

## FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of Fornham All Saints took place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 6.50pm in the Village Hall, Fornham All Saints

Mr Howard Quayle took the Chair as the Chairman of the Parish Council.

**Present:** Parish Councillors: Mrs Enid Gathercole (Vice Chairman of the Parish Council); Parish Councillors Gary Clark Ward; Mrs Jill Mayhew and Paul Purnell; County and Borough Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger; Mrs. Victoria Waples (Clerk to the Council) and two members of the public.

### MINUTES

- 1 Apologies for absence – Parish Councillors Bernard Grimshaw and Elizabeth Hodder.
- 2 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – it was unanimously agreed that the previously circulated minutes be regarded as a true and accurate record and were so approved and signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council.
- 3 Matters arising from the Minutes – there were none raised in the public forum.
- 4 Borough Councillor –Borough Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger was invited to submit her report in which she mentioned the following: *agreed to append to minutes once received.*
  - Budget - St Edmundsbury Council have set a freeze on Council tax for 2018/2019 at £182.16 for band D properties. The parish councils have set their own council tax requirements for 2018.19 with an average band D parish council tax of £60.83. Suffolk County Council has set its precept at £43,341,465.01 resulting in a band D council tax of £1,242.54 a 4.99% increase including 3% for adult social care. Suffolk Police Authority set its precept of £6,890,221.18 resulting in a band D council tax of £188.82 a 6.8% increase on the 2017/18 figure of £176.85. Proportions of the Council Tax bill will be: Suffolk County Council 74.21%; St Edmundsbury Borough Council 10.88%; Suffolk Police Authority 1.28% & Parish/Town Councils 3.63%.
  - One Council - West Suffolk Council - the orders to create West Suffolk Council through the merger of St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Forest Heath District Council have been passed by the house of commons and the house of lords. The papers are expected to be signed by the Secretary of State by the end of May. The new council would better drive jobs, deliver services and continue investment to support local communities than the current arrangement. In addition it would generate around £800,000 in savings and efficiencies and help protect the additional £4 million of annual savings already produced by sharing services. At the same time a new council would also better support, invest in and meet the challenges facing communities, such as increased population, demand on health care and housing as well as reduced funding nationally. Both councils have also been making a strong case to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to make sure strong representation of local communities is maintained. Part of the merger process is a review of the ward boundaries, it is proposed that the ward of Fornhams is merged with Gt Barton and will be represented by two councillors. These proposals were put to the Boundary Commission last month who will consult further on the proposals in the Summer. I put forward comments I received including ensuring that the Farnham have equal representation with Gt Barton including ensuring that the ward name reflects this by being called the Fornhams and Gt Barton ward.
  - Brown bins - Garden Waste Collection Service customers should have received a reminder to renew their subscription which is £40.00 per annum. This will be the third year of the service and we currently have around 30,000 customers who have paid using a variety of methods. A little over 9000 customers pay by direct debit and will receive an automatic email warning them that the subscription is soon to be taken from their account. St Edmundsbury have email addresses for a further 12,000 customers and will be sending them a message with a link to sign up for the next year. The remaining 9000 customers for whom St Edmundsbury have no



email address will receive the letter attached Here is the link for signing up on line: [www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/gardenwaste) . With regards to the Fornhams ward in particular the take up of brown bins is as below:- 61.9% 2016-17; 61.9% 2017-18 & 60% to end of April 2018. The current Garden Waste take up for the Fornham ward at the end of April 18, plus the take up for the two previous years, is shown below. In terms of the number of subscriptions and Fornham is the second highest ward and subscriptions are ongoing.

