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June 18th, 18:00

Fornham All Saints Community Centre

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18:30

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Meetings

The Parish Council meets at 6:30pm in the Community Centre, on the third Tuesday of each month, except August & December. Please check the Village Hall notice board for any date changes.

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The deadline for articles for the August - September 2024 Village Voice, will be 20th July 2024.

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From the Chair

I really can't believe it is already time to write again "From the Chair". It has been such a busy period and time has flown by. Much of our time as Councillors has been taken up with planning and despite having monthly meetings it is still a challenge - especially with the more contentious applications that will, in some way or another, affect all of us; I will come back to this later.

Before I go further I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you and farewell" to Councillor Hugo Greer-Walker who retired from Council duties at the last meeting. Hugo has been on the Council for many years and has worked on a number of issues including highways, Active Travel, volunteering, and the planning group. Sadly for us, his work & home life balance means he can no longer devote time to Council duties. So, on behalf of everyone in the village - thank you Hugo!

I would also like to thank fellow Councillors for all their hard work over the last few months. Some of us are retired (doesn't much feel like it!!) but 3 Councillors still work full time and again the balance is a tricky one to achieve - but all your hard work is much appreciated. So, "thank you" to all the Councillors (and especially their supportive partners). Remember, we are all "amateur volunteers" who really appreciate any support that you can give us. As many in the village already know, you don't have to be on the PC to do your bit. If all goes well, we will soon have a replacement Councillor - hopefully at the June meeting.

Turning to a quick update on other matters. Organised volunteering is starting to happen but painfully slowly! I have to say that being ex-military has it's downside when it comes to expectancy! Everything seems to take so long. Nevertheless, we now have secure accommodation for our tools (which we are procuring through Highways) and litter-picking items (from West Suffolk Council - thank you Beccy) and I have picked

up the hi-vis and other PPE from the Ipswich store. We have started a secure database for volunteers so if you would like to join us please contact Justin, our Clerk:
clerk@fornhamallsaintspc.co.uk

I would like to take the opportunity to thank ALL the people in the village that already volunteer in so many ways to make the village such a wonderful place to live.

When it comes to road and pavement issues in the village, I must admit to a growing level of despair! The vandalised gate at the top of Tut Hill, the broken village sign on the way in from Hengrave, and the encroachment of vegetation on the pavement along side the golf course have all been reported but to date nothing has been done. However, the good news is that we are getting some new 30mph signs to replace broken ones and refurbish those that faded. Some things we can do as volunteers, others are just too dangerous - even with hi-vis!!

Back to planning, following our meeting with all interested parties at the All Saints Hotel on 19 April we invited David Harris and his team (thank you David et al) to the PC meeting on the 21st May to brief the village on their Master Plan. Thank you to those who attended - a good turn out on a foul night!

In essence, there are a number of differing applications currently in the planning system or in the pipeline, including sleeping pods, new car parking area, racquet courts, new road entrance, hotel entrance canopies, outdoor gym, and new entrance to the golf course off The Street. The overall plan is shown in the diagram on page 7.

After the briefing there was a lively Q&A session which hopefully made attendees even more aware of the future changes / enhancements planned by hotel. It must be noted that the plan only covers current issues and that there are areas still under consideration that will be made available at a later date.

During the meeting that followed the PC discussed and decided on it's response to a number of the current applications (outdoor gym, canopies, and the access off The Street). More detail on this can be found in the minutes of the meeting later in the magazine, together with decisions on other planning applications that affect the village.

Next month, 18th June, 18:00, at the Community Centre, sees the start of the Annual Parish Meeting - this will be a chance for all the organisations and groups in the village to brief and update attendees on what they have been up to in the last year and their plans for the future. Come along and support the village. It will be followed by the formal PC meeting at 18:30.

Finally, some good news, the village "elders" (and not so "elders"!) will be meeting on the 1st June to plan a "Party On The Green" for later in the Summer..... hope it stops raining!!

Cheers and see you on the green!

Martin Loveridge

Martin Loveridge, Parish Council Chair

For all enquires or questions for the Parish Council,
please in the first instance email the Parish Clerk

clerk@fornhamallsaintspc.org.uk

Why not come along to our next meeting?

Got something to share or a question to ask? There is always time allocated for questions from members of the public.

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Dates For Parish Council and related meetings 2024

Jun 18	Annual Parish Meeting 18:00, PC 18:30
Jul 16	PC
Aug	(Nil unless planning)
Sep 17	PC
Oct 15	PC
Nov 19	PC
Dec	(Nil unless planning)

All meetings will be held at 18:30 in the Community Centre unless otherwise advised on the Agenda which will be posted on the Village Hall notice board at least three full clear days* before each meeting.

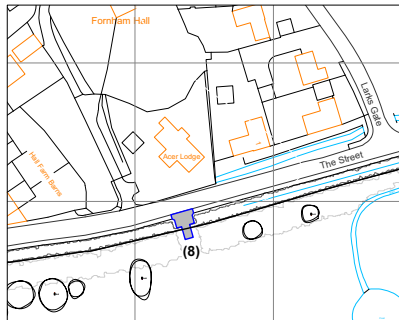
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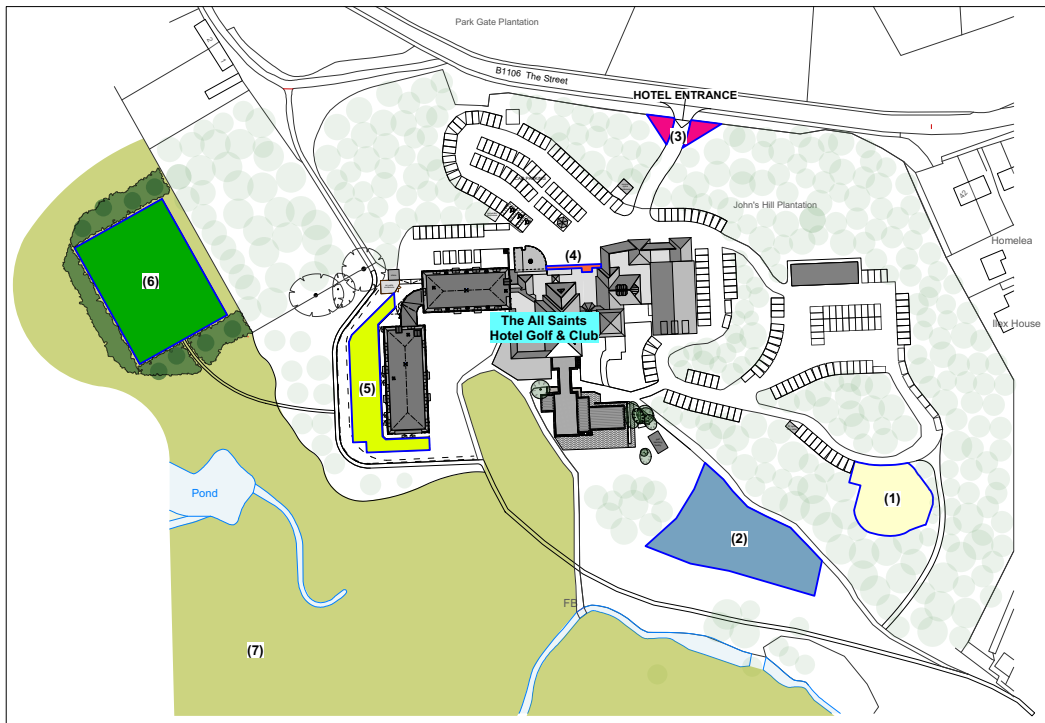
All Saints Hotel - Master Plan



