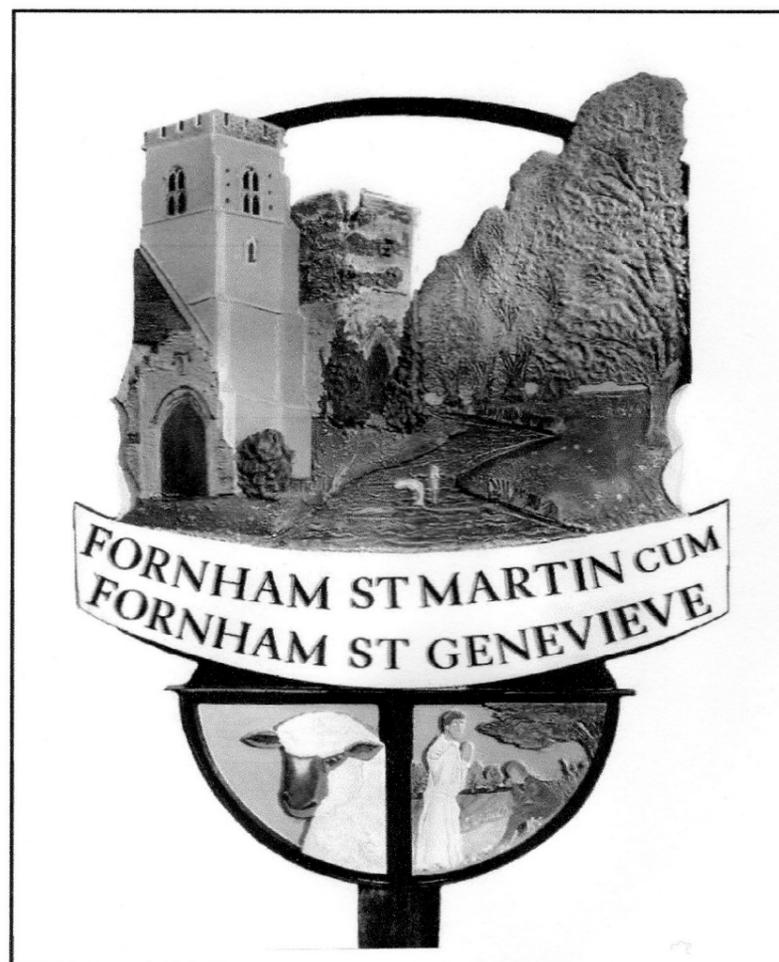


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The Parish Council on behalf of all parishioners would like to acknowledge with thanks and appreciation, the work carried out by the volunteers who organise and distribute the Bugle.

What's on in Fornham St Martin Village Hall

Weekly

Monday	7:30 pm	YOGA
Tuesday	10:00 am to 12 noon	Mums & Toddlers**
Thursday	10:00 am to 3:30 pm	Patchwork
Friday	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Whist Drive in aid of St Nicholas Hospice

****Term Time Only**

Monthly

1st Wed	10:00 to 4:00 pm	Sewing Craft
1st Wed	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Military Whist Drive in aid of Air Ambulance
1st Thurs	7:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Jazz Club
1st Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
2nd Tues	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Garden Club
2nd Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Card Making
3rd Mon	10:00 to 12 noon	Probus Ladies
3rd Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Ladies Club
3rd Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
3rd Sun	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Whist Drive in aid of St Nicholas Hospice
4th Wed	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Mary's Quilters
4th Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Card Making

Occasional meetings
Parish Council, Village Hall Committees

*If you would like to book the Village Hall for a club meeting, exhibition, or private party, please contact **Colleen Leach** on **01284 756507**.*

Come and Join the Fornham All Saints

COMPUTER GROUP



Would you like to learn to use a computer or improve your computer skills in a relaxed environment amongst friends? Do you wish that you had the skills and confidence to achieve more with your computer or just someone friendly to turn to when you have a problem that you can't understand. If so, please come and join us. Age is no barrier we hope to help people of all ages and levels of experience. We will even have some of our own computers so don't worry if you don't have one but would like to give it a try.

We will also be aiming to do more advanced work with people who have the basic skills but would like to learn much more. Perhaps you would like to get involved and help, we will need a team to organise, train and run the group.

