

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fornham All Saints Parish Council held virtually on Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 6.30pm

Members Present:

Cllr. Liz Hodder – Chairman
Cllr. Paul Purnell
Cllr. Matt Stewart
Cllr Don Lynch

Cllr Jill Mahew
Cllr. Enid Gathercole – Vice Chair
Cllr Cathy Emerson
Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker

In attendance: County & District Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger, Mrs Christine Mason (Clerk) and four members of the public.

OPENING STATEMENT – a statement was read out indicating, that in accordance with changes in legislation, the public, councillors, and press may record, film, photograph, or broadcast at the meeting when the public and press are not lawfully excluded.

16/03/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence – all present.

16/03/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To receive disclosures of pecuniary and local non pecuniary interests for the agenda under discussion - none received at this point in the meeting. Refer to agenda items 10 and 12.
To receive disclosures of gifts of hospitality exceeding £25 – none received.
To consider requests for dispensations – none received.

16/03/3 MINUTES

To approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday 19th January 2021.
Proposed by Cllr Enid Gathercole, seconded by Cllr Jill Mayhew that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th January 2021 are adopted as a true statement. The Chair to sign the minutes at a later date.

16/03/4 PUBLIC FORUM

To receive questions and issues raised by the Public on matters relating to the agenda under discussion and matters relating to the village.
Matters raised included the proposal for a new footpath, a suggestion that the name of the public open space be Tut Hill Park, the need for investment for a footpath along the A1101 from Fornham to Hengrave, location of the parish archives relating to Fornham All Saints.

16/03/5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hopfensperger's February's report was previously circulated and noted. Other than a question relating to the village sign, all outstanding points have been answered.
EV points, the Parish Council to investigate whether they are eligible for a grant prior to making any suggestions on potential locations; a notice to be put in VV relating to parking on the village green; cars causing an obstruction in Dairy Drive, Cllr Gathercole to liaise with RH,

16/03/6 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS RELATING TO PORTFOLIOS HELD

Cllr Don Lynch: Continuing to engage with matters relating to Highways, in particular the volume, speed and safety issues in the village.
Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker: Together with Risby PC, the Quiet Lane Suffolk is progressing. Cost to implement the scheme is minimal. Following formal support by the Parish Council (approved) it will be publicised in VV, on the website and Face Book.
Cllr Enid Gathercole: Information on the Scion tree initiative to be circulated. Meeting arranged to progress swift boxes. As unsafe, the football cabin is to be demolished and replaced with a new one. Locks to the gate have been changed.
Cllr Jill Mayhew: Two advertisers have dropped out, two have signed up. Due to Covid restrictions, the Rural Coffee Caravan will be up and running again in June.

Cllr Cathy Emerson: No new licensee for The Three Kings, the brewery is actively recruiting. River Lark meeting with Jo Churchill deferred from 19th to the 27th. Site visit to Anglian Water planned.

Cllr Paul Purnell: The quotation received to repair the matting at the play area is prohibitive. Further costs to be sought.

Cllr Matt Stewart: All covered in the report. The failed tree and hedge planting to take place from 8th March up to the end of the month.

Cllr Liz Hodder: All covered in the report.

Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger joined the meeting: Work to move the village sign to be progressed after the May elections. In relation to a footpath connecting Fornham All Saints to Hengrave, it was suggested councillors look at ways of connecting the two villages in a more sustainable way, such as cycle lanes. Cllr Hopfensperger to send details of the Active Travel Charter.

16/03/7 CLERK'S REPORT

The website now completely updated. Articles to be sent to the clerk in PDF form. Three vacant allotment plots have been let and a waiting list has been set up.

16/03/8 FINANCE MATTERS

To retrospectively approve payments as per the list.

Proposed by Cllr Enid Gathercole, seconded by Cllr Jill Mayhew that the payments as scheduled be approved.