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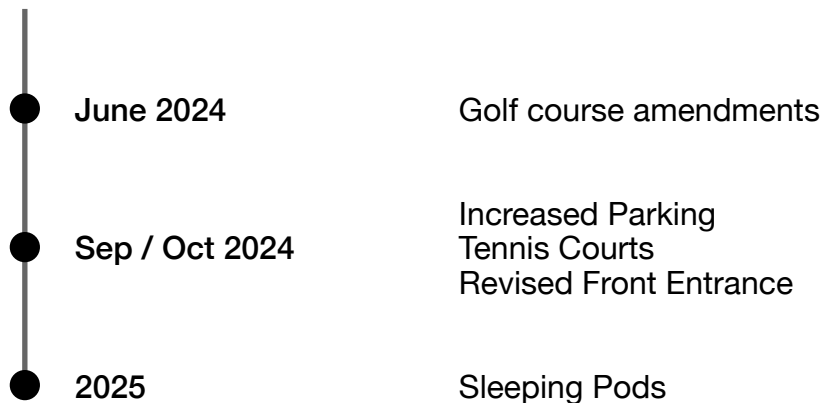
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| <p>(1) Location of the Outside Gym (DC/24/0174/FUL), decision pending</p> <p>(2) Location for the proposed Camping Pods, application submitted April 24, awaiting validation</p> <p>(3) Approximate location for proposed new hotel signage, details currently under consideration, application to be submitted May/June 2024</p> | <p>(4) Proposed front entrance enhancements (DC/24/0156/FUL), decision pending</p> <p>(5) Location for the proposed additional car parking, details currently under consideration, application to be submitted May 2024</p> <p>(6) Location for the proposed racketsball recreation area, application submitted April 24, awaiting validation (amended proposals awaiting comment from the Parish Councils)</p> | <p>(7) The redesign of the golf course including the provision of safety netting to boundaries is currently under review and details will be provided separately</p> <p>(8) Location of the proposed maintenance access, (DC/24/0433/FUL submitted April 24, decision pending (amended proposals awaiting comment from the Parish Councils)</p> |
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key schedule of projects

All Saints Hotel - Suggested Timeline

The following timeline was suggested at the 19th April meeting, as an indicative timeline.



Would you like an allotment?

Contact the clerk to get your name on the waiting list for a plot

clerk@fornhamallsaintspc.org.uk

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THAT THERE'S
FUNDING AVAILABLE
FROM WEST SUFFOLK
COUNCIL'S LOCALITY
BUDGET FOR
COMMUNITY
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Wednesday 3rd July, 10am - 12pm
Village Hall

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4th September	Village Hall
2nd October	Thingoe Lodge
6th November	Thingoe Lodge
4th December	Thingoe Lodge
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Fornham All Saints Parish Council

April Meeting

Approved Minutes from Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 16th April 2024

Present:

Cllr Martin Loveridge (ML) (Chair), Cllr Cathy Emerson (CE) (Vice Chair) and Cllrs Jill Mayhew (JM), Don Lynch (DL) Hugo Greer-Walker (HGW) and David Surman (DS). County Cllr Beccy Hopfensperger (BH), Borough Cllr Sarah Broughton (SB), Clerk Justin Hook (JH) and 3 members of the public.

Agenda Items

1. Chairman's welcome, opening remarks and to receive apologies for absence
Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Mat Stewart and Cllr Derek Brown.
ML welcomed Stuart Turner, Manager of The Health Hub, All Saints Hotel.
2. (i) To receive members Declarations of Interests - **None received.**
(ii) Council to consider any new written requests for dispensation and/or requests which have been received - **None received.**
3. To approve & adopt two sets of minutes (full and closed) from the Council meeting held on the 19th March 2024
ML proposed to approve both sets of minutes, HGW seconded, unanimous decision.
4. Review of actions from previous meeting if not covered on the agenda
BH chasing for meeting with permit issuing team at West Suffolk Council (WSC), contact currently on paternity leave - ongoing.

ML - continued correspondence with Pigeon Lane resident re: golf balls in his garden.

5. To receive County Cllr's report from Cllr Beccy Hopfensperger

BH will chase road signs. Spreadsheet has been submitted, but long waiting list. Village sign from Hengrave fallen down, BH suggested to report to highways.

Action: ML to report. ML since reported - No. 00467208.

6. To receive Borough Cllr's reports from Cllr Sarah Broughton & Cllr Beccy Hopfensperger

Compiègne Way update: meeting was held with British Sugar/Highways/Suffolk County Council - problems are due to a number of factors with no quick fix. Each party looking at ways to help alleviate - better diversions, varied truck routes, different pumps and a business case to raise the road level. Further meeting planned.

7. Public open session 15 minutes - questions and issues on matters arising from the agenda and from the village

No items raised.

THE NEXT ITEM WAS BROUGHT FORWARD

10. Planning:

- iii. **DC/24/0174/FUL *UPDATED***

**All Saints Hotel The Street Fornham St Genevieve
Suffolk IP28 6JQ**

Retention of outdoor gymnasium including open sided exercise shelter, moveable exercise equipment and equipment storage container

Stuart Turner, Manager of The from Health Hub, All Saints Hotel presented to the Council his thoughts that the health and mental wellness that came from the outdoor gym, outweighed any negative impacts and that the resubmission under the guidance from the appeal decision ought to alleviate any concerns held. The adoption of 'silent disco' style headsets (which Cllrs were given the opportunity to test), noise screen fencing, increased planting, use of a sound monitor

and changing equipment to eliminate thud sounds etc. In summary, he felt that a happy medium could be reached.

Naomi Stewart from Fornham St Martin PC suggested the three early morning classes per week (June-August) be quiet yoga style classes, with louder body pump style classes being after 8am.

CE asked who would police? What happens when system breaks down. Stuart suggested classes would be cancelled, moved inside or taken with no music. No disturbances were registered between April - October 2023 with circa. 350 classes and 4,000 attendees and no music. Stuart would ultimately be in control as Manager, and suggested adherence to restrictions/constraints put on the application, as well as open communication.

ML thanked Stuart for his time and explanation. No further decision was made, Councils existing position and comments on portal to remain.

8. To receive reports from Cllrs:

- a. Traffic / Roads / VASs / Signs - DL (covered under item 13)
- b. Volunteering - ML (**covered under item 14**)
- c. Facilities / Assets Management / Community Centre - ML

ML handing over last of assets/facilities to DB, including the skate park and play area, where there is a good starting point for the volunteering group to tackle some minor issues. Overgrown hedges - residents contacted and some work begun to tidy them.

- d. Local businesses & residents / Active travel / De-fib'-CE

Meeting had with Active Travel. Ongoing re: Hengrave to Fornham path - funding being sought.

- e. Social issues / Rural Coffee Caravan / Village Voice - JM

Four people responded to Fit Villages campaign, JM to report back again once closing date passed,

f. Marham Park / Village Hall / Anglian Water (Lark) - **None received.**

g. Allotments - DS

One parking issues dealt with, 2 on the waiting list, 2 potential plot issues to deal with. Anglian Water now on direct debit.

