicol to write to Bonsers to confirm quote and receive dates for work to be done.

10. Finningley PFA matters

Still awaiting legal advice from NALC, J Kong has made some enquiries with solicitors. Looking at the registration of the Pavilion it was stated to belong to FPC.

FPC and YLCA are expecting to create a lease between FPC and Blaxton PC to allow the use of land and facilities and vice versa. A joint lease between both Councils to then be given to the Playing Fields Association for the management of the land and facilities. Aim to resolve this amicably.

10.2 Review the Parish Council's resolution to provide an annual grant of £2,000 to the Finningley PFA.

Discussed that this should be reviewed on an annual basis and an application should be submitted for review each year stating what the money would be spent on. November was suggested as the best time for this to be submitted as that is when budgets are being set.

This point will be discussed further at the next meeting.

11. To receive information/an update on the pond construction

Deferred to Point 13

12. Allotment matters

Allotment Society reported that they are looking into matters such as rabbit proofing the fence, seeding and weeding around the fence. All these would be done at their own cost. They are also looking into gaining some funding from DMBC to support their actions.

13. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary

DMBC CCTV network roll out update

Cllr Castle went to a meeting with Ward Councillors, SECAS and DMBC for an update. FPC have reengaged with the initiative. Despite it being outside of the FPC agenda, FPC could be involved if it wanted to award a Grant to contribute to the project.

Blaxton PC have decided they do not want to contribute, Auckley PC have progressed individually regarding CCTV however J Kong has contacted them with the costs quoted to FPC to see if money could be saved if proceed together. Branton PC have not actively engaged with conversations regarding the project. Austerfield PC and Tickhill PC have shown interest.

Suggested that there would be 4 cameras. These would be movable; therefore, positions could be changed when stone lamppost are updated.

J Kong to circulate quotes. Further discussions to be held in future meeting.

Section 106 village enhancement consultation

Cllr Creighton attended a meeting to discuss the silt and netting the pond to remove as many fish as possible. A conversation has been started with Donna Flicker from DMBC regarding the process. DMBC has stated that they don't want to personally report on or sign off the process and FPC can do so at its own discretion.

Advice to be sought from Ink Architecture as a specialist in this area and will know who is best to contact regarding it. 3 quotes will still be gained.

Kyle Haydon DMBC has been contacted to advise and potentially project manage.

Any invoices to be addressed to FPC to subsequently pay.



A quarterly spend report will be released with before and after photos.
Advice regarding Insurance for whilst the project is going ahead was also sought.

14. Financial matters

Accounts for payment

RESOLVED that the following be approved for payment

YLCA- £60.00 for webinars

Aubergine- £1677.60 for website design (Pre approved- ratify at next meeting)

PKF Littlejohn- £336.00 for Audit work

Invoices signed by Cllr Clarke.

Advice to be sought from YLCA as to whether a 2nd and 3rd signature is required.

14.2 £748.98 spend endorsed for Clerk/RFO's electronic equipment.

14.3 Discussion re Computer policy to be deferred to November/December meeting

14.4 Deferred until S Spence is present

15. Planning Applications/Decisions

15.1 Erection of a single storey rear extension, 27 St Oswalds Drive, Finningley

15.2 Erection of a 4 bedroom detached dwelling and garage/outbuilding with associated works, following demolition of existing house and garage, 69 Wroot Road, Finningley

15.3 Erection of 5 dwelling houses, provision of accompanying landscaping and boundary works, Former Bus Depot, Old Bawtry Road, Finningley

Council made a neutral comment for all these applications.

16. Highway Matters

No further update on a Definitive Map Modification Order

Parish Council walkabout

Suggested that Donna Flicker or Steve Racjan from DMBC attend village walkabout so can address other points arising from the public consultation.

17. Website and Communication matters

Website available to go live when the invoice has been paid. The website has been designed to be screen reader compliant.

Details and photos of Councillors to be supplied for the new website. No information will be shared without explicit consent from the individual.

Cllr Martin requested that a demonstration of the new website be held.

New email address discussed. Everyone expressed a desire to have their own address.

To receive information and update (if any) on the Parish Council Facebook page

Cllr Kong reported that in the last 28 days there had been a 37% increase in activity on the page, which was pleasing. Good response to request for feedback of good and bad points of Finningley.

18. To receive reports from representatives to external bodies

Finningley PFA

A report would be given at the next meeting following Cllr Clarke's attendance at a meeting held on 21st October.

Received a monitoring report from Blaxton PC. This detailed that the standard procedures were not followed regarding gaining 3 quotes and presenting to Council to vote upon. It stated that to rectify this it would cause the work to be put on hold therefore they were not prepared to this.

Council was made aware of this in case they were also made culpable to what had happened.

Yorkshire Wildlife Park Consultative Committee

No meetings had been held of this Committee. G Nicol to send an email to Andrew Shirt to confirm if meetings are still going ahead and if so when/where.

Airport Consultative Committee

Cllr Castle attended meeting and sent round a brief report. Impression was that there was no change. Noted that in the week before the meeting, planning had been granted for the new Plaza. To be discussed in future meetings.

19. Adoption of mandatory policies

Cllr Martin and Tuff meeting on 25th October. At the next meeting they will propose a schedule on what is to be addressed and when.

Confirmed that we would produce these in line with YLCA rather than DMBC as YLCA are more cohesive and provide a direct contact if any issues arise.

Cllr Martin suggested each policy be given a review date to ensure they stay relevant year after year.

20. Employment matters

G Nicol to research the training available and to book onto anything she sees fit. G Nicol to contact S Spence to arrange a 1-on-1 meeting to discuss standard processes and on-going training support.

20.2 S Spence not available to make report however no updates were passed on regarding the return of Council's equipment/information from the former Clerk.

20.3 Council agreed that they are legally responsible to pay the former Clerk what they are owed, however contact must be made first to notify them as to how much this is.

21. Date of the next meeting

RESOLVED that the date of the next ordinary meeting of the Council is 16 Nov 2021 at the Village Hall, commencing at 7.15pm.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.



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