

## **FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Fornham All Saints Parish Council held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall

### **Members Present:**

**Cllr Paul Purnell (Chairman)**

**Cllr Jill Mayhew**

**Cllr Matt Stewart**

**Cllr Enid Gathercole**

**Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker**

**In attendance: County & District Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger, Mrs Christine Mason (Clerk) and one member of the public**

### **20/07/1 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Don Lynch, Cllr Cathy Emerson.

### **20/07/2 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.

### **20/07/3 Minutes**

To approve the minutes from the Annual General Meeting of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and the Planning Meeting of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021.

Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meetings held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 are adopted as true statements and signed by the Chairman.

### **20/07/4 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

### **20/07/5 To receive reports from the County and District Councillor**

Reports included WSDC grass cutting schedule, ability of the Household & Recycling Centre to charge for certain types of waste such as 'DIY' materials, Rural Housing Week highlighting importance of supporting rural communities, free activities for young people delivered by Abbeycroft Leisure. Link on when grass/verges are to be cut on WSC website; official complaint received regarding lorries using the bridge, County Councillor and Parish Council should be informed prior to any new permits given out, but not happening. Lorry Watch to be re-activated, link to be sent to the clerk. Complaint from a local business that they were not consulted regarding the consultation relating to Tut Hill, Cllr Gathercole to speak to the business concerned. If the TRO for the closure goes ahead, it will be 6 to 8 months before any construction. Cllr Purnell raised a question relating to junction closures and the proposed diversion routes. Email sent to Highways to be forwarded to Cllr Hopfensbrger.

### **20/07/6 To receive Reports from Parish Councillors relating to Portfolio Holders**

**Cllr Don Lynch** Email received from villagers that the volume of HGV's is increasing, most concerns relate to Eastern Concrete and Anglian Water; the VAS is now mounted on new post.

**Cllr Paul Purnell** Bench in Memorial Garden refurbished and back in place; playground safety reports have raised further issues but will be addressed; to act as a deterrent, proposed top gate between allotments and playing field be welded together, extended upwards with a framed steel mesh, to be pursued further; a resident has donated a bench to replace the old '2000' bench that stood outside the Church main gate.

**Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker** Mere Lane will go through as a Quiet Lane, timing uncertain.

**Cllr Jill Mayhew** Tut Hill businesses visited last month; RCC at Thingoe Lodge, not so many attendees as when at Village Hill, to be reviewed at end of year.

**Cllr Matt Stewart** Request to Marham Pak not to cut verges; question raised whether the S106 payment for the upgrading of the footpath is to be paid by Countryside or Bellway and whether there is scope for it to be paid in advance of the S106 trigger, thereby enabling the path to be delivered earlier.

**Cllr Enid Gathercole** Fruit trees at Larks Gate looking healthy, weeding needed at base of trees; disappointed the carpet of mauve clover on both sides of the road through Marham Park has been cut; allotment inspection conducted.

**Cllr Cathy Emerson** List of businesses continuing to be updated; visits to Moseley's Business Centre and Tut Hill made in June; Anglian Water to be contacted regarding a tour of the treatment plant, postponed due to change in Covid guidelines.

#### 20/07/77 Clerk's Report

There is currently one vacancy for co-option to the Parish Council. To be posted on the notice boards, website and in Village Voice.

#### 20/07/8 Finance Matters

To retrospectively approve payments as per the list.

Proposed by Cllr Purnell seconded by Cllr Gathercole that the payments as scheduled be approved.

Parish Council Account				
May 2021	M Purnell	Reimbursement of plants	1790	24.97
	Mr & Mrs Brooklyn	Village Voice	1791	185.83
	C Mason	Salary	1792	391.73
	Litter picker	Salary	1793	199.98
	Sun Skips	Hire charge	1794	175.00
	JRB Enterprise	Dog poo bags	1795	63.96
June 2021	WSC	Grass cutting cemetery	1796	336.00
	Community Workshop	Village Voice	1797	15.00
	C Mason	Salary	1801	391.73
	Litter Picker	Salary	1802	199.98

	SALC	Subscription	1804	33.00
	Village Hall	Hire charge	1805	33.00

Bank balances as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Gold Account	52,590.44
Current Account	260.48
Treasurers Account	164.20
Less outstanding cheques	(730.10)
Total	52,285.02

Village Voice report - Advertisers have fallen 25% from 30 to 22, resulting in four pages less in adverts. Despite sending reminders, some contributors are not responding.

**20/07/9 Update on agenda items from the previous meeting**

Quiet Lanes Suffolk - Wave 1 successful, date yet to be agreed for Wave 2. Signage to be erected.  
 Rent review – being progressed by Lacy Scott & Knight.  
 Emergency plan including pandemics - in hand, no further update.  
 Welcome Pack - in progress. Bus timetables to be included.  
 War Memorial poppy wreaths - Cllr Purnell to source suitable methods to secure the wreaths.

**20/07/10 Tut Hill**

Tut Hill had the highest percentage turnout at 87%. Overall village turnout 42%.  
 Proposed by Cllr Purnell, seconded by Cllr Gathercole that Fornham All Saints Parish Council accepts the outcome of the vote - unanimously agreed.

**20/07/11 Asset of Community Value**

The list put forward at a previous parish council meeting was reconsidered. Following discussion and advice from Cllr Hopfensperger, it was agreed not to pursue an AVC at this present time.

**20/07/12 West Suffolk Open Space Assessment Consultation**

The questionnaire to be completed and returned to West Suffolk Council.

**20/07/13 Village Voice**

As invoices have already been sent out to subscribers, colour printing on both sides of the cover to be considered at a future meeting.

**20/07/14 The Annual Playground Inspection**

A second quotation for soft landing bases under the play equipment to be obtained. Due to a width of waste land between the play area fencing and household fencing being inaccessible for mowing, it was proposed the play area fencing be removed and continued to the household fencing. The owner to be contacted for permission. Play equipment needs repainting, a request for volunteers to be included in the next edition of Village Voice, paint to be provided. For continuing maintenance, it was agreed the sum of £5000 be transferred from Village Hall earmarked reserves to the play area budget. Additionally, £5000 to be moved from general reserves to play equipment earmarked reserves - approved.

With reference to the allotments fencing, it was agreed to kick start fund raising by transferring the sum of £8000 from general reserves to allotment maintenance earmarked reserves.

**20/07/15 Overhanging trees**

Trees overhanging onto pathways from private properties can be reported on the Highways Reporting Tool. A note to be included in Village Voice.

**20/07/16 Cleaning up Pigeon Lane**

Hedging and pathways along Pigeon Lane are overgrown and require cutting back. Cllr Hopfensperger to speak to the Rights of Way Officer at SCC to confirm whether volunteers can carry out the work.

**20/07/17 Parking in the layby adjacent to the church**

As parking permits cannot be given for a layby. No further action to be taken. Additional item - with the bottom end of Aldridge Lane upwards being tarmacked on 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July, a resident has requested permission from the Parish Council to park cars on the Village Green - approved.

**20/07/18 Correspondence received since the last meeting**

Forwarded to councillors as and when received.

**20/07/19 Matters for agenda of the next Parish Council meeting**

None.

**20/07/20 Date of next meeting**

Date agreed as 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 at 6.30pm.

With no further business the meeting ended at 8.10pm