Action: JH to resend bill to Charlie Brown for field rental.

9. To receive Clerks report

Volunteering database now set up, updated mandates all complete for all bank accounts and 99% of the way with internet banking. Lloyds shares cashed, cheque received, new plot holder in place for seamless transition on the allotment.

10. Planning:

Council to discuss the following planning applications:

i. **DC/24/0360/HH**

44 Pigeon Lane Fornham All Saints IP28 6JP

a. single storey front extension b. two storey side extension following demolition of existing porch c. two storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear conservatory

ML proposed to approve application, JM seconded, unanimous decision.

ii. **DC/24/0433/FUL**

All Saints Hotel The Street Fornham St Genevieve Suffolk IP28 6JQ

Create a maintenance access into All Saints Golf and Country Club off The Street, Fornham St. Genevieve Extension agreed to beyond date of next meeting. Planning team to meet and discuss.

iii. **DC/24/0174/FUL *UPDATED***

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

iv. **DC/24/0156/FUL *UPDATED***

**All Saints Hotel The Street Fornham St Genevieve
Suffolk IP28 6JQ**

Planning application - a. two open canopy porches over existing entrances to front elevation b. render to front elevation with lettering signage c. statue to front elevation

JM proposed to object on the basis of not enough clarification on lighting and fears of light pollution in an already over-bright car park, CE seconded, unanimous decision.

v. **DC/24/0155/FUL *UPDATED***

**All Saints Hotel The Street Fornham St Genevieve
Suffolk IP28 6JQ**

Planning application - a. first floor extension to dining area and associated works; b. extension to external terrace area

ML proposed no comment, JM seconded, 3 in favour, 1 abstained, proposal carried.

11. Finance update

- i. ML proposed to approve the payment of all accounts and outstanding invoices as detailed, CE seconded, unanimous decision.

Payee & details	Total	Power to Pay*
J Hook, Clerks salary, March (incl. overtime)	£818.91	1
J Hook, Clerks expenses, March	£31.43	3
HMRC, Clerks tax & NI (Quarter 4)	£489.63	1
Suffolk Cloud, web hosting & support (2024/25)	£240.00	7
FAS Village Hall, hall hire 5th Dec (interviews)	£28.00	3
Sun Skips, secure document shredding	£108.00	3
Wave Water, Allotment water bill (Oct 23 - Jan 24)	£3.27	9
Total Payments	£1719.24	

- ii. Council noted bank balances correct to 28 March (unless stated otherwise).

Main	£282.35
Savings	£27,050.95
Village Voice	£795.76
Charities	£TBN
Charities - Savings (<i>being closed</i>)	£30.97

- iii. ML proposed to approve bank reconciliation for March 2024, CE seconded, unanimous.

12. Skate & play park inspections

Council noted from report that remedial work required, but all low to very low risk

ML noted that graffiti present but not an issue and the retaining of pigeon spikes essential to maintain poop-free swinging.

13. B1106 highways/traffic Issues

DL put forward that the strategic gathering of info from various sources would help Council to fully consider options to reduce traffic impact.

Currently 3,000 volume per day, with speeding and unpermitted lorries adding to issues. David Emerson helping gather evidence from VAS machines.

Concerns raised over the end goal, what could be achieved with the video, lack of cost benefit analysis, lack of any competitive bidding/other quotes and if the video ought be the first action towards a solution.

BH suggested the video alone would not be enough evidence and suggested commission a Highways survey first at cost circa £450, potentially a speed watch, gathering as much evidence as possible, then complete the video to encapsulate findings, proposal and strategy.

DL proposed to commission the road safety video, HGW seconded, 1 in favour, 3 object, Chair has casting vote, proposal dismissed.

DL left the meeting.

14. Volunteering

ML proposed to provide list of agreed tools with relevant links in order to be able to claim back cost from Highways Community Self Help scheme, CE seconded, unanimous decision.

BH offered litter picking tools, hoops and bags from her locality budget.

ML proposed to accept the offer of funding from the locality budget, CE seconded, unanimous decision.

15. Replacement road signs

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

16. Section S137 grants (£2000 in budget)

Council agreed a £250 grant to the WI towards booking speakers and room hire.

17. Council to review other updated policies

Ongoing work.

18. Village flower beds

Thanks given in acknowledgement of the great work of Mary Purnell and Toni Hodge in attending the flowerbeds in the village. Both have stepped down, and Annabelle Mehta has volunteered to take responsibility for the 2 beds by the memorial garden, 1 under the village sign and the area around the brick bus stop. The 3 Kings have agreed to take responsibility for the 2 by the double roundabout.

19. Emergency plan

ML & CE working on.

20. His Majesty's portrait

The Community Centre was suggested as the best place for hanging the portrait.

ML proposed to gift it to the Community Centre, DS seconded, unanimous decision.

21. Nest pension payments by Direct Debit

ML proposed the payment of Clerks pension contributions by Direct Debit, CE seconded, unanimous decision.

22. Village Voice advertising

ML encouraged all Cllrs to think of new advertising leads, to increase revenue. 3 Kings now advertising, and another new one ready for next edition.

23. Correspondence

ML still in correspondence with resident from Pigeon Lane re: golf balls in garden and golf course safety. Resident has taken complaint higher, but still concerned over golf balls in garden following removal of safety netting.

ML to respond with support form Council as needed.

24. Date of next meeting

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 21st May 2024, commencing at 18:00 in the Community Centre, followed by the Parish Council Meeting at 18:30.

At the end of the meeting Cllr Greer-Walker resigned from the Council, on the grounds of family commitments. ML and other Cllrs thanked him for his service, and his support throughout.

Meeting closed 20:15

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and a wealth of other information can be found
on our website

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Fornham All Saints Parish Council

May Meeting

Draft Minutes from AGM and Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 21st May 2024, 18:00

These draft minutes will be approved at the Parish Council Meeting on 18th June.

Present:

Cllr Martin Loveridge (ML) (Chair), Cllr Cathy Emerson (CE) (Vice Chair) and Cllrs Jill Mayhew (JM), Mat Stewart (MS), Don Lynch (DL) Derek Brown (DB) and David Surman (DS). County Cllr Beccy Hopfensperger (BH), Borough Cllr Sarah Broughton (SB), Clerk Justin Hook (JH) and 32 members of the public.

Agenda Items

1. Council to elect Chairman
ML nominated as Chairman, ML accepted, no other nominations.
ML proposed to be re-elected as Chair, CE seconded, unanimous decision.
2. Council to elect Vice-Chairman
CE nominated as Vice-Chairman, CE accepted, no other nominations.
ML proposed to re-elect CE as Vice Chair, JM seconded, unanimous decision.
3. Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interests
ML and CE signed Declarations of Acceptance.
4. Council to appoint Responsible Financial Officer
ML proposed to appoint the Clerk, Justin Hook as Responsible Financial Officer, CE seconded, unanimous decision.

5. Chairman's welcome, opening remarks and to receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Sarah Broughton who will be joining later.

ML welcomed villagers and five members of the team from All Saints Hotel (AS).

ML thanked former Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker for his outstanding efforts and wished him well. New Cllr to join the team at the June meeting to complete the team of 8 Cllrs.

