

GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 12th March 2018 **in the Pettward Hall**

Present: Cllr Peter Turner Cllr Sebastian Reeves Cllr Simon Tarabella
Cllr Robin Fisher Cllr Martin Burns Cllr Rob Nurton
Cllr Archie Gemmell (part)
Paula Gladwell – Clerk County Cllr Penny Otton (part)
1 members of public District Cllr John Matthissen (part)

- 2017/1447 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Gemmell
- 2017/1448 **Declarations of Interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct and requests for dispensations relating to Discloseable Pecuniary Interests** - None
- 2017/1449 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** - It was proposed by Cllr Tarabella that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meetings were approved, with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 15th January and 12th February 2018 were signed as a true record.
- 2017/1450 **District Cllr John Matthissen** – Deferred
- 2017/1451 **County Cllr Penny Otton** – Deferred
- 2017/1452 **Public Participation** – No questions.
- 2017/1453 **Clerks Report** - Further complaints regarding the damage to kerb and verge adjacent to no.24 High Road are noted and SCC Highways will be asked again to intervene.
- 2017/1454 **Planning** – There were no MSDC applications to consider.
- 2017/1455 The following MSDC decisions were noted; DC/17/04257 Outline planning, Change of use of land and erection of 2 no. one and a half storey dwellings with garages and formation of 2 no. new vehicular accesses, land to north of Combs Lane - REFUSED
- 2017/1456 **Finance** – The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Tarabella, Sec Cllr Reeves with all in favour, Staff salaries for February 2018
- 2017/1457 Gipping press £182.12
- 2017/1458 It was resolved to appoint Heelis & Lodge to carry out the Internal Audit for 2017/18. The Terms of Engagement and Audit Plan were approved. Proposed by Cllr Turner, sec Cllr Tarabella with all in favour.
- 2017/1459 It was resolved to award donations to East Anglian Air Ambulance for £100, Suffolk Accident Rescue Service for £100 and Neighbourhood Watch for £50 with a grant to Great Finborough Primary School of £250 towards phase 3 of their playground improvement project from the budgeted £500 under S137 donations. Proposed by Cllr Reeves, sec by Cllr Fisher with all in favour.
- Cllr Gemmell entered the meeting.
- 2017/1460 **County Cllr Penny Otton** - Cllr Otton gave her report which had been circulated and is attached to these minutes.
- 2017/1461 **Estate Management** - Following discussion regarding the quotes received, maintenance areas required and 2017 contract it was Resolved to appoint Green Scene as per their quote to carry out the estate maintenance for the 2018 season. Proposed Cllr Turner, sec Cllr Tarabella with all in favour.
- 2017/1462 It was Resolved to approve the MSDC Grass cutting quote for 2018 at £656.00, Proposed by Cllr Turner, sec Cllr Tarabella with all in favour.
- 2017/1463 **District Cllr John Matthissen** - Cllr Matthissen gave his report which had been circulated and is attached to these minutes.
- 2017/1464 **Annual Parish Meeting** – It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting take place on Tuesday 8th May 2018 at 7.30pm, it was noted that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place as scheduled on Monday 14th May. Invitees will replicate last

year, with residents encouraged to support the meeting by providing a Neighbourhood Planning presentation, refreshments and a more visual format.

2017/1465

Correspondence – It was agreed that no comments be submitted to the Electoral Review of Mid Suffolk Consultation, New Draft Recommendations at this time. It was noted that the revised draft sees Buxhall removed from the Onehouse ward and Combs included.

2017/1466

It was noted that confirmation had been received that the Great Finborough War Memorial Cross had been added to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural Interest and was now listed at Grade II.

2017/1467

Matters to be brought to the attention of the council – Cllr Tarabella reported from the recent Defibrillator training. The trainer was highly commended for an exceptional session with 30+ delegates. It was suggested that council need to consider; whether they keep responsibility for the defibrillator and budget for the necessary ongoing costs or to seek a separate group to take over responsibility, whether to join the VETS scheme and also whether further training sessions would be beneficial. It was generally agreed that council should keep responsibility and look into signing up for VETS and a further training session. Further consideration of the costs of this would be added to the next agenda.

It was confirmed that replacement batteries for the speed gun had arrived.

Next meeting; Monday 9th April 2018 at 7.30pm