

## **FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the additional Parish Council Meeting of Fornham All Saints Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 6.00pm in Fornham All Saints Village Hall.

### **Members Present:**

**Mr Howard Quayle – Chairman**  
**Mr Michael Guest**

**Mr Paul Purnell**  
**Mr Bernard Grimshaw**

**With Mrs Victoria Waples (Clerk) in attendance and 2 members of the public.**

- 1038 OPENING STATEMENT – a statement was read out indicating, that in accordance with changes in legislation, the public and councillors were permitted to film, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of the meeting.  
*A full transcript of the statement is available from the Clerk upon request.*
- 1039 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- i. Apologies of absence were received from Cllrs. Braithwaite, Clark-Ward, Gathercole and Hodder due to prior commitments.
  - ii. Council consented to accept these apologies.
- 1040 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTEREST
- i. Cllr. Guest declared a pecuniary interest under Agenda Item 9 and took no part in the discussion or vote that ensued with regards to Financial Matters. Cllr. Purnell declared a Local Non Pecuniary Interest as Member of the Village Hall Committee. There were no other pecuniary or local non pecuniary interests for the agenda under discussion.
  - ii. There were no disclosures of gifts of hospitality exceeding £25.
  - iii. There were no requests for dispensations with regards to the Agenda under discussion.
- 1041 MINUTES – approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 would be considered at the next full Parish Council Meeting scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016.
- 1042 PUBLIC FORUM – a member of the public expressed concern at the number of trees that were being proposed for removal under 7c. Concern was expressed at the length of time that would be taken to rejuvenate the area and the proximity of trees being planting to neighbouring properties. The Chairman reiterated that members of the public and neighbouring properties had the right to voice their concerns and make their own observations to the Planning Department over all applications that might affect them.
- 1043 REPORTS ON URGENT VILLAGE MATTERS COMING FORTH –
- i. Bench next to Bus Shelter on Pound Meadow – the Clerk was informed that one of the poplars inside the boundary fence of Fornham Park Golf Club and opposite Pound Meadow had toppled over, blocking the B1106. Whilst it was confirmed that there were no injuries or damage to passing cars it had totally demolished the wooden seat sited next to the bus shelter. The Clerk confirmed that this bench was not on the Council's Asset Register and as such no claim could be submitted to the Council's insurers. It was agreed that Cllr. Purnell would investigate as to whether the bench could actually be repaired. Council would consider this report at the next full Parish Council Meeting.
- 1044 REPORTS ON URGENT FINANCIAL MATTERS COMING FORTH – the Chairman passed the Clerk a hard copy of the invoice for the production of the latest Newsletter.
- 1045 PLANNING MATTERS
- i. To receive and comment upon the following planning application:
    - a) Planning application: DC/16/0048/TCA – trees in a conservation area notification – Willow Tree – remove @ 28 Hengrave Road.  
Council was in agreement that this tree was of low amenity value and agreed to support the proposal, aif.

Signed by the Chairman at the meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016

- b) Planning application: DC/16/0068/HH – erection of single garage with integral door to existing garage @ Newlands, The Street.  
Council was in agreement that the proposal would have no detrimental impact to either the street scene or residential amenities enjoyed by neighbouring properties and agree to support the proposal, aif.
- c) Planning application: DC/16/0079/TCA – trees in a conservation area notification – i) fell 3 No Hawthorn; 1 No Box; 8 No Cypress; 1 No Oak; 4 No Fruit; 4 No Laburnum; 1 No Horse Chestnut; 1 No Maple; 21 No Prunus; 1 No Elder; 1 No Hazel; 1 No Acacia; 2 No Buddleja; 2 No Holly’ 2 No Pine; 2 No Goat Willow; 4 No Silver Birch; 1 No Philadelphus ii) 5 No Yew Trees – crown lift to 1.8 metres. Includes removal of any dead wood @ Old Rectory, The Green.  
Whilst it was acknowledged that a large number of trees were being removed and that in the short term would be unsightly, it was noted that the intention was to provide new and appropriate planting for the garden which would include 100 no. new native trees and shrubs. Following debate the Council voted by 3:1 in favour of supporting the application.
- d) Planning application: DC/16/0121/TPO – TP0027 (1976)9 – Tree Preservation Order Application – 1 No Willow Tree – 30% crown reduction @ 28 Hengrave Road.  
Council was in agreement that the proposal was in keeping as the tree had grown rather tall and the work to be carried out would be of benefit, aif.

1046 URGENT REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS –

- i. Cllr. Guest enquired whether the Community Centre and/or the Parish Council could consider erecting fencing around the Children’s Play area on the Community Centre Grounds given the number of dogs now being allowed to run free in this area. It was agreed that Cllr. Purnell would take the request to the Community Council for consideration once he had obtained quotations and that the Chairman would source funding streams.

1047 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.42pm.