

FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday, 17 May 2022 at the Village Hall, Finningley, at 7.15pm.

Present: Councillors R Castle (Chairman), J Kong, I Batunas, J Clarke, G Nicol (clerk) and G Newbould (internal auditor) and 1 member of the public.

1. To receive and note apologies for absence and consider any reasons given for absence
Cllr Tuff expressed her apologies.

Before the meeting continued it was noted that Georgina Nicol had handed her notice in for the position of Clerk and RFO.

2. To receive declarations of interest, updates to existing interests of Councillors and decide upon applications for dispensation

Noted that the public would be excluded from point 22.1.

3. To receive an update on policing issues

There was no report from the police. Newsletter circulated on social media.

4. To receive a verbal report from DMBC ward councillors

No report from the Ward Councillors. It was noted that the Ward Cllrs are still very approachable via email.

Cllr Martin raised whether there was a member of the Neighbourhood team that could attend which had occurred previously.

5. To discuss any issues raised by the public via the Council's website or email accounts

- Resident raised concerns regarding independent lorries speeding down Wroot road at times when kids are coming in and out of school. Proposed Cllr Martin to write to SYP regarding the situation.
- It was noted, following an email from the PFA treasurer, that the Agenda would be altered to state 'Finningley and Blaxton PFA' to reflect the joint ownership of the facility.
- Following another enquiry about the peacocks in the Village it was proposed that a public notice was drafted and publicised regarding the Council's stance on peafowl. Cllr Castle to create a notice and circulate round Council.
- Cllr Kong raised that there was an update on the defibrillators from the PFA. It was agreed to discuss this under point 9.

6. Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 19 April 2022 be approved as a correct record. Cllr Clarke, proposed. Cllr Kong, seconded.

7. To discuss matters arising in the minutes not included elsewhere in the Agenda.

7.1 To receive an update on the situation regarding a tree falling on to a resident's shed.

Cllr Castle confirmed that DMBC had responded to him. It concluded that 'the path where the tree is located at the back of Lindley Road, Finningley, is not part of the adopted highway, nor is it owned by Doncaster Council or the Parish Council according to our asset register.' Public Right of Way has responded saying they will not act as the highway is not obscured and there is no danger to the public. Concluded that it will be the resident's choice whether they act to remove the trees themselves.

7.2 To consider the renewal of the energy contract

Council concluded to continue the contract with Eon and let it renew.

- 8 Finningley Village Hall matters

8.1 It was confirmed that the Village Hall is in the process of being repainted and the work is scheduled to continue. Noted to check that the colour of the windows is acceptable as it was noted they had a green tint to them whereas they previously were white. Cllr Castle agreed to check.

8.2 It was noted that the VHMC had requested to remove Cllr Castle from the VHMC. Apologies from the Council were given to Cllr Castle that he had to go through this situation and that it was not appropriate to be singled out. It was raised that the VHMC does not have the authority to remove anyone from the committee. It was noted that it is not a valid reason to try and remove members of the committee due to personal reasons and it is the Chair's responsibility to manage the meeting and committee members.

Cllr Kong volunteered to write a letter to the VHMC stating that they do not have the authority to state who is or isn't on the committee. Cllr Kong to circulate draft round Council for all to agree on the content.

9 Finningley and Blaxton PFA matters

An update regarding the request for information on the S106 Playing Fields Improvements was given. There has been no record of FPC seeing or agreeing to the formal submission to DMBC regarding the 106 project which resulted in £122k being approved. Information was requested from BPC and DMBC. Several emails have been exchanged however the FPC is still yet to see the formal submission including quotes and scope. DMBC responded and said that the information was all generated by BPC and they should be the ones to supply it to FPC.

Council concluded to refer the situation on to Ward Councillors and to Contact DMBC again.

10 Allotment matters

It was noted that the rabbit proofing is complete, the shed has been ply lined, rotavator repaired and verbal confirmation from the Airport has been given for the allotment holders to grow soft fruit. Noted that the allotment is fully occupied with 3 people on the waiting list.

