

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fornham All Saints Parish Council held virtually on Tuesday 19th January 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 two 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.

19/01/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence – all present.

19/01/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To receive disclosures of pecuniary and local non pecuniary interests for the agenda under discussion - none received

To receive disclosures of gifts of hospitality exceeding £25 – none received.

To consider requests for dispensations – none received.

19/01/3 MINUTES

To approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of 17th November 2020, 11th December 2020, 14th December 2020.

Proposed by Cllr Paul Purnell, seconded by Cllr Jill Mayhew that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th November 2020, 11th December 2020, 4th December 2020 are adopted as a true statement. The Chair to sign the minutes at a later date.

19/01/4 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.

No questions were raised from members of the public. On behalf of a resident, Cllr Paul Purnell asked why a footpath matter previously raised was not an agenda item. Agreed to be discussed in the March meeting. A working group to run through the summary to be set up, Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker to action.

19/01/5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

October and November Parish Newsletters were noted. Questions included EV points for village halls and communities, if interested a request to be submitted to RH; burning of waste in Pound Meadow, Environmental Health now involved, awaiting a response from landowner; dependent on condition, cost of moving boundary sign between £500 to £1000, agreed to go ahead, costs to be met from Cllr Hopfensperger budget; Greener Growth invoice has been processed, money should be received in the next two days; ANPR project and sights of concern, A1106 and Tut Hill identified as sites for inclusion in the initial trials; with the second VAS being located at a new site, a self-assessment form needs to be submitted for approval. RH to send link to Cllr Lynch.

19/01/6 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS RELATING TO PORTFOLIOS HELD

Cllr Don Lynch: Two new Vehicle Activated Signs ordered with delivery end January/early February. Additional coverage on traffic matters in the local press, still awaiting a meeting with Highways.

Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker: Limited success with police speed cameras on Tut Hill, 'Quiet Lanes' application for Mere Lane now validated, possibility of a joint submission with Risby, costings for

road signage designation needed by 31 January, approximate £500 per sign. Consultation to follow, with final stage end of April, implementation only if wanted. Depending on type of signage and whether Risby is involved, a top up financial contribution from the Parish Council may be required.

Cllr Paul Purnell: An offer to pay for the repairs to the bench at the Memorial Gardens on The Green has been received and accepted. New notice boards are in stock in the Village Hall and will be fitted shortly.

Cllr Cathy Emerson: No further update on interviews with local businesses, presently on hold.

Cllr Enid Gathercole: The trees at Larks Gate doing well with a list of helpers willing to look after the area. The rainbow by the bus shelter is looking good along with plants in the Memorial Garden, The Green and on the corner near the mini roundabouts.

Cllr Jill Mayhew: Village Voice at present not being printed. There is to be a paper edition in March.

Cllr Liz Hodder: Little to report to the media at present. Website being updated and will be kept inhouse, a work in progress. A thank you to Lynne Quayle for her earlier input to the Parish Council website.

Cllr Matt Stewart: Contrary to Michael Blair's report, Cllr Hopfensperger believed the S106 monies for the footpath extension had been signed off. RH to check. Weather dependent, seeding for the wildflower area will begin in early Spring, allotments constructed but access yet to be finished, shops and village centre, communications ongoing with potential purchasers, leisure complex no interest as yet, planned bus service to start in Spring but Covid vulnerable.

19/01/07 CLERK'S REPORT

Included within the agenda.

19/01/08 FINANCE MATTERS

To retrospectively consider and approve payments as per the list.

Proposed by Cllr Paul Purnell, seconded by Cllr Jill Mayhew that the payments as scheduled be approved.