- Bury St Edmunds Masterplan - After 20 events held across two periods of public engagement resulting in more than 8000 public comments, and many subsequent amendments, the final version of the Bury St Edmunds Town Centre Masterplan was adopted by St Edmundsbury Borough Council. The masterplan looks to shape how and where growth will happen in the town centre, to improve where improvements are needed and protect the things that people love best about the town centre. An issues and options consultation back in February to April 2017 asked people to help identify the challenges facing the town centre and how they might be addressed. That led to more than 1,100 responses and nearly 6,000 individual comments. Public suggestions including pedestrianisation or part pedestrianisation of The Buttermarket and Cornhill were then brought together in the shape of a draft masterplan that looked at different character areas of the town centre and themed the issues around Movement, Activity and Place. That in turn saw 400 responses and more than 2000 separate comments – all of which have now been published online as part of a report to next week's Cabinet meeting. The online report also contains responses from the masterplan team to each of the public comments. The majority of public responses were in favour of the proposals for eight of the nine character areas. The one area where the majority of people objected related to the redevelopment of the bus station in St Andrews Quarter and the revised masterplan now includes the improvement of bus access and facilities for the town.
- Post Office - St Edmundsbury Borough Council has agreed to invest £6.72m in the former Post Office site. This prestigious redevelopment will bring huge social, economic, environmental and community benefits to the town. We are now carrying out some more survey work ahead of announcing the dates for a public exhibition in June.
- Winter night shelter - this new shelter opened until the end of March. The centre provided support from people being referred by the housing team on 01284 757178. Just as with the temporary centre, the Council also continued to assist rough sleepers through referrals via the Bury Drop-In Centre and through speaking to people sleeping rough on the streets. West Suffolk councils, working with Havebury Housing Partnership, recruited staff for the winter night shelter in part of Northgate Lodge, Bury St Edmunds. St Edmundsbury also continue to also make use of other temporary accommodation – all the while working to help people get the necessary support that they need in order to find more settled homes.
- West Suffolk Operational Hub - The planning process of the WSOH has occupied a lot of my time, as well as the parish council's and the other supporters of the cause. I continued to object to placing the WSOH at Hollow Road Farm Farnham, unfortunately planning permission was granted and I would like to thank all those of you who took time to write, email respond to consultations and turn up meetings to express your concerns. I believe we put up an extremely good fight and I was proud to be a representative of such a passionate community. There is now a community liaison group set up to keep everyone informed of progress on the site and to ensure residents have input into the design and operation of the site.
- St Edmundsbury Locality Budget - have supported the purchase of chairs for the village hall and new noticeboards for parish. As well as the setting up of the River Lark Community Group who carry out work on the River Lark.

5 County Councillor – County Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger was invited to submit her report, a copy of which is repeated below:

- I stood for election in May 2017 and have the honour to represent Thingoe North for a fourth term.
- Suffolk passes 90% fibre broadband milestone as commitment to connect entire county is reiterated - On 21 July 2017, new figures were published that show that nine out of every 10



homes and businesses in Suffolk now have superfast broadband available. Suffolk County Council and Openreach have signed a new contract to extend coverage to 98% during 2020. Plans are being developed for the remaining 2% to complete the Better Broadband for Suffolk programme. Around 315,000 properties now have the option of using fibre broadband, an increase of more than 127,000 from when the Better Broadband for Suffolk programme started deployment in 2013. It comes as Suffolk County Council reiterates its commitment to provide high-speed internet access for all properties in the county – no-one will be left behind.

- Energy Efficiency grants now available for local retail businesses in Suffolk - In August 2017, it was announced that recent changes to European funding rules mean that retail businesses across Suffolk can access grants for energy efficiency measures. Suffolk County Council is collaborating with Norfolk County Council to use EU funding to support businesses from a range of sectors. A number of shops have already benefitted from free and independent advice and a change in the funding regulations means that shops can now also access grants towards the capital costs of any energy saving measure. The Carbon Trust calculate that taking 20 per cent off the energy spend of any business is equivalent to a 5 per cent increase in sales.
- Suffolk County Council's Children's Services continue to improve following Ofsted pilot inspection - on 6 November 2017, it was announced that the council's Children's Services are now rated 'Good' in all areas. Ofsted have developed a new framework for their future inspections of Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS). Earlier this year, Suffolk County Council was asked to be a pilot site for this new inspection framework. Suffolk County Council's Children's Services were previously judged 'Good' overall at the end of 2015, a grade that only a third of Local Authorities have achieved. Whilst this was positive, the council recognised that there were still areas for improvement and Ofsted's latest report reflects the action taken to improve in all areas. All areas are now judged to be 'Good'. This puts Suffolk County Council in the top 25% of all Local Authorities.
- Suffolk County Council's 2018/19 budget proposals published - On 14 November 2017, proposals to balance Suffolk County Council's budget in 2018/19 were published. These included an option to increase the basic rate of council tax for the first time in seven years and a range of savings plans. All local authorities across the country continue to face significant challenges to meet frontline service requirements in a climate where there is less money and resource available. Once again, the council has carefully considered financial forecasts and projected demand to ensure the most vulnerable people in society continue to receive the highest level of support possible in the future. The council also continues to develop new and innovative ways to deliver services and make further savings. This includes using digital technology to improve efficiency and ensuring health and social care services working better together to improve access for the people that need help. These programmes will support the authority as it seeks to make savings of £56 million by 2021.
- Suffolk is chosen as one of only 10 pilot areas to retain 100% of business rates - on 20 December 2017, the amount of money allocated to each Local Authority in England for the next financial year was announced by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Sajid Javid. As part of the announcement, Suffolk County Council was named as one of the pilot areas for a new Government scheme to retain 100% of business rates from Council Tax in 2018/19. In future, Business Rates will be an even greater income stream for all local authorities.
- Additional £21 million to resurface and repair Suffolk's roads - On 15 January 2018, Suffolk County Council announced new plans to invest an additional £21 million in resurfacing and repairing the county's roads in the next three years. The plans will see 1,000 miles of roads in Suffolk resurfaced by March 2021, a quarter of all the roads that Suffolk County Council is responsible for. This is a commitment made in the council's Our Priorities report published in 2017. This investment will improve the quality of roads, reduce the number of potholes and enhance the experience of Suffolk's road users. It also makes sound financial sense as preventing deterioration will avoid the need to spend more money on reactive maintenance over the same period and in future years. Over 227 miles of Suffolk roads were surface