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

Section 106 village enhancement consultation

Cllr Clarke still working on quotes. Very little response from contractors, however. Cllr Clarke and Castle to meet to go through the situation and see if quotes can be sought to reflect the money we have or relook at the work that was originally proposed.

Cllr Castle volunteered to replace Cllr Creighton on the working party.

Cllr Martin suggested doing the VH gardens first however Council decided that they must honour the Village consultation results which stated that the priority must be the Village Pond.

12 Financial matters

12.1 £336- Aubergine for the email set up (Inv AUB9923)

12.2 £300- Aubergine website content migration (Inv AUB10094)

12.3 £1485- Bonsers interim invoice (Inv 374)

12.4 To ratify the payment to Eon for the electricity standing charge at the Village pond- £96.22

12.5 To ratify the payment to PFK Littlejohns for the external audit- £336

All invoices approved and signed.

12.6 To note payment of preapproved Clerk's salary- £536.25 (gross) Noted that the Clerk due a salary increment.

12.7 To receive an update on the current banking situation and debit card. The bank accounts have not been merged together yet as Clerk in the process of completing the year end accounts. It was noted that a new mandate is required before any changes on the accounts can be done. A debit card has also been postponed due to the Clerk's resignation.

Noted that due to the Clerk's resignation, all the details of invoices that are being sent to her address will be noted and changed in due course.

- 13 Grant Applications- Deferred due to Cllr Creighton's resignation and Cllr Tuff being on holiday.
- 14 Asset register- Defer to next meeting.
- 15 Planning Applications/Decisions
15.1 22/00831/FUL Loft Conversion with dormer. 1 Handley Court Finningley Doncaster DN9 3GS
Council expressed a neutral comment
- 16 Highway Matters
16.1 Clerk has reported to DMBC the issue raised regarding St Oswald's Drive/Court residents not receiving parcels as a result of unclear road signs.
16.2 Clerk has reported to DMBC the issue raised regarding road sweeping on B1396 and Wroot Road.
- 17 Website and Communication matters
Clerk updated Council that the website content has been migrated by Aubergine and they are just waiting for documents such as the past minutes and policies to be sent to upload.
- 18 To receive reports from representatives to external bodies
Finningley PFA- noted that the recent meeting's minutes have been received and circulated. It was noted that following some vandalism that barbed wire had been installed above the gate. It was raised that FPC could be responsible if anyone was hurt on this barbed wire. Proposed to write to the PFA and ask to remove the barbed wire. Proposed Cllr Castle, Seconded Cllr Martin. Cllr Kong to report this to the PFA as their secretary.

Yorkshire Wildlife Park Consultative Committee- No report.
Airport Consultative Committee- No report.
- 19 Adoption of mandatory policies -Defer to next meeting.
- 20 Council Events
20.1 Clerk to chase companies for quotes. Cllr Castle suggested applying for external funding to support the lights improvement project.
20.2 Cllrs Kong gave an update on the Jubilee event. She confirmed that the singers, hog roast, balloons, facepainting, pizza oven, strawberries and cream cart had all been confirmed. PAT testing of the PA system has been confirmed and the road closure has been approved. Noted that the bouncy castle booking fell through due to an insurance issue. Cllr Kong is looking for a replacement. Council would like to note it's gratitude to the Ward for funding the events rubbish skip
- 21 Village matters
Cllr Castle and Clarke confirmed that they are available on the morning of 21st. Clerk to confirm with DMBC.
- 22 Employment matters
22.1 Discussions were not minuted. Noted that G Newbould was invited to stay as he is in position as FPC's internal auditor and is advising on the situation.
22.2 Noted Cllr Creighton's resignation. Council would like to express its thanks to Cllr Creighton for all his contributions. Clerk to notify DMBC of his resignation and the need to advertise the vacancy.
- 23 Date of the next meeting
RESOLVED that the date of the next ordinary meeting of the Council is 21st June 2022 at the Village Hall, commencing at 7.15pm.
RESOLVED that the date of the annual parish meeting and the annual general meeting of the Council is 24th May 2022 at the Village Hall, commencing at 7.15pm and 7:45pm respectively.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8:35pm.