

Draft Minutes from Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 13th August 2024, 18:30, Fornham All Saints Community Centre

These draft minutes will be approved at the Parish Council Meeting on 17th September.

Present:

Cllr Martin Loveridge (ML) (Chair), Cllr Cathy Emerson (CE) (Vice Chair) and Cllrs Jill Mayhew (JM), Don Lynch (DL), Derek Brown (DB), David Surman (DS) and Richard Nicholls (RN).

Clerk Justin Hook (JH), and 3 members of the public.

Agenda Items

1. Chairman's welcome, opening remarks and to receive apologies for absence
ML explained need to call extraordinary meeting to discuss planning as extension was not granted to allow discussion at September meeting.
Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Mat Stewart, County Cllr Rebecca Hopfensberger and District Cllr Sarah Broughton.
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. Public open session up to 15 minutes - questions and issues on matters arising from the agenda and from the village

Resident Question 1: What is happening re: golf balls in Pigeon Lane?

A resident of Pigeon Lane has raised the issue of golf ball safety and sought legal advice against All Saints Hotel (AS) following the removal of safety netting/fencing at the rear of their property.

There has been ongoing dialogue between the resident, AS and the PC.

AS has now submitted planning application to reinstate netting/fencing as per the original permissions. The PC has questions relating to efficacy if golf course layout has since been amended. Awaiting detail once the planning application is available on the portal.

Resident has suspended litigation, on basis planning application has been actioned.

RN Question: Is this a PC issue, and what is the PC's objective ?

CE: The PC has been asked by residents to assist and is helping mediate between AS and affected parties.

ML: suggested liaising with residents of Pigeon Lane, inviting them to attend September PC meeting where the planning application can be discussed fully and ensure plan in place to follow up planning application.

ACTION: JH to add golf ball safety discussion to September agenda.

Resident Question 2: What is happening with the overgrown (often impassable) Lark Valley path?

CE has been liaising with SCC Rights of Way (RoW) team and confirms we are one of only two paths that get 3 cuts per year. Cut to 1.5m, the stinging nettles do still fall back over. Some fallen fences also.

CE following up on fallen fences and has received a quote of £200 for an extra cut from Fornham to Hengrave.

Question over whether RoW team actually have cut 1.5m - photo evidence would be required so that PC can follow up with RoW/contractor.

CE updated re: path repairs - still waiting on finance to come through in order to complete works.

ACTION: JH to add to potential extra cut to the Lark Valley path to September agenda. RN to lead on this item for September meeting.

4. Planning:

i. **DC/24/0538/FUL**

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

Planning application - two pickleball courts and two tennis courts

Some concerns raised over closeness to properties and potential for noise inconvenience and disturbance. Application states no lighting, which ought be included as a constraint. Council liked that facilities would be available to residents, but also suggested there ought be restricted hours of play, much like the ongoing discussions for the outdoor gym.

It was noted that the two neighbouring properties disappointingly were not notified by WSC.

JM proposed to approve, ML seconded, 3 in favour, 2 object, proposal carried.

5. Finance update

- i. ML proposed to approve payment of the Clerks base salary by Standing Order, in arrears and on the 1st of each month. Extra hours where appropriate to be approved and paid as an additional payment. CE seconded, unanimous decision.

6. Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th September 2024, commencing at 18:30 in the Community Centre (unless planning meeting required in August)

Meeting closed 18.57

..... Sign & date

..... Print name

Chairman

Signed as confirmation that they are a true record.