This will be a community scheme open to those living in the village and surrounding area.

So, if you want to give it a try, contact **Bernard Grimshaw on 07860 117680** or email **bernard_grimshaw@hotmail.com** for more information and to register your interest.

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FORNHAM OVER 60'S CLUB

Peter Banham was a welcome returnee for our April meeting. Peter has a wide range of material for his talks on everyday sayings and their origins. Our members had some good efforts in trying to work out how these sayings came about but success was limited. We had some amusing suggestions before the true origins were revealed.

On a lovely summer day in May we had our pub lunch at the Greengage. The meal was good value and we had a chance to chat and catch up with news of recent events. Our next meeting on **7th June** will be a day trip to **Wicksteed Park** for a meal and a show with a 'sixties' theme followed by afternoon tea. This has been a popular visit in the past. At the time of printing we have a few vacancies and would invite non-members to join us.

JIM LANG 01284 705 358

FORNHAM GARDEN CLUB

The Club's AGM was held on April 12th and following the Chairman's review of the 2015/2016 programme, presentation of the accounts by the Treasurer and essential formalities during which some changes were made to the committee, the Programme Secretary gave details of the new programme for 2016/17.

Our speaker for the evening, Eric Simons was then introduced. Eric as a hobby produces unique and bespoke wooden bird boxes, garden art and other special pieces which can be designed and personalised for any special occasion. The items are hand crafted and can range from a giant trowel or fork to a rugby ball, camera or binoculars for the wildlife photographer. All allow access for the discreetly concealed bird box to be cleaned. With an engineers eye to detail and construction the examples on display attracted much attention. Included in the talk were tips regarding location of the bird boxes, companion planting to attract birds and the species attracted. Having exhibited at several local shows including Haughley Park, Clare Priory and Ickworth Wood Fair. Eric and his wife Donna took a huge gamble last year and had a stand at the Harrogate Autumn Flower Show. This proved very successful and they came away with a new name in their order book one Alan Titchmarsh no less and a medal as a reward for their endeavours. Eric generously donated his fee to Suffolk Wildlife Trust an organisation he wholeheartedly supports.

Rosemary Ward got our new programme underway on May 10th with her talk & digital slide show on a subject very dear to her heart 'Flowers and Ruins in the South of France. As a botanist and photographer the subject matter was endless as she took us through the historical sites of such a beautiful rugged and at times wild and remote area.

Beginning in Avignon with its famous bridge and the palace of the Popes to southern Alps, Rosemary's talk took in the Greco Roman site of Remy de Provence the stunning outdoor theatre in Orange, Beziers, the Cevennes National Park, Carcassonne and Mount Segur. Sprinkled in between the majestic buildings were slides of many of the wild flowers including orchids, narcissi, phlomis and salvia (even very pretty forms of convolvulus and dandelion), plus some featuring shrubs and plants in gardens and parks such as wisteria, roses, iris and of lavender. For those who are familiar to the area it was a pleasant reminder and for those who aren't a possible temptation to consider it as a destination in the future. It was such a relief that the power cut that affected the village came to an end just in time for the meeting to go ahead!

Details of our programme for the coming month are as follows:-

- Sun June 12th** Outing to Beth Chatto's Garden and Green Island Gardens. Both in Essex.
*Please note we still have places available for this outing. If you are interested please telephone **Mike Clark on 01284 750125** for full details.*
- June 14th** Evening visit to Batteley's Cottage, Wortham. Members and their guests only.
- Sun July 10th** Outing to Seamere Gardens Hingham, preceded by lunch at the George Hotel, Swaffham.
- July 12th** Jamie Blake; Weeding of the 5000 by 2 hoes and 5 wishes! PowerPoint presentation and talk.

The Garden Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at **7:30 pm** in Fornham St Martin Village Hall. Membership is £13 per year with visitors paying £3 per visit. For further information please telephone the programme secretary **Frances Harpley on 01284 755876.**



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PARISH CLERK

I wish to advise residents of some changes within the Parish Council. Our current Clerk Paul Maclachlan has taken up a Clerks position in a village which is very near his house so avoiding a good deal of travel. We are very sorry to lose Paul as he has guided the Parish Council through a number of important issues in the last 11 months or so. We wish him well in his new appointment and I would like to thank him for his help and advice during this last year.

