

GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th December 2021 in Pettward Hall

Present: Cllr Simon Tarabella (chair) Cllr Peter Turner Cllr Simon Waspe
Paula Gladwell – Clerk Cllr Penny Otton (part)
Cllr John Matthissen (part)
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- 2021/2496 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Sharon Shipp, Cllr Norman Vendittelli, Cllr Sebastian Reeves, Cllr James Spencer
- 2021/2497 **Declarations of Interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct and requests for dispensations relating to Discloseable Pecuniary Interests** – None
- 2021/2498 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** - It was proposed by Cllr Turner, Sec by Cllr Waspe that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved, with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 8th November 2021 were signed as a true record.
- 2021/2499 **Public Participation** – No questions
- 2021/2500 **County Councillor Otton's Report** – Deferred
- 2021/2501 **District Councillor Matthissen's Report** – Cllr Matthissen gave his report a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Cllr Waspe requested that the two homes in Valley Lane that have experienced internal flood water be reported to SCC LLFA.
- 2021/2502 **Clerks Report** – Deferred
- 2021/2503 **Planning** – It was RESOLVED to submit the following comments to applications; DC/21/06158 Erection of 19no. Dwellings (including 9 n. Affordable units) with associated parking and external works, land off, Pear Tree Place. *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION in principle to this development however Martin Last of Last & Tricker Partnership attended a meeting with parish councillors and contrary to claims by the applicant in their statement that the plans were received favourably the Parish Council expressed several concerns which seem to have been completely ignored including; The complete lack of turning areas at plots 10 and 27, there is nowhere for delivery vehicles or visitors to turn around without accessing other peoples driveways. The future maintenance responsibility of the Open Spaces has not been addressed and the Parish Council would not be open to taking this on. Although we appreciate it is within policy guidelines it is felt that the 9 no. affordable units should not be sited all together, it would be better split into two different areas in order that these can be properly integrated into a development of this size"*
- 2021/2504 DC/21/05965 & DC/21/05964 Listed Building consent – Installation of wood burner and erection of flue, Dairy Farm Barn, Valley Lane *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2021/2505 DC/21/06593 Subdivision of existing dwelling to form 2 no. Dwellings, including two rear dormers, alterations to fenestration and infilling garage door. Maricks, Valley Lane – *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2021/2506 DC/21/06549 & DC/21/06550 Listed Building consent - Replacement of windows, installation of new windows and doors, construction of dormer windows, re-roof for thermal upgrade, erection of 3 bay cart lodge, re-roofing of two outbuildings, installation of flues, demolition of glasshouse and front and rear porches, soft and hard landscaping, Internal and external works as detailed in the Heritage, Design and Access Statement, Revision A – Valley Farm, Valley Lane - *"Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2021/2507 The following MSDC decisions were noted; DC/21/05966 Erection of front porch extension (following demolition of existing) 21 Middlefield Drive – GRANTED and DC/21/05217 & DC/21/05218 Listed Application - External alterations to replace modern and create new windows and doors, re roof for thermal upgrade, erection of 3 bay cart lodge, re roofing of two outbuildings and soft and hard landscaping around the house and outbuildings. Improvement of existing access and new gate. Valley Farm, Valley Lane – REFUSED and DC/21/05137 Erection of open fronted barn/cartlodge. Butterfly Barn, Borough Lane – GRANTED and DC/21/06151 Discharge of Conditions Application DC/21/04176 Condition 7 (Surface Water Discharge Prevention) Land adjacent Stone barn, High Road – APPROVED.
- 2021/2508 **County Councillor Otton's Report** – Cllr Otton gave her report which had been circulated and a copy is attached to these minutes. Cllr Otton confirmed that she would look into how we get the 20's plenty at the school upgraded to a red circle speed limit which is now enforceable by police.
- 2021/2509 **Clerks Report** – It was confirmed that following two mistakes by SCC Finance with the Viridor cheque we had now issued the cheque ourselves and SCC had reimbursed us via bacs. It was confirmed that the increase in daily allowance for payments had been actioned by HSBC.

It was noted that the removal of the name sign and erection of 30MPH roundel had not been carried out yet however it had been confirmed that it was on the work plan.

It was noted that the resident who requested a pedestrian crossing on the High Road had been informed of the probable costs and asked to garner more resident support to enable Council to take such a project forward. An article for the newsletter is awaited.

30mph Extension on High Road – Cllr Otton confirmed that she had requested a speed survey.

Lorry Route Consultation – It was agreed that although HGV movements through the village could be frequent and tiresome there were no actual safety concern sites therefore no response would be submitted at this time.

Streetlights – It was confirmed that the on/off timings for parish owned lights had now been matched with SCC ones. It was noted that parish owned lights would remain on the same programme for Christmas Eve and New Years Eve and would not be left on all night.

Draft Housing Supply position – Following concerns that the list only included 9 no. dwellings at Pear Tree Place it has been confirmed by MSDC that the other 19 proposed dwellings were not listed as full planning had not yet been granted.

Avian Flu – It was confirmed that currently there are no concerns that there are birds not housed correctly following the new regulations, this will be monitored ongoing.

2021/2510 **Finance** – The Finance report for December 2021 was approved.

2021/2511 The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Turner with all in favour, Staff salaries for November.

2021/2512 Gipping Press £193.70, £53.00 & £61.20

2021/2513 Park Fencing £400.00

2021/2514 Community Heartbeat £105.60

2021/2515 M P Building £900.00

2021/2516 Petteward Hall £87.00

2021/2517 The Budget Working Group put forward their draft of the budget for 2022/2023, following discussions no amendments were suggested. Further consideration and approval was deferred to the January meeting.

2021/2518 **Village Maintenance** – It was agreed that Rewts be asked to carry out another survey of all parish owned trees including those in Woodpecker Hill Wood with a view to creating a 2 – 5 year action plan for any remedial work that may be highlighted by the survey.

2021/2519 Tree and Hedge Management Plan – Deferred until the survey results are available.

2021/2520 **Flooding Issues** – It was agreed that SCC LLFA and EA be asked to meet with us to discuss what we can do as a parish to alleviate flooding and to advise on engagement with our landowners to help those inconvenienced by rising floodwater levels. It is hoped that these experts can help us to be sure we are aiming for the most effective actions and also to clarify each agencies responsibilities.

2021/2521 **Middlefield Drive Play Area** – It was confirmed that Komplan had issued their start date and plan of work, starting on 20th January with completion inspection scheduled for 15th February. It was agreed that an official opening event be arranged for Saturday 19th February perhaps lunchtime, with refreshments, publicity and ribbon cutting. Further details to be confirmed at the next meeting.

2021/2522 **Footpaths** – There was no report from Cllr Spencer and no issues raised.

2021/2423 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.

2021/2424 **Street Lights** – A report from the SL Working Group confirmed there had been 30 replies to date, 21 of which indicated they would like all lights to be replaced. 3 replies wanted replacement of Church Road lights but not others and 6 responses indicated they would prefer the lights not to be replaced when they fail. It was agreed that the consultation would remain open for another 4 weeks before further consideration at the next meeting.

2021/2425 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – It was noted that a request had been received that council look at installing White Gates at the Hitcham end of High Road. It was confirmed that this had already been considered and SCC Highways had not been able to approve a safe site, however it was agreed that another site survey be carried out at this entrance to the village to look at any other possible alternative sites.

Next meeting will be held in Petteward Hall on Monday 10th January 2021 at 7.30pm