6. (i) To receive members Declarations of Interests - **None received.**

(ii) Council to consider any new written requests for dispensation and/or requests which have been received - **None received.**

7. To receive planning update from David Harris (DH) and team at AS

ML gave brief background on AS plans to become the first 5* hotel in Suffolk. There are numerous planning applications and enforcements currently in progress, and following a meeting held on 19th April between both Parish Councils and the AS team, a Master Plan has been proposed.

DH thanked ML for inviting the AS team and confirmed his intentions to give both parishes insight into the present and future plans for the AS site, through the provision of a Master Plan. In the 8 years of ownership, much work has been done to improve what was a very neglected operation. There are now 15 new lodges and a new bedroom wing, which allows AS to partner with the CLAAS Academy. AS currently employ 120 local people.

The individual applications come from the AS team, reflecting the needs of each department, not top-down from DH.

DH suggested that applications are often not fully understood, or misconstrued, leading to unwanted delays.

8. Public open session up to 30 minutes - questions and issues on matters arising from the agenda and from the village

ML Question: Is the Master Plan definitive?

DH - It provides a picture of where AS is at the moment, and it would be unwise to state 'that's it.' The Master Plan provides a present picture, with nothing new on the horizon.

Resident 1 Question: The Mildenhall Road maintenance entrance is now being used for lodges, will the B1106 entrance be the same and result in lodges down the back of Pigeon Lane?

DH reiterated the need for maintenance entrance and that restrictions would be included for maintenance vehicles only, and that any future needs / changes would have to go through due planning process.

Resident questioned 11 years of not needing such an entrance.

DH blamed excessive rain and fall out from Marham Park drainage failures, and is happy to show anybody concerned how wet the course is.

Resident questioned was it DH's plan to put lodges down the back of Pigeon Lane?

DH acknowledged previous planning applications and that AS responded to village concerns and reduced overall qty. from 70 to just 15 lodges. DH stated none of the changes made to the AS site negatively affect residents, citing bar and restaurant improvements etc. as being positive.

ML surmised that extra traffic will affect the village.

Josh Harris, Head of Planning at AS asked if there were figures and %'s for traffic?

CE - yes.

ACTION: CE to share traffic data with AS/Josh Harris.

ML stated that minutes from the April meeting with AS suggested a full highways survey, however no action was attributed or taken.

DH suggested it was for the Parish Council to request

highways survey if one was required.

BH corrected this stating the applicant (AS) is responsible for an independent traffic survey not the consultees (Parish Council).

Resident 2 Question: If flooding from Marham Park is an issue, what flooding prevention is being taken into consideration with current and future plans?

DH - there are plans to increase drainage and feed that into the river.

DH also stated Marham Park, David Lloyd and 20,000 new homes in Bury have potential to impact traffic in village, making AS a small issue in comparison.

MS Question: Back to flooding, has AS spoken to the Environment Agency (EA) re: effectiveness or ineffectiveness of the hydro brakes and drainage lagoon at marham park?

DH - yes, AS has been corresponding with EA.

ACTION: DH to share reports from EA.

Resident 3 Question: What is the need for the new entrance and which parts of the golf course is it required for?

DH - following the planting of the trees along the B1106, there is a need for access to maintain. The course is 80% floodplain which makes it difficult to get the maintenance vehicles to all areas.

CE - is there a need to mow if the course is flooded?

Hannah Cuthbertson, Sales Director at AS stated there is a need for ongoing course maintenance and access irrespective of flooding.

DH concluded there is a programme for future drainage improvement to the course.

DB Question: What's the frequency that the entrance will be used?

DH - 3-4 times a week.

BH Question: Regarding the Master Plan - it provides a good opportunity for residents to see the phased approach

of the future planned developments, pods, tennis courts etc. - perhaps AS could provide rough timescales?

DH - all in the Master Plan.

ML - Master Plan will be going into next issue of the Village Voice.

Village event suggested to show Master Plan.

ACTION: AS to consider event request.

Resident 4 Question: Is the Mildenhall Road entrance still used for maintenance?

Answer was unclear.

ACTION: JH to seek further clarification from AS.

Resident 5 Question: How are residents to believe the plan based on past promises? Concerns over inflated/ambiguous figures reported in press.

DH - happy to go through finances with anybody concerned.

ML Question: Would you provide written confirmation that no more lodges would be built on the golf course?

DH - not a question that can be answered. At present time only pods are planned in a location near to the hotel as per Master Plan, but there are no plans in the foreseeable future to build any further lodges.

ML concluded that any further questions for the Parish Council or AS ought be directed via email to the Clerk: clerk@fornhamallsaintspc.org.uk

SHORT BREAK FOR ATTENDEES TO LEAVE

9. To approve & adopt the minutes from the Council meeting held on the 16th April 2024

ML proposed to approve the minutes, CE seconded, unanimous decision.

10. To receive County Councillor's report from Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger

BH encouraged people to use online reporting tool for highways issues, with help from the Clerk if required. She would then follow up and escalate any issues with

a valid reference number. 0345 123 5000 for highways emergencies.

Generally roads not good due to wet weather and 158% increase in potholes. New contractor in place since November, investing in new machinery - Elastomast, cuts out larger areas and creates proper seals for larger patches and Dragon Patcher for increased efficiency and speed with auto-bond component.

BH pushing for better first fixes, and 'all done together' policy rather than multiple return site visits.

Verge cutting expected w/c 24th June, weed treatment expected w/c 8th July with Council reintroducing glyphosate only where safe and appropriate and on a limited basis.

Speeding: BH met with Tim Passmore, Crime Commissioner to talk about rural speeding and to push to lower criteria for enforcement action in rural areas, with a view to implement a rural speeding policy.

ACTION: CE to share VAS data with BH.

BH encouraged by new push for volunteering in the village and happy to help with Locality Budget for litter picking tools.

Thingoe Lodge quarterly meetings with Havebury and tenants proving helpful.

Replacement road signs in progress with help from Locality Budget.

11. To receive Borough Councillor's reports from Cllr. Sarah Broughton and Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger

West Suffolk Council (WSC) Locality Budget available for community groups. Anybody wishing to apply, make contact through the Clerk who will pass to BH and SB.

Dispersal Order in place for boy racers congregating by the Community Hub and drag racing the bypass. Police acted quickly and observing situation esp. Bank Holiday weekend.

Compiegne Way - following Section 9 Notice, waiting

on all parties involved for list of appropriate actions. No resource to raise road, but business case ready in case of government funding opportunities.

12. To receive reports from Councillors:

a. Traffic / roads / VASs / signs - DL

Volume, weight and speed still a concern. Need to chase meeting with ticket issuing office, BH chasing. DL not chasing highways support as believes video ought be first solution.

b. Volunteering - ML

Now have secure storage for tools, litter picking tools to be funded by BH, application for tools ongoing due to question re: training.

ML wanted to publicly thank all those volunteering in the village already - after hearing of more people silently serving the village.

c. Facilities / assets management / Community Centre - DB

Extended car park - barriers removed today, bottle banks soon to take up new position which will make entrance clearer and tidier.

Swings require some simple maintenance, but no safety concerns.

d. Local businesses & residents / Active Travel / de-fib' - CE

CE thanked BH and SB for their help with Thingoe Lodge and giving a voice to the residents.