dressed or machined surfaced during the summer of 2017. The funding will boost Suffolk Highways' road maintenance and improvement spending in 2018/19 alone by 21% - £40 million in total. The extra money will be allocated to roads and infrastructure where there is the greatest need. These works will be planned carefully to make the most of the warmer summer weather when surface dressing needs to be done and conditions are the best for machine surfacing. This work will be fully coordinated to reduce the impact on road users. **A reminder:** You can access up-to-date information about roadworks, road and street closures and how they affect you, as well as information about road improvements projects in Suffolk. The interactive map can be found at [www.suffolk.roadworks.org](http://www.suffolk.roadworks.org)

- Revised GCSE and A Level results reflect progress of Suffolk students - the Department for Education published revised GCSE and A Level results on 25 January 2018. The validated figures confirm that 3% more students in Suffolk are achieving the expected standards in English and Maths at GCSE compared with last year. 63.1% of students in the county are achieving the expected standard in English and Maths and Suffolk has closed the gap to national to less than 1%. Suffolk has also risen by 26 places in national league tables for this measure, to 83rd out of 151 authorities. The county has risen 5 places in national rankings for the percentage of students achieving the English Baccalaureate. The Revised A Level figures confirm that Suffolk pupils have once again performed well with the General Applied entry and Tech Level entries remaining above the national average figures. Since the launch of the council's Raising the Bar programme in 2012, Suffolk has risen 59 places in national rankings for GCSE attainment in English and Maths. 87% of schools in Suffolk are judged by Ofsted to be 'Good' or 'Outstanding'.
- New Chief Executive for Suffolk County Council - In March 2018, Nicola Beach was appointed as Suffolk County Council's new Chief Executive. Nicola, who is currently Executive Director of Infrastructure and Environment at Essex County Council, will take up her new role this summer. She was appointed due to the wealth of experience she has in local government, having been Chief Executive at Braintree District Council before joining Essex County Council, and having held various other roles in authorities across the East of England.
- More than 94% of Suffolk children offered first choice of primary school - Suffolk's primary school admission figures released on 16 April show that 94.6% or 7,435 children have been offered a reception place for September 2018 at their parents' preferred school, with 98.8% offered one of their three preferences. 0.6% more children received their first preference this year than last year. Suffolk County Council received a total of 7,544 applications for a place in the Reception year from parents outlining which school they would prefer their children to be educated at from September 2018. 98.4% of pupils moving to a junior school have secured their first preference place with 99.68% being offered one of their three choices. The number of people choosing to submit an application online has increased from 93% to more than 94%.
- Over 6,500 potholes repaired in Suffolk since January - Suffolk has seen over 6,500 potholes repaired since 1 January 2018; with a further 950 scheduled over coming weeks as the county council continues its war on potholes. Since the start of 2018, Suffolk Highways has received approximately 9,500 pothole reports from members of the public, some of which are duplicates. This is double the number received during the same period last year; demonstrating the impact that the severe winter has had on the county's road surface. Suffolk Highways has made some significant steps forward to deal with the high volume of reports. Additional gangs have been brought in to undertake pothole and road repairs across the county, different materials are being used and existing resources are being diverted to help deal with the backlog of reports. Also, a new approach is being trialled where areas with particularly high volumes of reports are 'blitzed'. This means that inspectors are visiting areas with high concentrations of potholes, many of which are at varying degrees of severity, and ordering repairs for all defects as long as they meet Suffolk Highways' repairs criteria. They're then dealt with all at the same time. Most of the work is then picked up in a co-ordinated approach, with gangs working their way through streets, rather than works being scheduled based on size and required response time. The exception to this is where the location of the defect means complex traffic management is required, such as busy roads or junctions. The