I am delighted to announce that we have offered Victoria Bright the role as Clerk for our Parish Council. Victoria is very experienced and will I have no doubt be a great asset to our Parish going forward. Victoria will take over the role in early June and her contact details will be published nearer that time.

Michael Collier, Chairman Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall,
The Street, Fornham St Martin, IP31 1SW on Thursday 14
April 2016 at 7.30 pm**

Present:

Councillors (Cllrs) Penny Borrett, Paul Butler, Michael Collier (Chair), Peter Forster, Gary Hubbard, Jayne Hubbard and Nick Owen.

In attendance:

Paul MacLachlan (Clerk), Rebecca Hopfensperger (Borough and County Councillor) and three members of the public.

The following documents will be appended to the signed minutes: the Agenda;

the following appendices:

- 1: actions arising from prior meetings;
- 2: planning applications and decisions;
- 3: report of the Responsible Finance Officer.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

The requirement to update the Register of Interests was noted.

Cllr Borrett declared an interest in planning application 16/O464/FUL.

No further interests were declared. No dispensations were sought.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings dated 10 March 2016 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Borough, County and Community Reports

Cllr Hopfensperger reported on continuing discussions regarding potential devolution arrangements.

Cllr Hopfensperger indicated that she has asked Highways Officers to make arrangements to meet with parish councillors to discuss local highways issues.

Cllr Hopfensperger responded as follows to questions:

- ◆ confirming that Cabinet members already having expressed a view about the location of the Hub may also serve on the Development Control Committee;
- ◆ indicating that she will require the Fornham Park application to be considered by the Planning Committee if it is not dismissed by the Officers;
- ◆ she will contact the County Council regarding the reinstatement of the parish council village sign;
- ◆ that highways issues, including cycling on the footpath, should be raised with Highways Officers at the meeting to be arranged.

The meeting was adjourned for public question time

A local resident living close to Fornham House indicated support for the proposed extension but expressed some concern about access, damage to the green environment within the grounds and overdevelopment of the site.

The meeting reconvened.

5. Clerk's report

- (i) The Clerk reported progress on actions arising from prior meetings (see Appendix 1). The Clerk indicated that he would pass the acquisition of trustee status for the King George Field to his successor.

- (ii) The Clerk commented on the following issues:
- ◆ that St Edmundsbury had confirmed acceptance of the 2016/17 precept set by the Parish Council;
 - ◆ on new Safer Neighbourhood Team reporting arrangements;
 - ◆ on continuing correspondence with The All Saints Hotel regarding the relocation of the Parish Council's dog bin;
 - ◆ on the quotation provided by St Edmundsbury Council for:
 - ◆ cutting the grass at the King George Field;
 - ◆ treatment of the bark pits;
 - ◆ cutting and collecting the wild meadow once matured;
 - ◆ disposal of the wild meadow cuttings once matured. Councillors also considered the offer from a local resident to source the grass/wild meadow seed. It was decided to accept the quotation supplied by St Edmundsbury Council and to write thanking the local resident for his offer of assistance.
 - ◆ that elections for the Police and Crime Commissioner will take place on Thursday 5 May 2016.

6. Decisions taken since the last meeting

The Clerk reported that, following consultation with the Chairman, an advert had been placed on the SALC website for the post of Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer. SALC had also circulated details of the post to existing Clerks.

7. West Suffolk Operational Hub

The Chairman reported that he, together with the other two parish council chairmen, had read all 557 public consultation responses submitted by the public in connection with the Hub. The Chairman advised that a consultation overview will be published on Monday 18 April.

8. Planning and Environment

- (i) Cllrs noted the planning decisions recorded at Appendix 2.
Cllr Borrett withdrew from the meeting.
Councillors considered application 16/0464/FUL for a single storey extension for 17 bedrooms, support facilities and parking at Fornham House. It was resolved to support the application.
Cllr Borrett re-joined the meeting.
Councillors noted that, since publication of the agenda, planning application 16/0647/TPO had been received. Councillors asked the Clerk to respond indicating that the Parish Council would be guided by the Tree Officer.
- (ii) Cllrs agreed the response of the Clerk to the Government's public consultation regarding changes to the planning process.
- (iii) Cllrs agreed that no further evidence be submitted regarding the ongoing Community Governance Review.
- (iv) Cllrs noted that the village sign on Barton Hill had been knocked over and that help was being sought from the County Council for its reinstatement.
- (v) Cllr Collier confirmed that he had taken delivery of the VAS equipment. Cllrs agreed that a further 3 sets of brackets be purchased to facilitate rotation of the equipment across the parish.