Defib good, ongoing talks with Community Centre for new one on site.

Active Travel forum on 23rd May. No Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan in place. If WSC set one up, it could make current Active Travel plan redundant.

e. Social issues / Rural Coffee Caravan / Village Voice - JM

Echo CE's comments re: Thingoe Lodge.

Village Voice - will meet with Justin to review next issue.

Fit Villages - only 5 responses and already over 18 activities available in village so it has been decided not to go ahead.

- f. Marham Park / Village Hall / Anglian Water (Lark) - MS
No tree replanting done. Council won't adopt until completed.

Chasing re: footpath on Tut Hill.

Still awaiting spill data from Anglian Water. Meeting with Environmental Director September 5th for ongoing communications. Not much happening on restoration until river quality improved.

- g. Allotments - DS

Kids trespassing from playing field - need to block off in top corner.

2 currently on waiting list.

13. To receive Clerks report

Lloyds shares cashed and cheque banked - £84.26.

Redundant bank account closed and transferred to current account - £31.06.

Precept monies received and bank balances looking healthy.

Two outstanding invoices for allotments chased.

RC Browne & Son invoice has been settled.

14. Council to discuss the following planning applications:

- i. **DC/24/0360/HH *UPDATED***

44 Pigeon Lane Fornham All Saints IP28 6JP

a. single storey front extension b. two storey side extension following demolition of existing porch c. two storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear conservatory

Planning team have visited site and have no concern. Neighbour also in support.

ML proposed to approve changes, CE seconded, unanimous decision.

ii. **DC/24/0586/FUL**

**Car Park Heath Farm Business Centre Tut Hill
Fornham All Saints Suffolk**

Planning application - a. use of existing car park as driver training facility b. retention of temporary storage containers as classroom and storage area

Planning team visited site and agreed site entrance & exit an issue. Concerns over short visibility splays, gravel surface and having to cross double white centre lines for access. Highways report not received yet, so difficult to make full decision.

ML proposed to object on basis of entrance safety concerns and review of existing and new ISO containers - clarification required. JM seconded, unanimous decision.

The following items were brought forward

iv. **DC/24/0174/FUL *UPDATED***

**All Saints Hotel The Street Fornham St Genevieve
Suffolk IP28 6JQ**

Retention of outdoor gymnasium including open sided exercise shelter, moveable exercise equipment and equipment storage container

Based on suggestions from appeal being adhered to, i.e. silent disco style headsets, increased fencing (installed), change of noisy equipment and change of hours, and correct enforcement and policing of constraints, the council suggest no further comment.

JM proposed to respond to changes with no comment, DB seconded, 4 in favour, 1 abstained, proposal carried.

v. **DC/24/0156/FUL *UPDATED***

**All Saints Hotel The Street Fornham St Genevieve
Suffolk IP28 6JQ**

Planning application - a. two open canopy porches

over existing entrances to front elevation b. render to front elevation with lettering signage c. statue to front elevation

Lighting element of application has been reviewed.

ML proposed to support application, DB seconded, unanimous decision.

The following items regarding maintenance entrance were reviewed together

Cllrs still showed concerns re: highways and safety and the genuineness of need for access.

iii. DC/24/0433/FUL *UPDATED*

All Saints Hotel The Street Fornham St Genevieve Suffolk IP28 6JQ

Planning application - create a maintenance access into All Saints Golf and Country Club off The Street, Fornham St. Genevieve

ML proposed to object on basis of highways concerns not being fully addressed and need, CE seconded, unanimous decision.

vi. AP/24/0023/STAND **APPEAL**

Land Off The Street Fornham All Saints Suffolk

Planning application - create access into All Saints Golf and Country Club

ML proposed to object the appeal and write to appeal office, citing the 12:2 decision at the DCC meeting, CE seconded, unanimous decision.

SHORT BREAK FOR ATTENDEES TO LEAVE

15. Finance update

- i. ML proposed to approve the payment of all accounts and outstanding invoices as detailed, CE seconded, unanimous decision.

Payee & details	Total	Power to Pay*
J Hook, Clerks salary, April	£577.73	1

J Hook, Clerks expenses, April	£45.80	3
M Loveridge, Chairs expenses, 15/3 - 16/4	£30.70	3
Community Workshop, Village Voice printing	£307.63	7
Wave, allotment water bill (Jan 24 - Apr 24)	£20.73	9
WI, S137 grant	£250.00	2
Total Payments	£1232.59	

- ii. Council noted bank balances correct to 30 April (unless stated otherwise)

Current	£274.25
Savings	£50,428.74
Village Voice	£795.76
Charities	£2,304.57

- iii. ML proposed to approve bank reconciliation for April 2024, CE seconded, unanimous.

16. End of year and audit

- i. SALC are unable to complete the internal audit Council to approve appointment of independent auditor Vicky Waples to complete the audit for equivalent fee
- ii. Council to approve AGAR Section 1
- iii. Council to approve AGAR Section 2
- iv. Council to approve 2023-24 bank reconciliation
- v. Council to approve variances

ML proposed to approve Vicky Waples' appointment to carry out internal audit, CE seconded, unanimous decision.

ML proposed to approve AGAR sections 1 and 2, the 2023-24 bank reconciliation and explanation of variances, CE seconded, unanimous decision.

17. Skate & play park inspections

Council noted report that remedial work required, but all

low to very low risk.

18. Section S137 grants (£1750 left in budget)

Council to discuss request from Computer Club to help funding ongoing equipment updates

ML proposed to postpone the decision pending further detail.

ACTION: JH to request.

Following cancellation of Open Gardens it has been suggested to hold a "Party on the Green." Council to discuss S137 donation towards costs

ML attending planning meeting Sat 1st June.

ML proposed an S137 grant of up to £200, JM seconded, unanimous decision.

19. Community Centre update

DB awaiting a response re: the soil from the car park works that has been banked along the top of the field without permission.

Council to ensure that futures scopes of works and contracts are reviewed fully before works start.

Council to have representative on the Community Council Committee.

ACTION: DB to liaise with Community Centre.

20. Correspondence

i. Email received re: Councils lack of action re: All Saints Hotel planning matters. JH responded.

ii. Email received re: Councils over-reaction to All Saints Hotel planning matters. JH responded.

iii. Email complaint received from resident re: lack of notice and noise from works to Community Centre car park. JH responded and forwarded to Community Centre.

ML since discussed with both parties relating to AS concerns.

Community Centre speaking to complainant.

ACTION: DB to confirm complete.

21. Date of next meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th June 2024, commencing at 18:00 in the Community Centre, followed by the Parish Council Meeting at 18:30.

Meeting closed 19:29



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Fornham All Saints
Open Gardens

Sunday 9th June, 2024

CANCELLED

Regrettably we have been obliged to cancel the proposed Open Gardens due to a lack of interest.

In response to the adverts in the last two issues of this publication we had only two people volunteer their gardens which, together with the Committee members gardens, gave us a total of five. This is an insufficient number to make the event worthwhile.

We are proposing a social event on the Village Green shortly, more details will be available soon.

Paul Purnell

Fornham All Saints Fundraising Committee

Fornham All Saints WI

Alicia Basil-Shawes came to share her knowledge about Acupuncture, the extraordinary form of alternative medicine and component of traditional Chinese medicine, which originated in China around 3000 years ago.