Parish Council Account				
November	St Johns Ambulance	Reissued cheque	1764	200.00
December	Litter picker	Salary	1765	199.99
	C Mason	Clerk's salary	1766	361.60
Village News	Mr & Mrs Brooklyn	Editorial	205	183.25
To receive the bank balances to date	Mr & Mrs Brooklyn	Editorial	207	185.83
Gold Deposit Account	Community Workshop	Printing	208	178.75
To be approved at the meeting				
January	C Mason	Clerk's salary	1767	361.60
	Litter picker	Salary	1768	199.99
Reminders have been sent out, presently no outstanding debts. Two/three potential new	Per L. Johnson	Extending debts	1769	240.00
Newsletter Account as of 30 July 2020:				540.43
	Ladywell Accountancy	Payroll	1770	126.00

advertise

- ii. To receive bank balance to date
Gold Deposit + Current Account 38,611.28
- iii. To receive a report on the village magazine revenue and outstanding debts since the last meeting
Treasurers Account 526.73
- iv. To approve the external's report for year ending 2019/20
Proposed by Cllr Hodder, seconded by Cllr Paul Purnell that the external auditor's report for the financial year ending 2019/20 be approved.
- v. To set the precept for the year 2021/22
Following full discussion, the precept for the financial year 2021/22 was set at £23,550.
Unanimously approved.

19/01/09 MARHAM PARK -TUT HILL MEETING

Four alternatives for Tut Hill

- a) Leave as is
- b) Close
- c) Traffic calming
- d) One way

Following a recent meeting with WSC Officers, the three options to ensure residents are able to express a view are by a Referendum, Parish Poll, Consultation. The latter gives more flexibility to the process by utilizing parish magazine, website, email, survey monkey.

The original costs given for the four options have increased.

- a) Remains the same
- b) £30,000 with £2,500 design costs
- c) £29,500 with £3,00 design costs
- d) £42,000 with £4,200 design costs.

By 7 votes to 1, the preferred choice for the Parish Council is to undertake a Referendum. Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker to refine wording for the ballot paper and circulate prior to the next meeting.

19/01/10 WEBSITE

A quotation for Suffolk Cloud to manage Fornham All Saints website to be obtained. On receipt, to be circulated to Councillors for approval.

Cllr Don Lynch left the meeting at 20.22pm.

19/01/11 FORNHAM ALL SAINTS SEWAGE WORKS

The River Lark is in a poor state, it is over abstracted and polluted. Last Autumn Ian Hawkins, coordinator of the Cameo RiverFly Monitoring in this area, met with Jo Churchill MP and asked for her help. A meeting was held with the Environment Agency and Anglian Water and it was decided a report was to be developed on the condition of the river and what action can be taken to improve things. This is to be submitted to Jo at the end of February. The investigation is headed up by Geoff Blighty from the Norfolk Rivers Trust with RLCP involvement. Some of you will be aware of the article in the Guardian in July "Water Firms Discharge Raw Sewage into England's Rivers". It reported that Anglian Water discharged raw sewage from Fornham All Saints Sewage Plant 52 days (for 1202 Hrs.) in 2019. This is happening in our village. In spring 2020 I personally put in two incident reports to the EA of foul water flowing into the Lark from the sewage plant, naive to the fact that they released raw sewage regularly. With Jo Churchill's involvement I am hoping that some progress will be made in tackling some of the problems the Lark and Linnet face.

It was unanimously agreed an open letter on Parish Council headed paper, be sent to Jo Churchill MP and Geoff Blighty expressing support in their efforts to improve the water quality in the River Lark and Linnet. Cllr Cathy Emerson and the Clerk to action. CE to email a copy of the letter to Cllr Hopfensperger and to Bury Free Press.

19/01/12 BUSINESS DIRECTORY

It is proposed on an annual basis, to compile a FAS business directory for inclusion in the Village Voice. To include the list of all businesses already identified. A call out in the Village Voice for small home businesses that wish to be included. CE/JM to liaise.

19/01/13 DAMAGE TO GRASS VERGE IN PIGEON LANE

Lorry still being parked on the grass verge in Pigeon Lane. Advice has been sought from Cllr Hopfensperger.

19/01/14 CENSUS 2021

A reminder for the minutes that the Census 2021 is being sent out in March this year.

19/01/15 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Emails circulated as and when received.

19/01/16 MATTERS FOR THE AGENDA OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Quiet Lanes
Footpath report
Tut Hill
Suggested locations for new trees

19/01/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date agreed as 16th March 2021

With no further business the meeting closed at 20.19pm