9. Finance

Cllrs agreed that the report of the Responsible Finance Officer for April 2015 (Appendix 3) be received and that any outstanding payments be made.
Cllrs approved all payments and agreed that, in addition, a payment of £162.00 be made to M&TJs for community grass cutting.
It was agreed to present the annual grant for churchyard maintenance at the Annual Parish Meeting.
Cllrs agreed that payments to St Edmundsbury Borough Council for emptying of dog/litter bins be made by direct debit.

10. Staffing matters

It was agreed that Cllrs Collier and Borrett together with one of Cllrs Owen or Butler be empowered to shortlist candidates for interview, conduct the interviews and appoint to the post of Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer.

11. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

- (i) Reports on meetings attended had been considered.
- (ii) There were no meetings prior to the next parish council.
- (iii) Cllr Butler expressed concern about cyclists using the pavement and asked that this be considered at a meeting following discussion with Highway Officers. No further items were identified for consideration at future meetings.
- (iv) Cllr Collier confirmed that approaches had been made to a number of community groups seeking their involvement at the Annual Parish Meeting. No further items of information were raised.
- (v) Cllrs noted that Chairman, Mike Collier, would be unavailable for periods prior to the next meeting and agreed that Vice Chairman, Gary Hubbard, substitute as required.

The Chairman and councillors thanked the Clerk for his valuable service to the Parish Council.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.

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PLEASE NOTE : *The Parish Council has decided that the deadline for articles to be included in the Bugle will be brought forward where possible. AUG / SEPT edition deadline NOON 16 JULY 2016. This will ensure that residents receive their copy before the beginning of the month shown on the front cover.*

NOTE: *new email for contributors fornhambugle@virginmedia.com*

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

Cheryl Boggis writes:-

I have just read the article on the new optional garden waste collection service where I note with interest that it is stated that "West Suffolk will not be removing your brown bin". The brown bin is the property of the council, people will be mistaken if they believe the bin is their property. After an exchange of emails with **customer.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk** informing them that I do not want to store their property in my garden I received an email dated February 23rd confirming that upon the receipt of my name and address they would arrange for the waste team to remove the brown bin. After the bin was emptied for the final time last week it was left on the side of the road and I emailed customer services informing them that their bin is on the verge awaiting collection. Some of your readers may appreciate being informed of this so that they too can contact the council arranging to have brown bins removed.

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Pete Ansbro writes:-

Not all residents will be aware of the AWA resource FSMFSP (which really is a foul sewer pump) located at the western end of the public footpath which runs behind Birkdale Court and alongside the golf course. I seem to be phoning AWA once every six weeks or so to inform them of what is tactfully described as "smelly brown liquid" bubbling out through the ground, across the footpath, the adjacent 10th fairway and in the direction of the River Lark.

Always AWA respond promptly and effectively and always phone me back to confirm what they've done to stop the discharge: removing hard solid material which is blocking the sewer pump itself. This isn't human waste or toilet paper, this - apparently - includes towel/fabric/cloth material which simply clogs the pump and causes the discharge into the open air.

I don't know if the pump serves the village beyond the Lark Valley estate but obviously someone is flushing something away which the system is not designed to cope with. I don't mind phoning AWA but then I'd rather not experience the sight, smell and vapour of raw sewage.

Whilst allowing for the possibility that not every parishioner reads every word of the Fornham Bugle, might it be possible please to arrange for the editors to include a simple message **"If it won't dissolve or if you can't tear it in half, please don't flush it away"?**

FSM CHURCH NEWS

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on 21st April, to elect Churchwardens and Council (PCC) for the next year, for the parish of Fornham St Martin. Fornham All Saints formed similar at their meeting on 18th April. Long-standing/suffering wardens Sylvia Hilton and David Yates were re-elected, together with Sarah Cooledge, Joan Webb, Heather Long, Anita Rooney and Maureen Groves. Although Churchwardens should only serve a maximum of six years, with a two year gap, and we both exceed this by a few years, we can continue for another year, by mutual agreement invoking the 2001 Rule, if there are no other nominations - so here we go again.!