first area addressed was Haverhill where there were over 70 reports of potholes, which resulted in approximately 50 works being ordered. Inspections have also been completed in Bury St Edmunds (60 reports), Withersfield (40), Hundon (30), Newmarket (30) and Pakenham (30). Gangs are currently focused on completing work in Bury St Edmunds and the other locations are currently being scheduled for coming days and weeks. On 5 March, Suffolk Highways also begun trialling a new approach using a machine called a 'Roadmender'. The Roadmender is a highways vehicle with an asphalt mixer on the back. It works by keeping the material at a consistent and ideal temperature for compaction and only uses the quantities needed, limiting any waste material. This is an alternative treatment technique and the results are currently being analysed. In addition to this, on 19 April 2018 Suffolk Highways' surface dressing programme began with the first of 360 sites. The first step of the programme is to undertake road repairs and preparation work which will include repairing potholes. Once the 2018/19 surface dressing programme is complete, approximately 250 miles of road will have been treated. Surface dressing involves laying stone onto a binding substance and is carried out between April and September. Surface dressing is a treatment that minimises disruption to road users, local businesses and emergency services. It also improves skidding resistance, helps to make the road waterproof, protects against frost and water damage and is cost-effective normally lasting between 6 to 12 years. Suffolk Highways will continue to routinely inspect the county's roads, from once a month for mains roads, through to once a year for more rural, less used roads. These safety inspections will pick up every defect that meets the intervention level as set out by Suffolk Highways.

- Funding for first time central heating systems available - A reminder that up to 100% funding is available to install first time central heating systems in Suffolk residents' homes. This funding from National Grid's Warm Homes Fund has been secured by Suffolk County Council and the district and borough councils to help more than 500 fuel poor households in Suffolk over the next three years. In Suffolk there are still a large number of houses that do not have a central heating system with a boiler and radiators. Cold homes are not just uncomfortable to live in, they can also have a negative effect on health. Residents must own their property or be privately renting (i.e. not a council house or housing association property) and must not have an existing central heating system (a boiler and radiators). Eligibility criteria apply and may be linked to income. For more information see [www.greensuffolk.org/whf](http://www.greensuffolk.org/whf)
- Police and Crime Commissioner Public Meetings and On-Tour Events - The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has now confirmed dates for his 2018 series of Public Meetings and on-tour events, to be held in each of the seven district/borough areas across the County. The Chief Constable, Deputy Chief Constable or Assistant Chief Constable will join the PCC at each of the public meetings. The on-tour events will involve the PCC and the Chief Constable. Dates, times and venues are listed below, starting with Ipswich on 10 May, and can also be viewed on the PCC's website: <http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/>
- Highways - Highways continues to dominate the majority of the issues which I have to deal with. Including potholes, visibility issues, street cleaning, signs, HGVs, flooding and misuse of the bridge. There is no longer a central budget for local safety schemes and therefore my highways locality budget has to contribute towards this scheme along with any other funding which can be raised. I only receive £6,666 per annum which has to cover all 18 parishes in the division and the works are not cheap so it doesn't go very far. It is therefore important that parishes prioritise issues which they would like to deal with. As a reminder if you come across a highway issue it is best to use the highway reporting tool which is on the Suffolk County Council website, if you have photographs this greatly assists with inspecting the issue. The website allows for a report to be tracked as it provides you with a report number. If at any time you feel that you are not getting anywhere with an issue, please do contact me and I will try to expedite it.

Parish Cllr. Quayle stated that it was disappointing that no meeting had been held with Rougham Highways Department as promised. County Cllr. Hopfensperger stated that due to continuous processes and scheduled works for the summer this will now take place in the autumn. Cllr.



Hopfensperger indicated that she had assisted Great Barton Parish Council and had commissioned a safety review in Great Barton which will feed into Fordham St Martin. Issue with the sewage water pipes laid down Barton Hill.

6. To receive a report from the Bury St Edmunds Safer Neighbourhood Team – due to changes with Policing in Suffolk following the Policing Review, the meeting was reminded that policing now followed a new format in which officers were tasked with specific responsibilities. The Bury St Edmunds Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) area consists of 53 parishes and 9 town wards. The reports uploaded onto the Bury St Edmunds SNT website covered issues that affected both the urban and rural communities all situated within the catchment of St Edmundsbury District Council.

Copies of monthly reports alongside other items covering policing in the Bury St Edmundsbury SNT can be accessed via a link from the Parish website:

<http://fornhamallsaints.suffolk.cloud/organisations/policing-for-fornham-all-saints/> - the report for May 2018 is at the end of the minutes as an example.