Alicia trained for five years, starting with Auriculotherapy, based on the idea that the visible part of the ear as a micro system reflects the entire body. Conditions affecting the patient are treatable by stimulation of the surface of the ear. She gave us all a copy of the acupuncture points on the ear and what each point referred to on the body. Very thin short needles are inserted into the ear. We were encouraged to massage our ear lobes to relieve stress and boost blood circulation and manipulate our fingers and thumbs to ward off arthritis. There are 12 meridians which carry the flow of energy through the body and five elements which are wood, fire, earth, metal and water which describe the qualities of energy found in nature. The important thing is to look for the cause of any problem and not try to treat the symptoms

It is no wonder that Alicia had to undertake such long training! It was a fascinating talk on a remarkable subject.

Sarah Jane Clark came to our April meeting to encourage us to recycle. Sarah is employed by FCC Environment who own and operate recycling treatment and disposal facilities on behalf of Councils.

As there is a need to make money from recycling, items can only be recycled if there is a local company who will take the waste. Various companies deal with our rubbish, blue bin contents are emptied onto a conveyor belt and certain items are picked off and the rest disposed of. Brown bin rubbish goes to Red Lodge to be turned into compost. Sarah advised not to put anything that had been purchased into the brown bin, as pesticides and chemicals would have been used. The contents of black bins in Suffolk are incinerated to make energy. Bottle bank glass etc, are recycled at other local hubs.

Recycling centres have shops which sell donated items, with the profits going to The Benjamin Foundation.

What sounded a rather odd subject turned out to be extremely interesting!

Sarah gave us all various leaflets on what we can recycle, so we would not make any mistakes.

WI meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 2.00 pm in the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

Please call or text Elizabeth 07311 281775 for further information as sometimes we go on outings.



CAR BOOT SALES ARE BACK

Next Boot Sale is

Sunday 30th June, 7am - 12noon

Cars £7 Car+Trailer or Van £10

Fornham All Saints Community Centre

Future Dates: 28th July

25th August | 29th September

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS TABLE TENNIS CLUB

We play on **Monday nights, 7-9pm** in the
community centre.

Now we are “home” we are looking to grow our
membership. The club is run on a “for fun” basis
and welcomes all levels of play.

For more information please contact either:

Martin 07784 225375 or Derek 07505 762267

Fornham St Martin Ladies Club

April

The Fornham St. Martin Ladies Group met on 17th April 2024 and was well attended. Apologies were received from a number who were not able to attend through illness or holidays.

Speakers for the night were Tony and Linda Cooke, who call themselves Turn and Burn and make and sell decorative wooden items, which is known as pyrography. Turn and Burn began when Tony reached 65 and wanted to turn his hand to wood turning, bought himself a lathe in October 2017 and began to turn bowls with a bit of tuition from friends. The following June Linda decided to buy a pyrography tool for burning designs into wood.

Pyrography is a traditional folk art in many parts of Europe. It means “writing with fire” and there are surviving examples of Western pyrography from the 15th and 16th centuries. In China it was known as “Fire Needle Embroidery” and the term has been known as “pokerwork”. A mechanical tool was invented around 1900 that made the creation of pyrography art easier. There are 2 main tapestry tools available, the solid rib, that resembles a soldering iron and the thermostatically controlled hot wire, which is easier to use.

Turn and Burn started in 2018 and first went to craft fairs with some success for sales. They now attend 6 different markets each month and this is supplemented by one off fairs, bazaars, church functions, fetes etc. and have 78 this year already. The range of items is constantly changing and some items are recycled from things bought from car boot sales and charity shops. Tony cleans the items and Linda burns a design on them to give them a new lease of life. They can also be painted over the burnt design. They also undertake commissions for items to be personalised or to produce one off items. There were blank key rings for us to try our own designs using the tools provided.

It was a most enjoyable evening and they were thanked.

Refreshments were served.

May

The meeting of the Fornham St. Martin Ladies Group took place on 15th May 2024 at 2pm instead of the evening.

It was “Ladies Day at the Races” and there was a variety of hats and fascinators worn. Twenty squares of paper tokens were given to each member to place as bets on 5 different races (tea cup, sugar bowl, milk jug, tea pot and teaspoon stakes).

Freddie Chenery (bent Fred) acted as bookie and other members of the Committee were stewards and the bookie runner!

6 pink soft pigs operated by batteries represented horses. Odds were given, bets placed and the final winner for the afternoon was the person who had acquired the most “tokens.”

A lovely variety of refreshments was provided and the Committee were thanked. It was a fun afternoon and greatly enjoyed.

Future events:

A visit to Peter Beales Roses is planned for June 19th.

New members to the club are very welcome. Please contact 01284 767372 or 01284 766098 for further information.

Janet Petch

Janet Petch

Fornham All Saints Church News

Safeguarding Training

Cleaners, flower arrangers, church openers and indeed anyone who has a roll in the church, gathered in Fornham All Saints church on 19th April, to complete the C of E basic Safeguarding training. Many of the 24 who attended didn't quite know what to expect, but they soon settled when the course started.



Lisa Hicks officiated with talks, on screen information, group activities and discussions, even some written work. At the end of the session all the participants received a certificate to prove they had passed the course. It was a valuable time and thanks go to Lisa and Sarah, our Safeguarding Officer for organising this event.

Electrical Work

Recently, major electrical work has been carried out in the church. John Sadler, who has overseen the project has explained here why we had to have it done.

The 5-year electrical test and inspection highlighted serious faults in the installation that were classified as Code C2 failings and F1 observations, resulting in the overall assessment as unsatisfactory. All the work in this classification has now been rectified. In addition, the test

and inspection highlighted numerous items classified as Code C3 observations, and the recommendation that serious consideration should be given to installing Arc fault Detection devices (AFDD's). AFDD's provide additional protection against fire that may arise from otherwise undetected electrical arcing, and should be seriously considered in a building of significant importance and historic value.

The cost to rectify the Code C3 observations would be £2786 plus VAT. However if AFDD's are also installed this cost would be reduced to £1723 +VAT. The guide cost given for the installation of AFDD's is £10,000 plus VAT.

Therefore the total cost of the work for which help is sought is the £11,723 plus VAT of £2344.60.

The Parochial Church Council, who are responsible for this special Grade 1 listed building consider that they would be negligent, if they did not do their best to bring the electrical installation up to the standard to ensure that the church would not catch fire as a result of an electrical fault.



Thanks go to John for the explanation and for all the hard work he has put into this project.

Organ Repairs

The organ also needs repairs, these were carried out in April. However, when the usual testing was being done they found woodworm that showed several “buttons”, were not functioning. It is recommended that all the buttons be replaced. The PCC were in agreement to proceed with the work and will apply for a Faculty.

Coffee Morning

The first of our 3 coffee mornings was held on Saturday 4th May. A steady stream flowed through to enjoy cake and a chat, then another piece of cake. £157 was raised for church funds. Thanks go to Julie for her wonderful cakes and savouries, to Elizabeth for her invaluable help and to Roberta our stalwart in the kitchen. Kim, Emma and Claire added to the atmosphere with their lovely music. The next coffee morning is Saturday 1st June.