In addition our existing Sidesmens rota were re-elected, important roles as those who welcome people into the church for services and distribute the hymn books and service booklets, and tidy up everything afterwards, comprising Margaret Ade, Anita Rooney, Beryl Dykes, Bob Hope, Sarah Cooledge and Joan Webb. At our first PCC meeting on 23rd May the Treasurer and Secretary will be proposed from the Council members, and likely to be David and Anita continuing.

The current Electoral Roll of 26 was read out and agreed, forming all who are eligible to vote at Annual Meetings, and fulfilling certain entitlements for special services, such as weddings and funerals. Peter Forster had completed an application, which will be processed, and his name added to the Roll for the coming year.

Gail Bate from Culford continues as the Safeguarding Officer for the 7 churches in our Lark Valley Benefice group of churches, with a role to be available for any concerns over children and vulnerable adults, or anyone else. She is to talk to us about her role at the next PCC.

In addition to each church's PCC, there is a Benefice Council, comprising members from each church in our Benefice, together with similar from the 3 churches in the North Bury Team group. This Council is currently progressing towards the probable merger of the two during the next year. Revd Mark Haworth, our current Priest in Charge, is likely to be the Rector of the merged Benefice Team.

Back to simpler matters, by now our Book Sale Coffee and Cakes will have been held on 14th May, and lots of new books have been arriving, so thanks to everyone who has donated these and keeps our stock up of a wide variety. With the ladies busy baking, its bound to be another enjoyable day of browsing, refreshments and chatter.!

FETE day is Saturday 2nd July at Fornham All Saints Community Centre this year, 2pm till about 4pm, and we are pleased Jo Churchill, our MP, will be opening it and circulating, as last year. Lots of the usual stalls, cakes, produce, books, bric a brac, bottles, tombola and Prize Draw. Entertainment will be provided by the Silvermist Majorettes, a talented group of young ladies marching and twirling batons, and a group of Zumba Dancers who meet at the Community Centre.

The church is open now during the day for the Summer, approx 9am - 5pm, depending on the routine of our rota of openers, with grateful thanks. Visitors are always pleased and appreciate the church being open, many of whom have come some distance to see the church or perhaps visit a grave. All are welcome.

We look forward to welcoming a group from East Suffolk U3A (University of Third Age, ie. 65+) on 31st May, who would like to have a talk about the history of the church and all its artefacts.

Building maintenance was carried out during May, following the Diocesan Architect's five yearly report, with some plastering and lime wash, pew adjustments, replace louvres in the tower, door staining, boundary wall repairs and re-assembling a stone cross in the churchyard.

Funeral services have been held for Ronald Ade on 26th April, Shelley O'Sullivan on 29th April and John Dorling on 27th May.

Services in June and July are on Sundays at 10 am, on 12th and 26th June, and 10th and 24th July, together with short services on Tuesdays at 10 am, on 7th and 21st June, and 5th and 19th July, All shown on the notice board, together with services in the other churches, including monthly evensongs.

David Yates and Sylvia Hilton, Churchwardens

LADIES CLUB

On 20 April we were delighted to welcome back Erik Punaks after unexpectedly meeting him in March (a long story of a mix up in dates and failed emails).

Erik is enjoying a very successful post retirement career performing his own poetry, verse and songs. Some of us were a little unsure what to expect but Erik soon charmed us with his words. His observations of the people he has met and is still meeting capture the joys and sorrows he finds, with a delicious dash of humour thrown in! Thank you Erik for a special evening.

Future programme:

June 15 - Visit to Cobbs Hall, Great Saxham, 6:30 pm start there, £7 entry and refreshments. If you need a lift please contact Janet or another committee member.

July 20 - Summer Supper & Quiz for members and partners. Charity Raffle. Please bring a plate of food to share. 7.30 start. Music will be provided by Louise Petch.

Meetings as usual in Fornham St Martin Village Hall at 7.45 pm unless out on a visit! A warm welcome awaits you. Mary Payne

More information from secretary Janet Petch 01284 768280

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