7. To receive a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 2017/2018 – the Chair of the Parish Council, Howard Quayle, submitted his report which is repeated below:

Welcome to this Annual Parish Meeting, and thank you all for your interest in village matters during the last twelve months. As always, the Parish Council is there to help with local issues, both straightforward and complex, although increasingly these can be handled through on-line reporting programmes, such as HGV violations of restricted roads through the village, which (I am happy to say) many people are now using successfully.

First, my sincere “Thank You’s” to my councillor colleagues for their support and for the hard work they have put in on their portfolios during the last twelve months. Gary Clark-Ward, having worked on the village website over the last three years, has sadly now stood down from this portfolio, although remaining as a councillor, and we will be looking to replace Gary in this role as soon as possible. Local government rules dictate that these parish council websites are mandatory, not optional, and I hope that you will help us shape this site as the No.1 source of village information. For the moment, this sits alongside the “Village Voice” magazine, but eventually we will need to take a long look at this, as hard-copy publishing is beginning to prove expensive.

Mention of the magazine is a reminder that Tony and Jill Mayhew took over the editorship in December 2017, and we should thank them for volunteering to take over this responsibility.

Back to “The Team”: there have been a number of arrivals and departures in the last twelve months. Wendy Braithwaite resigned last September, due to work commitments, and was replaced by Jill Mayhew, who has lived in the village for a number of years and who attended most council meetings as a member of the public. Earlier this year, Livvy Dawson stood down, for personal reasons, resulting in the current vacancy. My thanks to both Wendy and Livvy for their contributions to the work and deliberations of this council during their periods of office.

As always, our thanks to Beccy Hopfensperger for generally supporting the village in her roles as both County and Borough Councillor. At the borough level, new challenges await her, as, by 2019, St Edmundsbury will probably have disappeared, as will Forest Heath, with both authorities scheduled to merge as West Suffolk District Council. Many thanks also to our Parish Clerk, who continues unflinching to provide us with good paperwork, sound advice, and updates on impending legislation which may affect our work – in this respect, I repeat the comment I made last year, that parish councillors today have to take a more professional approach to the job than ever before, particularly in the area of internet and IT skills.

Last year, I commented on the Marham Park Housing development and its potential impact on our village, although all the housing, as well as the new link road, is no longer in Fornham All Saints parish. Our boundary now runs along the north-west side of the link road, thus ensuring that the remaining farmland and the country park/Open Access land remain in our parish. We hope that this will contribute to the continuing “villageness” of Fornham All Saints. In the last few weeks, the council has been advised that another planning application for nearly 200 houses is



likely to be submitted shortly, effectively only leaving four “zones” to be developed. Thus the final shaping of Marham Park is almost there, and having spent some time looking round the site, I have to say that there are some striking house designs, surrounded by an impressive amount of new planting and landscaping. The main developers – Countryside Properties – have a very good track record in this respect.

If the housing side of Marham Park has been a success story, the same cannot be said about supporting road infrastructure and the “head in the sand” attitude of local authorities, particularly Suffolk Highways. On one positive note, the link road through the development is forecast to open in its entirety in January 2019, together with the new road layout by Bury Golf Club’s 9-hole course, which will bring some relief to the long-suffering residents of Tut Hill.

That’s the good news.... now the bad news. Despite S106 funding having been provided by Countryside Properties for the upgrading of the Tollgate traffic lights and junction, and for the construction of a middle lane allowing a right turn into Oliver Road from Newmarket Road, no work has been started.... and this despite new residents moving into Marham Park homes since December last year. A meeting in February with Steve Merry, a senior Suffolk Highways Manager, demonstrated a lamentable lack of knowledge about the road network in the village, and even worse, absolutely no strategy from his side about how traffic on Tut Hill can be handled or dealt with, once the Marham Park link road is opened. How can these officers justify their salaries? The excellent meeting on 3 March, outlining the work and views of the Transport Advisory Group, was attended by 36 villagers, despite the heavy snow, and demonstrated the very real concerns felt by people about the way in which traffic levels are strangling Fornham All Saints. Despite invitations to our elected representatives to attend this key meeting, neither was there, and neither has a long-promised meeting with Suffolk Highways, to understand their operating processes, materialized. All very disappointing, especially in view of the massive amount of work being carried out on village transport matters. I continue to hold my view, that Suffolk Highways is a body not fit for purpose and which should be overhauled particularly in respect of its lamentable management.

