

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Fornham All Saints Parish Council held on Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at 7.00pm

Members Present:

Cllr Enid Gathercole

Cllr Mat Stewart

Cllr Jill Mayhew

Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker

Cllr Martin Loveridge

Cllr Cathy Emerson

In attendance: Christine Mason (Clerk) and two members of the public.

23/05/01 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was unanimously agreed Cllr Enid Gathercole be re-elected as Chairman for the year 2023-2024.

23/05/02 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was unanimously agreed Martin Loveridge be elected Vice-Chairman for the year 2023-24.

23/05/03 SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND REGISTER OF INTERESTS

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms were duly signed. The Register of Interest paperwork to be sent to all councillors for completion.

23/05/04 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Don Lynch, Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger.

23/05/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To receive disclosures of pecuniary and local non pecuniary interests for the agenda under discussion – none received.

To receive disclosures of gifts of hospitality exceeding £25 - none received.

To consider requests for dispensations - none received.

23/05/06 MINUTES

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting of 21st March 2023 be adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman.

23/05/07 PUBLIC FORUM

The issue of the draft Parish Council minutes not being published in the following edition of the Village Voice was raised by a member of the public.

Owing to the short deadline after the meeting for sending to Village Voice, it was agreed if necessary, only notes/decisions made will be included in the magazine. Full minutes will be posted on the notice boards and website. A resident voiced his concerns of excessive speeding through the village and the necessity for a pedestrian crossing.

23/05/08 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIOS HELD

Cllr Hugo-Greer Walker: a) continuing to increase pressure for a pedestrian crossing but aiming for two. A site meeting with a Highways representative is due to be held in the first week of June b) ongoing efforts with Highways to increase clearer signage at the entrance to Tut Hill; a recent incident by a lorry knocking down a wall in Tut Hill has been attributed to poor signage c) to support Ornamental Fish Farm, it was suggested talking with other parish councils about including some form of information article in their magazines, liaising with Bury Free Press, temporary signage located by the memorial on the village green.

Cllr Martin Loveridge: The bench survey report was previously circulated.. All are in need of sanding down and wood retreating. The memorial bench by the church wall/village sign to be taken off the asset register, could be replaced with the new joint funded WI and Community Centre bench. Paul Purnell to be contacted regarding the two benches outside the village hall. Other matters included the increase in pet excrement being left on the

planter village green; the church single gate and wall both requiring attention; the damaged at the Three Kings pub, bollard to be removed and costs for repairs sought; suggested the flag pole is painted white, monthly play area inspection report has shown very low and low risk findings, to be monitored; caused by vehicles parking on the village green, the damaged grass to be reseeded by the parish council, the final Assets Register to be posted on the village website and archived paperwork checked for the missing Lloyds Share Certificate.

Cllr Enid Gathercole: Comments have been received from non-residents saying how wonderful the village green looks, a compliment to Charlie Browne who cuts the grass free of charge. Rainbow by the bus stop and the Pigeon Lane sign looking equally good. Rewilding small grass area at Dairy Drive can only go ahead if all residents are all in agreement, unfortunately one person has objected.

Cllr Emerson: Good feedback from recipients of the blankets given away during the winter months, Twelve were purchased, the parish council paid for ten and two were donated. A meeting has been arranged with Eco-Carriers in relation to the Active Travel Forum. Water testing is continuing and a report of the findings will be available shortly. The Clerk to contact Lackford Parish Council in connection to their committed financial contribution towards the testing.

Cllr Jill Mayhew: Coffee Caravan continues to visit the village every month attracting between fifteen and twenty people. Located one month outside the village hall and at Thingoe Lodge the second month. All invited.

Cllr Mat Stewart: Still no contact with Marham Park, to be chased. With monies still owed for the footpath from Tut Hill to Marham Park, the Clerk to contact Cllr Hopfensperger for a prompt update. An agenda item for the next meeting.

23/05/09 CLERK'S REPORT

An allotment inspection is due to be carried out, waiting list is now at four. Our insurance company have agreed to accept one quotation rather than two to replace the burnt section of the allotment palisade fencing. David Harris has extended an open invitation to councillors to visit All Saints Hotel.

23/05/10 FINANCE REPORT

The finance report as per the schedule was approved.

March	Village Hall	Hall hire	1927	26.00
	PKF	Auditor	1928	288.00
	SALC	Payroll	1929	82.80
	Litter picker	Salary	1930	205.83
	C Mason	Salary	1931	663.00
April	Westcotec	Batteries	1932	109.80
	W.C.S	Allotment	1934	720.00
	SALC	Subscription	1935	312.10
	WI	S137 donation	1936	200.00

	DM Fencing	Allotments	1937	3475.20
	E Gathercole	Locks	1938	55.00
	Community Workshop	Magazine Printing	226	1269.48

Balance as at 31st March 2023
Gold Deposit 29451.15
Current Account 274.10
Treasurers Account 551.50

23/05/11 TO APPROVE THE UPDATED ASSET REGISTER

Unanimously approved

23/05/12 MAINTENANCE OF THE PLAY AREA

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

23/05/13 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING PORTFOLIO UPDATE

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

23/05/14 BENCH SURVEY

Unanimously approved.

23/05/15 PARKING ON THE GREEN

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

23/05/16 PC COMMUNICATION

To improve communications for both councillors and residents, Cllr Loveridge proposed a small working group be set up to look through current practices and come up with recommendations for approval at the next meeting..

23/05/17 MINUTES AND VILLAGE VOICE

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

23/05/18 PLANNING AND LACK OF COMMUNICATION

Protocol for planning applications to be included within the working group meeting.

23/05/19 PLANNING APPLICATION DC/23/0684/FUL

Proposal: Two storey side extension

Location: 20 Rectory Meadow Fornham All Saints IP28 6JR

Fornham All Saints Parish Council has no objections to the application.

23/05/20 PROVISION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FROM SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION UPDATE

At present no further information available.

23/05/21 AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Identified within the meeting.

23/05/22 CORRESPONDENCE

A freedom of information request has been made in relation to damage caused to the bus stop on the B1106 during the 2022 storms. However, Councillors were not aware of any damage being caused to the bus stop in question.

23/05/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Agreed as Tuesday 18th July 2023 in the Community Centre at 6.30pm.