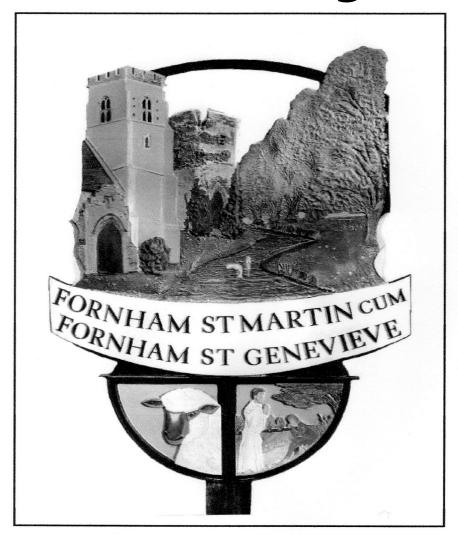
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#### Weekly

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Tuesday 10:00am to 12 noon Mums & Toddlers \* \*

Thursday 10:00am to 3:30pm Patchwork

Friday 7:15pm to 10:00pm Whist Drive in aid of St Nicholas

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#### **Monthly**

1st Wed	10:00 to 4:00pm	Sewing Craft
1st Wed	7:15pm to 10:00pm	Military Whist Drive in aid of Air Ambulance
1st Thurs	7:00pm to 10:00pm	Jazz Club
1st Fri	12 noon to 4:00pm	Spinners and Weavers
2nd Tues	7:30pm to 9:30pm	Garden Club
2nd Wed	7:30pm to 9:30pm	Card Making

3rd Mon	10:00 to 12noon	Probus Ladies
3rd Wed	7:30pm to 9:30pm	Ladies Club

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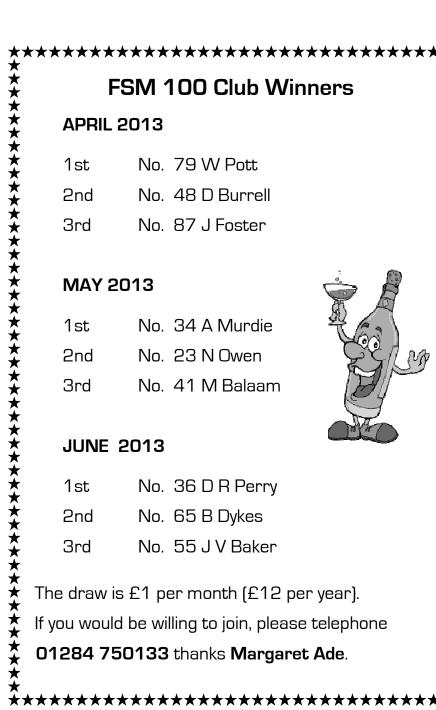
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#### FORNHAM ST MARTIN CUM ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 20th June 2013 in the Village Hall, Fornham St Martin

#### **MINUTES**

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor M Collier (Chairman)
Councillor P Butler
Councillor Mrs C Buxton
Councillor M Youngs
Councillor P Forster

#### IN ATTENDANCE

PCSO Ken Ruston PCSO Claire Teakle The Clerk One Member of the public

AGENDA ITEM

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Mrs J Hubbard Councillor G Hubbard Borough/County Councillor Mrs R Hopfensperger

# 2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23rd MAY 2013

The minutes were signed as being a true record.

The Council will adjourn for:

#### 3. POLICE REPORT

On 16th June a motorcycle had been removed from the Country Club car park.

The Clerk had received an email from PCSO Hollie Cogman in which she said she had forgotten to provide the requested stats.

An acknowledgement letter had been received from David Ruffley MP regarding the problem with motorcyclists on the bypass. The Clerk had received a call from PC Simon Collins regarding this matter and he had asked for details of times and dates of any incidents. He said that they had no knowledge of any complaints from either the Parish Council or the Borough/County Councillor. The PCSO's present said they were aware of this issue and that the traffic police were also aware. Councillor Mrs Buxton said that she had recently reported motorcycle noise on the bypass and PCSO Ruston said he attended and saw nothing. General discussion took place regarding data, of which, there seemed little. PCSO Ruston said unfortunately much of the information which is gathered by various sections of the police is either not recorded or is not passed between them. Councillor Butler said that this was totally useless and it made it impossible to make decisions on what course of action to be taken. On the speed data device (cables across the road), PCSO Ruston said that this was under the control of The Borough. It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate how the Parish Council can have this installed.

It is understood that this will measure the number of cars and also their speed. It cannot be used on dual carriageways. PCSO Ruston said the police have had some success in catching speeding motorists by using unmarked vehicles on the bypass. The PCSO's said that they do use social media sites, such as Facebook and Twitter. The Chairman remarked that it was a shame successful prosecutions were not made known to the public.

Councillor Mrs Buxton said there were problems with cars parking on the roadside at Russell Baron Road, making it extremely difficult and dangerous for people to exit on to Barton Hill and she wondered if anything could be done about this. PCSO Ruston said he would take a look but there has to be an actual obstruction for him to take action.

PCSO Ruston said he had placed a speed board on Barton Hill. He said it was a bit like a smiley face. This does not record data. Councillor Forster said unfortunately a large lorry was parked on the side which made the sign invisible to some passing vehicles.