The West Suffolk Operational Hub was finally approved in November last year, despite much opposition and some very credible alternatives to the site at Hall Farm, Fornham St Martin. However, the Chairmen of Great Barton, FSM, and FAS parish councils are now on the Community Liaison Group team, so that at least we are involved in both the construction and operational phases. Just for the record, the costs of the project (shared between SEBC, FHDC, and SCC) have risen from an estimated £28.4m in 2015 to £32.0m today, and we would not expect to see this increase further. My own view is that, although the design of the Hub is now finalised, there is still scope for road improvements in the vicinity, enabling visibility, capacity, and safety to be improved. We will continue to monitor Hub traffic and any impact on our village.

You also need to be aware that some ward boundaries in the borough have been proposed for change – and I would emphasize that this covers ward boundaries and not parish boundaries, the latter being unaffected. One of the proposed changes is the creation of what I call a “super – ward”, combining Great Barton and the two Fornhams into a single entity. We understand some of the reasoning behind this, but oppose this change for a variety of reasons – mainly the loss of a single councillor for the Fornhams, and the belief that, if the Fornhams need to be combined with other councils into a single ward, it should be with neighbouring villages in the Lark Valley area. We have concluded that this proposed change has not been fully thought through, and are also disappointed that this was not communicated to us prior to the plan’s publication.

Fornham All Saints is one of the few villages in Suffolk without a defibrillator installed at a central point. This is now being dealt with, through an application to Big Lottery Fund for finance and through acquiring the existing phone kiosk for the usual £1, as a good place to house the device. It is now nearly two years since a proposal was made to install one of these potentially life-saving devices in the village, and it is critical that this project proceeds without further delays. We must have the device in place and working when this report is made next year.

For your information, the Precept for this financial year (2018-2019) has been set at £21,296 – up from £20,006 the previous year. This is a much smaller increase than in previous years. A Band



D property will now pay £67.27 per annum (£1.29 per week), and we hope that you agree that this is still value for money. As in previous years, I would like to thank my fellow councillors for all the support they have given to the village over the last twelve months, and can assure our parishioners that we will always try to look after this lovely village to the best of our ability.

- 8 To receive and consider the reports and accounts of the Village Organisations and non-ecclesiastical Charities:
- (a) Fornham All Saints Community Council – the Chair of the Community Council presented the financial report on behalf of the Committee which can be seen at Appendix A.  
The Chair of the FAS Community Council stated that the centre was busy most weekends; football pitch regularly used and the Centre has been approached for hiring by firms as it now had Wi-Fi. New curtains would be the next possible item to be purchased.
  - (b) The Village Hall Management Committee – the Chairman presented the financial report on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 which can be seen at Appendix B.  
The Chair informed the meeting that income from lettings was slightly down on 2016 whereas miscellaneous income is shown as improved but this includes £1465.00 from donations specifically for the new fence to the rear and side of the Hall. Expenditure is almost identical to last year with the biggest expense being the work done to make the collapsed ceiling safe. Overall there was an operating profit of £370.00. Quotations have been obtained totalling some £8000.00 for the replacement of the ceiling and for the upgrading of the heating in the building. Applications have been made for grants from various sources to undertake this work. It is hoped that the work will commence early in August 2018.
  - (c) Fornham All Saints Cemetery Trust – the Chairman presented the financial report on behalf of the Cemetery Trust for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 which can be seen at Appendix C.
  - (d) Fornham All Saints Charities – the Clerk presented the Annual Report for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – a copy of which can be seen at Appendix D.  
Noted that allotments were well used currently only 2 vacancies with 4 on the waiting list. During the past year one allotment has been removed from a tenant due to non maintenance and one is on last warning. Allotment projects for coming year – fencing / hedging; side road leading up to middle gate and locks for both gates on the Community Centre side to deter dog owners from using the allotment.
- 9 To receive issues from the members of the Public present – the following issues were raised by the members of the public present
- Concern about size of trees on Round Meadow – trees alongside the road, could they be trimmed back as they were impacting on light and view of the surrounding properties – County Cllr. Hopfensperger agreed to investigate this issue and report back.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.32pm.



Fornham All Saints Community Council  
Receipts & Payment Accounts Year Ended September 2017

Receipts 2017

Hire of Hall/Football Club	£ 11,659.00
Recycling	£ 926.64
Car Boots	£ 1,705.00
Sale Trail & Teddy Bears picnic	£ 335.00
Parish Council	£ 280.00
Table Top Sale	£ 201.50
Bank Interest	£ 5.20
	£ 15,112.34

Payments 2017

Electricity & Water	£ 4,492.55
Boiler	£ 361.20
BT Broadband	£ 2,896.37
Computer Group	£ 500.00
Electric Work	£ 1,732.00
Insurance Membership	£ 562.12
Parish Council	£ 280.00
Hall Decorating	£ 1,220.00
Donations	£ 80.00
Hall Expenses	£ 1,075.50
Recreation Ground	£ 1,300.00
	£ 14,499.74