No Mow May

You may have noticed the longer grass and the spring flowers in the Churchyard, all part of the build up to Nature Count. As last year, we will be Counting Nature found in the Churchyard, taking place on Saturday 15th June meeting at 10 and finishing by 11.30, allowing time for refreshments. We shall, with any help required from guides, phones or wildlife books, record on our sheets all our types of wildlife, whether plant or beast.

We hope to see a good group having a go at recording wildlife in a protected area, spending time seeing what wildlife we can find.

There will be light refreshments afterwards as we admire and compare our findings.

Judith Scott & John Grinham

Judith Scott & John Grinham, Acting Church Wardens

Friends Of The Village Hall News

AGM

There was a good attendance at our AGM which was held before the May film. The club is entering into its 10th year of existence. Numbers have held up well after the Covid pandemic with many members belonging to more than one club. Subscriptions have remained the same since the inauguration in May 2015.

Various new clubs were suggested, a Debating Society, a board & card game afternoon, a knit, crotchet, sewing natter group and a darts evening. As finances are good, another trip to a stately home was suggested also a trip to Ten Pin Bowling.

A complimentary glass of wine or juice was given after the film.

Fornham Footers

As I mentioned in the last Village Voice, finding walks in wet conditions can prove difficult. Our April walk around Rougham was changed to walk on roads and paths as the fields were still boggy! In May we drove to Felixstowe, hoping for a walk on the prom, but the weather was very wet, so coffee at the port viewing area and lunch at The Ferry Boat before a wet trip home.

Please get in touch with me if you would like to be included in our walks.

Next walks Fridays 7th June and 5th July.

Mahjong

We meet twice a month at 9.30am on a Monday morning. Experts and beginners (tuition available) are both welcome to our meetings.

£2 table money inc. refreshments.

Next games on Mondays at 9.30am on 10th & 24th June & 8th & 22nd July.

Please contact either Lynne 766909 or Mary 763701

Film Club

I was disappointed that no villager took up the opportunity to come and watch a film for free and to see what a good arrangement we have in the village hall. Large screen and stereo sound. The film was “Forest Gump.”

During April the film club members suggested, then voted on what films to watch during the next 12 months. The choices were films from the 80’s, 90’s, 2000’s, 10’s and 20’s. The film chosen for May was “Da Vinci Code.”

Next film nights are at 7.30pm on Tuesdays 25th June. & 23rd July.

Traveller’s Tales

In May, Howard and Lynne took the club from Hanoi to Ho Chi Min City (Saigon) by train stopping off at Hue, Hoi An, Nha Trang and onto Cambodia. Staying in Kampot then by train to Phnom Penn and onto Battambang for the bamboo train, terrifying trip, also to see the 6 million bats coming out of the caves (as seen on Race across the World) onto Siem Reap and Ankor Watt.





Next Traveller's Tales is at 7.30pm on Thur. 11th July. When we hope to be travelling to Namibia, our first talk from Africa.

Non-members £5 inc. refreshments.

Do you have any interesting holidays which you would like to share with the group?

I always welcome new ideas for groups connected to the "Friends."

Please contact Lynne 766909 or lynne.quayle99@btinternet.com

The joining fee is £10 pa from May to belong to the "friends" + other club subs.

Fornham Footers: Cambridge Walks 2016-2024 (Part 2)

By January 2018, the walk had become a fixture in the calendar, although this was to be the last year when Urban Shed would be used for a coffee stop. The film *The Darkest Hour*, about Winston Churchill's dilemma over peace with Hitler or war with Germany, had just been released, so a visit to Churchill College seemed appropriate, despite the long and windy walk along the Huntingdon Road and through the grounds of Murray Edwards College. The college has a permanent exhibition about the wartime statesman, as well as housing Sir Winston's papers, also those of Margaret Thatcher. After this educational treat, the "Footers" headed back along Grange Road and through lesser-well-known college territory, before once more ending up at the Granta for lunch. That was enough for the day.....

Could this be followed up in January 2019? Well, it could, but firstly with a different coffee stop! Sadly, Urban Shed, with its

hippy proprietor, had closed, but The Locker, a little further up the street, was a worthy and quirky replacement. Some time was spent exploring Jesus College, with its extensive buildings and grounds, and with hundreds of images of cockerels on the walls (look on Wikipedia!), before crossing the Cam at Magdalene Street bridge, en route to Kettle's Yard art gallery and house, the home for many years of Jim and Helen Ede, who were major collectors of early 20th century art. Worth a visit if you've never been...and also worth a revisit. A short walk took us to the 16th century Pickerel Inn for "replenishment," then more cultural gems (Pembroke College and "Little" Mary's Church, in Trumpington Street, where George Washington's great-uncle is interred). A short walk down noisy and dingy Downing Street was the way back to the Park+Ride bus at Drummer Street.

The January 2020 walk cleverly avoided duplication from the earlier walks. Cutting through Grand Arcade, we avoided the masses by using Free School Lane (behind the original Cavendish Laboratory), Botolph Lane, and Mill Lane, to reach Cambridge University's Graduate Centre on the banks of the river. Built in 1967 using a grant from the Wolfson Foundation, Grads Café, on the top floor, gave us stunning views of the Cam, Queens' College, and Darwin College.... with equally good coffee and cakes. From there, a short walk via Lammas Land took us to Lensfield Road and the informative Scott Polar Research Institute & Museum – internationally recognised for its research into the polar regions and glaciology. After a walk alongside Parker's Piece – Cambridge's "green lung" - lunch was taken at the hidden-away Tram Depot – as the name suggests, this was a former tram shed, closed in 1914, and re-opening as a pub in the 1990s.

Community Centre Diary

Activity	Date	Times
Table Tennis Club Martin - 07784 225375	Monday nights	7:00pm to 9:00pm
Upholstery Cindy: 07969 863616	Every Monday & Wednesday	9:00am to 3:00pm
Pilates Sarah: 07791 330924	Every Tuesday	10:00am to 11:00am
Art Club 01284 767339	Every 2nd Tuesday in month Every 4th Saturday in month	1:45am to 4:45pm 10:00am to 4:00pm
Garden Club Ian: 07876 644611	Every 2nd Tuesday in month	7:00pm for 7:30pm start
Computer Club	Every 3rd Tuesday in month	2:00pm for 4:00pm
iPad Club	Every 4th Tuesday in month	2:00pm for 4:00pm
Bowls Chris: 01284 703024	Every Wednesday	7:00pm to 9:00pm
Exercise Caroline: 07528 927572	Every Thursday	9:30am to 11:00am
Stars Stitch & Textile Teresa: 07946 523282	Every 1st and 3rd Thursday in month	10:00am - 4:00pm
Drumming Moira: 07949 253917	Thursday nights	7:00pm to 8:30pm
Out of the Fold (Textiles) Tereasa: 07968 312680	Every 2nd and 4th Friday in month	contact for times

Community Council Committee

Minutes for Community Council Committee Meeting – Tuesday 26 March 2024 at 4.30pm

Attendees:

Enid Gathercole (EG) (Chair), Virginia Comely (VC) (Secretary), Alwyn Evans (AE) (Treasurer), Paul Purnell (PP), Kyra Turner (KT), Jane Land (JL), Daphne Wilding (DW) (Committee Members), Chris Caborn (Bowls club representative)

