

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Fornham All Saints Parish Council held virtually on Tuesday 5th May 2021 at 6.30pm

Members Present:

Cllr Paul Purnell

Cllr Matt Stewart

Cllr Don Lynch

Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker

Cllr Jill Mayhew

Cllr Enid Gathercole

Cllr Cathy Emerson

In attendance: County & District Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger, Mrs Christine Mason (Clerk)

05/05/1 TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIRMAN TO THE PARISH COUNCIL & TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Proposed by Cllr Greer-Walker, seconded by Cllr Mayhew that Cllr Purnell be elected Chairman – unanimously agreed.

05/05/2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All present.

05/05/3 TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIRMAN TO THE PARISH COUNCIL & TO RECEIVE THE VICE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Proposed by Cllr Purnell, seconded by Cllr Greer-Walker that Cllr Gathercole be re- elected Vice Chairman – unanimously agreed.

05/05/4 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.

05/05/5 TO CONFIRM PORTFOLIOS HELD BY PARISH COUNCILLORS / PORTFOLIO VACANCY

Confirmed all councillors to keep their present portfolios. Communication & Media vacancy was deferred.

05/05/6 MINUTES

To approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday March 16th 2021.

One amendment - Cllr Mayhew's report to read...with two pending advertisers. Unanimously agreed that the amended minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 2021 are adopted as a true statement. The Chair to sign the minutes at a later date.

05/05/7 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Key points included worse of potholes have been filled in on Mildenhall Road, to be resurfaced later this year; flooding issues on road running along Lark's Gate to be discussed at a meeting in May with Anglian Water, SCC, Environment Agency; granting of temporary permits for HGV's, full list when expired has been requested.

05/05/8 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 members of the public were present.

05/05/9 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS RELATING TO PORTFOLIOS HELD

Cllr Emerson River Lark - attended the Pollution meeting lead by Jo Churchill at the end of March. Many problems were identified in the reports presented, River Lark Pollution Review and Action Plan, authored by Geoff Brighty and the Lark Catchment Appraisal, authored by Sam Hurst. The operational performance of Fornham WRC was a large part of the discussion. River Lark Catchment Partnership have been tasked with leading the initiatives to combat some of the issues on the Lark. Footpath A1101 Fornham All Saints to Hengrave, met with Charlie Browne about a permissive footpath, he wishes to discuss this further in conjunction with his future plans for Moseleys Business Centre. He would like to meet with the Parish Council in June to present his plans. A Dropbox account to store information has been set up, businesses in Fornham All Saints have been contacted and I am waiting for completed GDPR's. Three Kings, new landlords took over 29th April 2021. There are several new businesses in Moseleys Business Centre all of which have been contacted.

Cllr Purnell Bench in the Memorial Garden now refurbished and back in place. Playground Safety reports have raised some minor issues for which I will be getting specialist quotations. Previously, it was decided the top gate between the allotments and the playing field should be permanently closed. It was agreed that the gates be welded together and extended upwards with a framed steel mesh to create a deterrent to climbing over. It is reported that there are a number of derelict and possibly dangerous sheds at the allotments. A skip to be ordered to remove these.

Cllr Gathercole Heritage trees inspected again with only one that has not survived. The rainbow seeds at the bus stop are getting greener. Muntjacs are active in Pigeon Lane. The Marham Park trees are growing well. Ongoing problems with dog mess. Most of the allotments are looking good. Nothing heard from Jo Metcalfe about the swift boxes, I have tried to contact her but had no reply. A working party is needed to clear the edges of the tarmac track in Pigeon Lane, small trees are growing in the tarmac, and overhanging branches will soon cause cyclists a problem, edges of the track need cutting back along with trailing blackberry runners.

Cllr Mayhew Meeting with RCC this coming Friday. Recommencing Caravan 2nd June in Village Hall. Details to follow. Magazine update, no new advertisers. Review of distribution, investigating creating an on-line edition.

Cllr Lynch No meeting as yet with Highways on matters of traffic i.e. Weight – Volume – Speed. In discussion with Keith Salmon (Highways) about a new post at the Forge End Site, has been ordered but can take up to 14 weeks to be sited. I am in discussion with Jonathon (ANPR Highways) as we will be part of the testing of the new portable ANPR. Site conversation with Highways Portable VAS Unit this week. I understand that unit measures speed and volume but not vehicle reg. A report to be sent on any findings. Number of email conversations with Lorry Operators over the past few months and received favourable responses back save for Eastern Concrete.