Excess of receipts over payments	£ 612.60
Bank Balance B/forward	£ 28,484.53
Bank Balance C/forward	£ 29,097.13
Instant Access Account	£ 20,747.66
Treasurers Account	£ 8,349.47



# FORNHAM ALL SAINTS VILLAGE HALL

**Financial Statement Year End:- 30th December 2017**

<u>2016</u>			<u>2017</u>
£9,180.78	<b><u>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</u></b>	a	£9,063.18
	<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
£1,836.00	<u>Income from Lettings</u>		£1,962.00
£24.00	Less Payments outstanding		£72.00
£188.00	Add Payments due from previous year		£24.00
<b>£2,000.00</b>		b	<b>£1,914.00</b>
	<u>Miscellaneous Income</u>		
£17.00	Chair Hire	39.00	
£233.00	Electricity Meters	268.00	
£90.00	Sale of old chairs		
£158.00	Car Boot 10 June	146.50	
£61.00	Barbeque 7/8 Aug		
£178.00	Car Boot 16 Jul	114.45	
£196.78	Car Boot 13 Aug	216.90	
£280.00	FASPC - LG (MP) Act 1976 s19	280.00	
£795.00	C.C. Donation Scarecrow Festival		
	Beccy H - Fence contribution	1165.82	
	A & M Johnson Donation for fence	300.00	
£300.00	Friends Donation	316.00	
£300.00	Open Gardens / Fundraiser	335.00	c
£1.92	Interest on Saver Account		d
<b>£4,610.70</b>	<b><u>NET INCOME</u></b>	b+c+d	<b>£5,096.34</b>
	<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
	<u>Utilities</u>		
	281.02 Eon Electric	£356.06	
	66.60 Anglian Water	£119.30	
£445.12	97.50 St Eds BC Waste	£99.84	£575.20
£2,200.40	Maintenance		£3,646.20
£193.97	Cleaning		
£1,479.58	Purchases & Stationery		£80.04
£409.22	Insurance		£424.13
<b>£4,728.29</b>	<b><u>NET EXPENDITURE</u></b>		<b>£4,725.57</b>
<b>-£117.59</b>	<b><u>NET PROFIT / LOSS</u></b>	e-e*-f	<b>£370.77</b>
£9,063.19	<b><u>NET VALUE</u></b>	a+g	<b>£9,433.95</b>
	<b><u>CASH AT BANK &amp; AT HAND</u></b>		
£5,167.71	Barclays Community Account		£5,515.91
£3,828.80	Barclays Saver Account		£3,829.47
£66.67	Petty Cash at Hand		£88.57
<b>£9,063.18</b>	<b><u>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</u></b>		<b>£9,433.95</b>



**SUMMARY OF LETTINGS**

<b><u>2015</u></b>				<b><u>2016</u></b>		
£102.00	34	£3.00	Special	£3.00	33	£99.00
£160.00	20	£8.00	Special	£8.00	1	£8.00
			Special	£10.00	27	£270.00
			Special	£12.00	1	£12.00
£48.00	3	£16.00	Standard Morning	£16.00	0	£0.00
			Standard Morning	£18.00	2	£36.00
£96.00	6	£16.00	Standard Afternoon	£16.00	0	£0.00
			Standard Afternoon	£18.00	7	£126.00
			Special	£20.00	1	£20.00
			Special	£25.00	1	£25.00
£1,120.00	70	£16.00	Standard Evening	£16.00	6	£96.00
			Standard Evening	£18.00	50	£900.00
£230.00	2		All Day Hire - Election	£125.00	2	£250.00
	23	£0.00	F.O.C. To Friends	£0.00	48	
£80.00	5		Pre-paid NFOPens & NOS		6	£120.00
<b>£1,836.00</b>	<b>163</b>		<b>TOTAL INCOME FROM LETTINGS</b>		<b>185</b>	<b>£1,962.00</b>

**LETTINGS INCOME PER MONTH**

January	131.00
February	88.00
March	112.00
April	216.00
May	404.00
June	198.00
July	80.00
August	49.00
September	153.00
October	183.00
November	104.00
December	124.00
	<b>£1,842.00</b>

Average Month                      £153.50

**NOTE**                      Maintenance includes a sum of £1,596.51 for work to remove the ceiling and make good. Also for the fence covered by the contribution from Beccy Hopfensburger.