1. Apologies for Absence
Robin Southgate (Bowls Club Representative).
2. Review Minutes of last Meeting – 30 January 24
 - a. Minutes were reviewed and agreed.
3. Hall Booking Update – EG
 - a. EG updated on the hall bookings. The hall is still very popular. There is a new group who require the hall once a week but this may be referred to the Village Hall due to capacity.
 - b. EG advised that the Upholstery Club may be giving up one of their days. EG will contact Slimming World to advise of new availability as they are often looking for venues.
4. Treasurer Update – AE
 - a. Total in the account £70400.47 as at 26.3.24 increase of £3377.09. Income = £11242 Expenses = £4883.
 - b. Card Reader – has now been obtained. SumUp. Approx 1.6% per transaction but no minimum payment. AE to arrange a training session a week before the car boot sale. Can be used without a phone but easier to use a phone. A float is also needed for each car boot sales – ACTION: AE
 - c. Electric Charging Points (Plug in Suffolk) – Council will now obtain preferred contractors. Deadline is April, with contracts to be agreed and signed by May. It was

agreed the hall would need two charging points. There will be 24/7 access to these new chargers. The Parish Council have expressed a concern as to the cost of the installation.

- d. Meter Readings – A reading needs to be done and then an analysis and report back next time – ONGOING. Need to assess electricity usage by BW and the portacabin. ACTION: AE
 - e. Defibrillator – EG has contacted Defibrillator suppliers but not received a reply. ONGOING.
 - f. Electricity – Eon Next – Electricity meter being replaced 22 April 24.
5. Rent Increase for Hiring of Hall for 2024
- a. All payees have been forewarned about the rent increase. Rent increased for village residents – from £12 to £14 per hour, non village residents the increase is from £15 to £17. To take effect from 1 June 2024.
6. Hall & Ground Maintenance/Future Facilities
- a. The hall needs tidying up and paint work needs completing. Need a working party to paint etc. Cleaning the walls etc. Will make a date when the summer arrives. ACTION: EG
 - b. Future Facilities – This is ongoing. Malcolm Johnson (MJ) has prepared new plans. PP presented the new floor layout to the committee. The portacabin will have to be moved. The septic tank will be removed and mains installed. The drawings need to be finalised. Once it gets nearer to the final drawings for building, users of hall and village residents will be asked for their opinions. Hall will not be able to be used during building renovation work (at least 2-3 months), it was agreed that a portacabin could be leased as a temporary measure so that all hall users can carry on. PP will enquire cost of lease portacabin for this period of time. ACTION: PP
 - c. New Car Parking area – The Parish Council have approved the new car parking area. It was agreed to

go ahead with this work, not wait for the new building work to commence. A new quote will be obtained as originally quoted over a year ago. Work will start as soon as new quote is agreed and contractor is available to complete the work. ACTION: PP

- d. Main Door to the hall was repaired but has since been damaged again. PP to contact the repairer to come to site to review and repair again. This has now been repaired. COMPLETED.

7. Any Other Business - None

8. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 28 May 2024 at 6.00pm.

Minutes for Community Council Committee Meeting – Tuesday 28 May 2024 at 6pm

Attendees:

Enid Gathercole (EG) (Chair), Virginia Comely (VC) (Secretary), Alwyn Evans (AE) (Treasurer), Paul Purnell (PP), Kyra Turner (KT), Jane Land (JL), Daphne Wilding (Committee Members) Chris Caborn (Bowls club representative)

1. Apologies for Absence

Robin Southgate (Bowls Club Representative).

2. Review Minutes of last Meeting – 26 March 2024

- a. Minutes were reviewed. One amendment required – Hall rent increase to take effect from 1 July 2024.

3. Hall Booking Update – EG

- a. Wednesday slot still available. EG contacted Slimming World Head Office but no reply, will contact a local representative. Another enquiry has been received for a regular evening booking but no regular slots are available. All weekends are booked with events for June and most of July.
- b. Bury Wheelers – will be practising on a Wednesday night on grass before the weekend booking later in the year.

4. Treasurer Update – AE
 - a. Total in account £48,828.02 - this has reduced due to payment for the car park. AE has requested transfer from 32day notice savings account to current account because of this.
 - b. Increase in sales over last period. Total income £16,303 – income up £6,156 over same period last year.
 - c. Expenses £29,900 – mainly due to car park expense, otherwise would have been down from last year.
 - d. Electricity charges – AE has compared rates and payments. These have not increased and have been paying the same rate since May 2022 – standing charge 44.64p, day rate 22.89p, night rate 21.05p. Tariff is called Business Flexible. All payments and readings are done on-line by AE.
 - e. Water – Anglian Water have contacted regarding a leak. New meter has been fitted. Bills seem to be stable so no obvious increase. Agreed to wait until next bill to see if an issue with leaks.
 - f. Electric Vehicle Chargers – Draft contracts have been received and forwarded onto Parish Council to review. Nothing else has been received from the Council. Council will pay for the installation and Community Centre will benefit from the amount of electricity used, need confirmation of this in the contract. A discussion was held as to whether to engage a solicitor when final contracts are received. This could cost up to £1000 for this service. The appointed Contractor will provide quote for final installation – The Community Council can accept or decline at that point. A decision was made to wait until this point. Timescale should have been - draft lease in April, tender, award a contractor on 18 May 2024, but not heard anything further. No update since 16 April. ONGOING.
5. Hall & Ground Maintenance/Future Facilities
 - a. New Parking area has been completed.

- i. One complaint was received regarding the noise during the work on the new carpark. The chairman has tried to visit resident but no answer, so a reply to their email will be sent. ACTION: VC
 - ii. The bottle bins will be moved to the far left of the new car park, near the pedestrian gate – ONGOING.
 - b. The hall needs tidying up and paint work needs completing. Need a working party to paint etc. Cleaning the walls etc. Will make a date when the summer arrives. ONGOING.
 - c. Future Facilities – This is ongoing. PP has been to portacabin company who cannot provide the type of temporary facility that was required. PP is now investigating other ideas and companies – ONGOING.
 - d. Main Door – still requires plate to be fitted over repair and concrete stop on the floor. EG will contact Maximum Vision. ACTION: EG
6. Car Boot sales - So far two car boots have been rained off. It was agreed to continue with the planned car boot sales for this year. A discussion was held regarding the car boot sale model and how to change/improve attendance. Brocantes (French flea markets) are now being advertised rather than Car Boot sales in the area. Perhaps include crafts in future. A decision will be made at the end of the year whether to continue with car boot sales next year. If they do go ahead, it was agreed to move the May 2025 car boot to the Sunday before the Bank Holiday as too many other events on at Bank Holiday – ONGOING.
7. Any Other Business – EG has received a request to have a clothing bank alongside the bottle banks. Decided to leave for the time being.
EG to give a presentation to Parish Council regarding the Community Council's achievements over the past year.
8. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 16 July 2024 at 6.00pm at the Community Centre.

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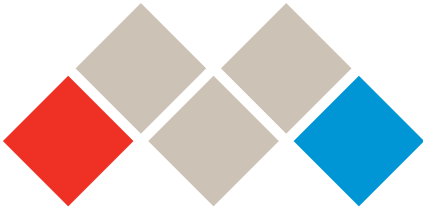
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