Parish Council Account				
February	C Mason	Clerk's salary	1771	361.60
	Litter picker	Salary	1772	199.99
	JRB Enterprises	Dog poo bags	1773	63.96
	Tenant	Allotment deposit refund	1774	10.00
	Liz Hodder	Reimbursement for printer	1775	58.32
	Greener Growth	To be reimbursed from locality grant	1776	612.00
	SALC	Payroll	1777	54.00
	SALC	Training	1778	324.00
March	Liz Hodder	Reimbursement for printer vat	1780	11.66
Approved at the meeting	C Mason	Clerk's salary	1781	361.60
	Litter picker	Salary	1782	199.99

Gold Deposit + Current Account
Less outstanding cheques
Balance

£36,932.67
£1,431.58
£35,501.09

To receive a report on the village magazine revenue and outstanding debts since the last meeting
Treasurers Account £164.15

To appoint the internal auditor for 2020/2021

Approval was given for the re-appointment of Trevor Brown to undertake the internal audit for the financial year ending 2020/2021.

16/03/9 FOOTPATH ALONG A1101 FORNHAM TO HENGRAVE

Proposal fully supported by the Parish Council. Potentially, could be a way of attracting new businesses into the village. Rights of Way Officer to be contacted for advice. Cllr Emerson to action.

16/03/10 TUT HILL BALLOT PAPER

Cllr Hugo Greer -Walker and Cllr Don Lynch declared an interest in this agenda item and will not vote. Options and a draft voting form were previously circulated. Following detailed discussion, it was suggested a visual mock-up of each of the four scenarios would be less complicated. Cllr Emerson to action. The draft voting paper and Tut Hill options to be resent for further consideration.

16/03/11 PROPOSED PATH AND RENT REVIEW

A new footpath proposal to use part of the Charity land to enable easier villager access to a new open space, was submitted to the parish council. Further information, including input from Highways, is required prior to any decision being made. An agenda item for the next meeting.

16/03/12 ACCESS TO CURSUS FIELD ADJACENT TO PIGEON LANE

Cllr Hodder declared an interest in this agenda item. Since lockdown, the volume of pedestrian traffic in Cursus Field has increased exponentially. Accumulated litter and dog poo bags being left against fencing is becoming problematic. An open dialogue with the farmer to be initiated.

16/03/13 POLICIES REVIEW

Model Standard Orders, Updated Financial Regulations, Data Protection Policy were unanimously approved.

16/03/14 SHARED STORAGE FOR BUSINESS INFORMATION

A Zoom meeting to be arranged between Cllr Emerson and the Clerk to progress this further.

16/03/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Not to be advanced at this present time.

16/03/16 GREENERGROWTH – SWIFT BOXES FOR SUMMER 2021

Greener Growth are to talk with Judy Connelly regarding the feasibility of having Swift boxes. Hopefully in place for summer.

16/03/17 SLOW WAYS AND PLANT LIFE ROAD VERGES INITIATIVE

Currently on hold but will be fully supported by the Parish Council. A sub-committee to be set up to formulate a structured plan/map looking at green areas, trees, verges, open areas, and any trees in the village that ought to be added to the TPO register. Cllrs Gathercole and Emerson to liaise and report back to the next meeting.

16/03/18 DAMAGE TO THE GRASS VERGE AT PIGEON LANE

Considered earlier in the agenda.

16/03/19 COMMUNITY ASSETS

A list of target community assets i.e.pub/plot of land to be compiled by the Chairman.

16/03/20 FACE TO FACE MEETINGS IN MAY

A virtual Annual Parish meeting to be held on Tuesday 11th May 2021 at 6.00pm followed by the Annual General meeting at 6.30pm. To be advertised on the notice boards and the website.

16/03/21 POST LOCKDOWN PARTY

A working group to discuss ideas for a post lockdown party to be set up. Cllrs Hodder, Gathercole, Purnell to be involved.

16/03/22 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

An email was received asking why no formal meeting was held to discuss the All Saints Hotel planning application.

Excessive water usage at the allotments currently under investigation. Anglian Water to check whether there is a water leak.

16/03/23 MATTERS FOR THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Emergency planning including pandemic.

16/03/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 11th 2021

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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