# Fornham All Saints Cemetery Accounts

## Report for year ended 31st December 2017

### Income and expenditure account

		<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Burials	FAS Residents	1,750	500
	Non Residents	3,750	3,750
	Memorials and other income (reservations and ashes)	2,810	1,385
	COIF Deposit Ac Interest	29	80
	COIF Investment Dividends	2,099	1,788
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u><b>10,439</b></u>	<u><b>7,503</b></u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
M Mizon	Hon	975	950
	Mower Repairs	0	170
	Fuel	38	40
	Insurance	262	254
Other	Bench	471	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<u><b>1,746</b></u>	<u><b>1,414</b></u>
<b>SURPLUS in YEAR</b>		<u><b>8,693</b></u>	<u><b>6,089</b></u>



**FORNHAM ALL SAINTS CHARITIES****(Registered Charity No 212682)**

RBS Account No: 10000833

Receipts and Payments for the year ending 30 April 2018

**Receipts**

Balance at bank 30 April 2017	£2,284.31
New Allotment rents 2017-2018	£17.63
Allotment rents 2018	£968.56
Deposits on New Tenancies	£51.50
R. C. Browne & Son - Charity land rent	£1,322.00
R. C. Browne & Son - Shooting Rights	£10.00
Fornham All Saints Community Council Rent	£280.00
EDF/Wayleave	£54.59
Interest added on account	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£2,704.28</b>

**Payments**

Anglian Water - Water Supply	£280.89
Total of awards made to applicants for Charity Fund 2017-2018	£2,100.00
Refund of deposit	£36.55
Works to the Allotments - Misc.	
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£2,417.44</b>

Cash Book Total £2,571.15

Bank Balance - As per statement 10 - 30 April 2018 £2,581.83

Add unbanked deposits

Less unrepresented cheques £10.68

Bank Balance to reconcile with Bank Statement 30 April 2018 £2,571.15

From the receipts shown, I certify these details to be correct

*Victoria S Waples*Clerk to the Council  
on behalf of the Trustees**Deposits Held**

26.00	2008-09
83.00	2009-10
73.00	2010-11
0.00	2011-12
36.00	2012-13
60.00	2014-15
63.00	2016-17
41.00	2017-18
<b>382.00</b>	



May 2018

# Newsletter

## BURY ST EDMUNDS

### RESPOND

Police in Bury St Edmunds are currently investigating a series of Exposure offences that have taken place in the area of Moreton Hall. Offences have occurred on the 29th March, 22nd April, 3rd May and 6th May in the late afternoon. The offender is sometimes using a black and white bike and is described as either mixed race or tanned skinned male, aged late 20's to early 30's and short dark brown hair. Any witnesses or anyone with information are urged to come forward.

### MAKING YOUR COMMUNITY SAFER

The SNT have attended a number of initiatives over the past month giving crime prevention advice and reassurance at different venues. PCSO Pooley attended a Fraud awareness day at Barclays bank, offering advice on keeping your bank account and personal finances safe. PCSO Howell attended Beetons Lodge, offering advice on personal safety and security. PCSO Chivers attended the first 'Meet up Monday' event at The Boosch Bar, a new initiative set up to lend a friendly ear to anyone vulnerable, lonely or even new to the area.

### PREVENTING, REDUCING AND SOLVING CRIME AND ASB

PC Fox has investigated a series of three theft of peddle cycles that were left insecure outside one of our town Upper schools. Having reviewed the CCTV, the suspects were identified and offenders have all been caught. Each of the stolen bikes have been recovered and reunited with their rightful owners. Please remember bike security - record your bikes serial number, and please lock your bike even when left for short periods outside a shop or school.

### THIS SNT COVERS THE FOLLOWING PARISHES

Bardwell, Barnham, Barningham, Barrow, Bradfields & Stanningfield, BuryStEdmunds, Coney Weston, Culford, Denham, Euston, Fakenham Magna, Flempton, Fornhams, Great Barton, Livermeres, Whelnethams, Hengrave, Hepworth, Honington, Hopton, Horringer, Ickworth, Ingham, Isworth, Isworth Thorpe, Knettishall, Lackford, Market Weston, Nowton, Pakenham, Risby, Rushbrooke Rougham, Sapiston, Stanton, Saxhams, Thelnetham, Timworth, Troston, West Stow, Westley and Wordwell

### INSPECTOR MATT DEE



### FUTURE EVENTS

The future events that your SNT are involved in, and will give you an opportunity to chat to them to raise your concerns are:

- 9th May - Great Whelnetham Parish meeting
- 10th May - Fornahm St Martin Parish meeting
- 13th May - South Suffolk Show
- 14th May - Meet Up Mondays at The Boosch Bar, BSE
- 14th May - Lackford Annual Parish meeting
- 17th May - Saxhams Parish meeting
- 23rd May - Town Council Annual meeting