Cllr Greer-Walker Quiet Lanes Suffolk and Tut Hill consultation to be discussed in full within the Parish Council meeting.

Cllr. Stewart Failed tree and hedge planting is taking place from this week up until the end of the month, the pine trees that have failed will not be replaced with like for like trees, Countrywide are awaiting approval for different species. Grassed areas in the middle section of the site will be weed killed and sprayed mid-April when warmer, then wildflower mix will be spread. Grass area adjacent to Mildenhall Road end will follow. One play area is finished, second area hopefully to open end of Spring. The large playing fields are due to be finished and open late 2021, however this is dependent upon areas available for construction equipment and machinery as a safe working zone will be required. Tut Hill junction works were undertaken to try to eliminate the vehicles turning, however there are some persistent users who have disregarded signage and physical forms, concrete blocks or barriers are not permitted, the area is due to be tidied up and fast-growing seed mix applied to try and stabilise the area. SCC are happy with what they have done and are now wanting to get the road adopted, hence these will then become traffic enforcement issues. Beccy has been contacted requesting some assistance in what we need to do to get S106 monies for the footpath link from Tut Hill to the park area. The builder's yard, waste, and material storage area on Pound Meadow has been cleared.

05/05/10 CLERK'S REPORT

Website being well maintained by Suffolk Cloud, High Court appeal to extend virtual meetings after 6th May dismissed, face to face meetings to resume following implementation of Step 3.

05/05/11 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				
March	Elan City	VAS	1784	4383.16
	C Mason	Clerk's expenses	1785	92.43
April	C Mason	Salary	1786	391.73
	Litter picker	Salary	1787	199.99
	Mr & Mrs Brooklyn	Newsletter	1788	185.83

05/05/12 UPDATE ON AGENDA ITEMS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Greener Growth – swift boxes for summer 2021 - emails sent but as yet no response.

Slow Ways and plant life road verges initiative – now active, survey able to be viewed, local businesses to be contacted and added to the Slow Ways route.

Footpath along A1101 Fornham to Hengrave – see Cllr Emerson's report.

05/05/13 QUIET LANES SUFFOLK

Positive feedback from advertised route. Although signage costs at either end of Mere Lane are guaranteed to be met by Highways, to help provide further Quiet Lanes, the Parish Council agreed to contribute the sum of £250 towards the project. Risby Parish Council will be holding their public consultation tomorrow. Second stage this summer.

05/05/14 PROPOSED PATH AND RENT REVIEW

An updated valuation for the land in question to be obtained a) land as it is b) reduced land area once a footpath is in situ. Concerning safety issues with crossing the road from a new path, Highways and Marham Park to be consulted on the proposal. Cllr Greer-Walker and Cllr Stewart to action. Consideration to be given for planting more trees with, or without a new footpath. Sicon Foundation, a charitable organisation for planting and maintaining trees at zero cost to the PC to be contacted. Cllr Gathercole to action.

05/05/15 EMERGENCY PLAN INCLUDING PANDEMICS

Already a system in place but requires updating to include pandemics. Parish Councillors to be invited to be added to a contact list. Cllr Purnell and Cllr Gathercole to undertake the review.

05/05/16 WELCOME PACK

To be reinstated and posted on the website. A hard copy to be given to new residents. Cllr Gathercole to action.

05/05/17 WAR MEMORIAL POPPY WREATHS

To ensure poppy wreaths remain in place until removed, a means of attaching them to the fence to be progressed.

05/05/18 TUT HILL – FINALISATION OF OPTIONS FOR TRAFFIC AND CONSULTATION PROCESS

Following full and detailed discussion, it was proposed to hold both the Annual Parish meeting and the public consultation on Tut Hill on Tuesday 22nd June commencing at 6.30pm in the Community Centre, with the vote taking place on Saturday 26th June 9.00am to 2.00pm in the Village Hall.

The electoral register to be used to confirm eligibility to vote. Specifics of proxy /postal votes to be discussed further. Cllr Purnell and Cllr Greer-Walker to action and circulate. To be advertised as a full page in the village magazine and on notice boards.

05/05/19 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Circulated as and when received.

05/05/20 MATTERS FOR AGENDA OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

None received.

05/05/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

A thank you was given to Liz Hodder for her invaluable contribution over many years to Fornham All Saints Parish Council. WSC to be advised of the vacancy.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.28pm.