

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fornham All Saints Parish Council held on Wednesday 29th September 2021 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall

Members Present:

Cllr Paul Purnell (Chairman)

Cllr Jill Mayhew

Cllr Cathy Emerson

Cllr Matt Stewart

Cllr Enid Gathercole

Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker

Cllr Don Lynch (part)

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

29/09/1 Apologies for absence

All present.

29/09/2 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.

29/09/3 Minutes

Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th July 2021 are adopted as true statements and signed by the Chairman.

29/09/4 Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

29/09/5 To receive reports from County and District Councillor

Topics included white lining outside a property in Pigeon Lane and at the entrance to the allotments, matter presently with Highways; new PCR Home Testing Centre opened in Olding Road. Issues raised, overgrown verges along the A1106 and A1101 with paths presently only half width, brush wood left in ditch following work carried out to a spilt tree at the entrance to Pound Meadow.

29/09/6 To receive reports from Portfolio Holders

Hugo Greer-Walker: Quiet Lanes Suffolk and Suffolk Highways to be chased, TRO for the closure of Tut Hill not yet advertised, public will be given a chance to voice any objections prior to a decision being made. Once finalised, signage for businesses to be part of the design.

Don Lynch: Still receiving emails from villagers regarding increased volume of HGV's and weight; old VAS units have been re-activated and are positioned at Tut Hill, data shows 80% of motorists are driving within 40mph, a temporary ANPR camera has been confirmed for the village either autumn or early winter.

Paul Purnell: A local painter and decorator has volunteered to paint the play equipment between his other jobs. Materials have been purchased.

Enid Gathercole: Weeds around trees on Larks Gate to be cleared; disappointment that Marham Park are still mowing the clover down; two allotment inspections carried out, overall look really good; edges of the tarmac at the lane requires cutting back, a working party to be set up; a letter to be sent to householders concerning their overgrown trees, hedges, shrubbery; wild flower area to be cleared, stems to be cut and left.

Cathy Emerson: An article for the September Village Voice on the Fleur Florist has been written, the businesses that have been interviewed are grateful for our support towards them; awaiting date for the tour of the FAS water treatment plant; continuing to update the data base as the GDPR forms come back from new businesses.

Jill Mayhew: Village magazine fine, two new advertisers signed up; Rural Coffee Caravan to carry on through the winter at Thingoe Lodge, will be outside the Village Hall this coming Wednesday.

Mat Stewart: Following complaints that dog poo bags are being left on footpaths and other areas at

Marham Park, Countryside has been contacted requesting bins are provided and emptied; also, any broken fences inspected and repaired.

29/09/7 To receive the Clerk's Report

No interest to date in the Parish Councillor vacancy. To be advertised again in Village Voice. Two allotment inspections carried out with Cllr Gathercole. Overall in good order, presently no vacant allotments, a waiting list has been set up.

29/09/8 Finance Matters

Proposed by Cllr Purnell seconded by Cllr Gathercole that the payments as listed be approved - unanimously agreed.

July 2021	Sun Skips	Vat content	1798	35.00
	WSC	Grass cutting	1799	168.00
	Trevor Brown	Internal Audit	1800	200.00
	Litter picker	Salary	1806	199.98
	C Mason	Clerk's salary	1807	391.73
August 2021	Mr & Mrs Brooklyn	Village Voice	1809	185.83
	Suffolk Cloud	Website	1810	250.00
	WSC	Grass cutting	1811	168.00
	P Purnell	Reimbursement paint	1812	182.09
	Litter Picker	Salary	1813	199.98
	C Mason	Clerk's salary	1814	391.73
	SALC	Training	1815	30.00

	Wescotec	Batteries/charger	1816	297.00
	C Mason	Expenses	1817	267.76

Bank balances as of 27th August 2021
Gold account 51063.33
Current account 260.17
Treasurers account 1005.20
Less outstanding cheques -1536.56
Total 50792.14

Village Voice report: Healthy balance, all fees paid up to 29th September 2021.
Allotment fencing: Unanimously agreed to allocate some monies from general reserves towards the allotments, possibly for fencing or for any other use at the site.

29/09/9 Play area

Quotations have been received for a) clearing nettles from between playground and residential fences, seeding for grass, alterations for fencing. Proposed the quotation for £775 + VAT be approved – agreed. A price for paving slabs to be laid at the playground gate to be further requested b) brush cutting, strimming, raking, treating with weed killer an approximate 400m x 1m strip around the perimeter of the playing field. Proposed the quotation for £745 + VAT be approved – agreed. For smaller jobs it was suggested the Community Pay Back Team could be contacted.

29/09/10 VAS Units

Eight usable batteries at present. Cllr Purnell to dispose of two old batteries currently stored at the Community Centre. Old VAS Units to be kept and re-deployed if and when Tut Hill is closed

29/09/11 West Suffolk Local Plan

Recent correspondence acknowledged but no further action at present.

29/09/12 Communications

Approved a) the social media site Next Door used by the Parish Council as one means of communication be closed, and a Fornham All Saints Parish Council Facebook page set up. Cllr Mayhew and the Clerk to liaise b) emails received from members of the public to be acknowledged and then forwarded to all councillors for a response.

29/09/13 Signage for businesses on Tut Hill in the event of closure of Tut Hill

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

29/09/14 River update including date for tour of water treatment plant

Tour deferred again by Anglian Water. Three months data downloaded from a SOND but needs analysing to find out how much sewage is going into the River Lark. Jo Churchill MP is trying to arrange a visit by the Environment Minister in November. Talking to Local Government concerning planning applications and the lack of infrastructure for coping with the treatment of sewage for the number of houses being built. Wildlife is being affected with trout no longer able to be supported in the River Lark. Cllr Emerson to provide an update following a meeting in November.

29/09/15 Breakthrough Communication Event – using Facebook

Discussed earlier in the agenda.

29/09/16 Emergency Plan

Cllr Purnell and Cllr Gathercole to update the existing Emergency Plan.

29/09/17 Rent review

Agreed that Lacy Scott and Knight be authorised to undertake a rent review of land owned by the Parish Council.

29/09/18 Policies review

It was proposed a sub-committee be set up to review all Parish Council's policies. Cllrs Purnell, Greer-Walker, Emerson, and the Parish Clerk to sit on the sub-committee.

29/09/19 Correspondence received since the last meeting

Planning application DC/21/1142/FUL – a. change of use as part of the golf course for the siting of 15 caravan lodge holiday homes b. associated infrastructure (as amended).
All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve

29/09/20 Matters for the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting

Permanent outdoor hard standing table tennis table for the Community Centre.

29/09/21 Date of next meeting

16th November 2021 at 6.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.