Mr Guy Smith had sent an email regarding a speed survey he had instigated, following his visit to the April Parish Council meeting. This covered the road between the Village and the bottom of Barton Hill, in the de-restricted section. The results were 56mph northbound and 57mph southbound. He said this was very good compliance and he does not intend to carry out any improvements to this section. The Chairman said that this was not what we had asked for. The issue was speeding through the Village. The Clerk would let Mr Smith know this. The Chairman thanked the PCSO's for attending and for their help and advice.

#### 4. COUNTY/BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Hopfensperger had emailed the clerk about the following:

#### Widening the footpath -

The applications have not been asked for yet and Guy Smith has chased them and Councillor Hopfensperger has lobbied the portfolio holder to make sure he supported the application. Posts for the mobile VAS's are due to go up in the next month and she wonders if the Parish Council has talked to All Saints and about their mobile signs which they have purchased and move around themselves. These signs actually record data, whereas the ones supplied by SCC, do not. She said she would be happy to support the purchase of one, as she understands the Parish Council's frustration on the length of time it is taking. The Parish Council would have to move them from site to site. Councillors discussed this and felt that we should take up this offer but we needed to be fully aware of the procedures for installation etc.

#### 5. AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC

From the floor, Mr Yates showed Councillors a sample of the bunting which the Parish Council had funded.
Councillor Mrs Buxton asked what had happened to the bunting which the Parish Council paid for at the time of the Jubilee Celebrations. Councillor Mrs Hubbard had tried to ascertain the whereabouts but it seems to have been lost.

The Council reconvened.

#### 6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST - None.

#### 7. MATTERS ARISING

#### a. Speeding on the bypass

This had been fully covered under Item 3.

#### b. Dog litter bins

The Chairman said unfortunately, he had been away on a short holiday when Mr Harvey from the Borough had tried to phone him. The Chairman did reply and left a message on his phone but this had not been responded to. The Clerk would contact Mr Harvey to request he calls the Chairman. It was still the opinion of Councillors that one bin would be required and the proposed site would not in anyway impinge on properties nearby. The Clerk would investigate the issue of obtaining dog fouling signs and costings.

#### c. Widening the footpath

This was covered under Item 4.

#### d. Wall - The Drift

The Clerk had received an email from Guy Smith (SCC). He said that the wall was not an unsafe structure and he could not do anything further. Councillors agreed to drop this from future agendas.

#### e. Flashing Signs

This had been discussed under Item 4

Councillors further discussed this and agreed that more signs were required. It was agreed that the Clerk should talk to Mr Quayle, the new chairman of All Saints to get as much information as possible as to how they manage their sign. He would also invite Mr Quayle to the next PC meeting and to ask if he would be prepared to pass on his views and advice to Councillors.

#### f. Bunting for the Church fête

This had been dealt with under Item 5.

#### g. Trees in memory of the late Ethel Fordham

The Clerk was able to speak to a member of the family who has been liaising with the Over 60's Club and they are deciding on which species of tree to opt for. Councillors will have to decide where the two trees may be sited.

#### h. Youth Club up-date

The Clerk did receive an acknowledgement from Mr Leigh who had passed on the Parish Council's request for information to Mrs Liz Flaherty but she has not responded. The Clerk would contact her.

#### i. Barton Hill notice board

The Clerk had received a quotation from Workwise for a single fronted board, in oak, together with an oak post in the sum of £462.00 plus VAT. Councillors were in agreement that this was a very reasonable price and unanimously agreed to place an order.

#### 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### SALC.

Councillors had been circulated on Local Transport Body – Long List Publication. Councillor Butler wondered whether this new "cash pot" could be accessed for cycle paths. The Clerk would make the necessary enquiries.

Village Hall - Nothing.

#### Playing Field

Councillor Forster said the playing field was in good order and had recently been cut.

He wondered if the gate had been painted. The Clerk would speak to Mr Hoggett about this.

Tree Warden - Nothing.

#### Rights of Way

The Chairman said that the path opposite Flint Cottages was overgrown with nettles and needed attention. It was agreed to ask Mr Rodwell to undertake this work.

On the path from the Village to bottom of Barton Hill, opposite Bleak House, the trees were overhanging the path. The Clerk would ask Mr Rodwell to contact the Chairman who would be pleased to accompany Mr Rodwell to show him what is required.

The Chairman said the footpath adjacent to the bypass, in places, was badly overgrown. The Clerk would contact SCC.

An email had been received from Mr Zarattini about the width of all pavements in our Village, asking that they should all be opened to their full width. Councillors were only aware of the path from the Village to the bottom of Barton Hill being in regular need of cutting back. The Clerk would ask Mr Zarratini for the names of specific streets which he concerned about.

The Clerk had received a call from a concerned parishioner about the mess at the top of Old Hall Lane. The bags and other bits and pieces were an eyesore. The Clerk would write to the owner of the land to ask him to speak to the person responsible for the mess, asking for its removal.

Councillors Buxton and Butler asked for clarification regarding the erection of fencing. Councillor Butler thought that on the Lark Valley Estate it was open plan with no fences. One fence had recently been erected which looked out of place. Councillor Mrs Buxton had similar concerns about the large fence, recently been erected which did raise visibility issues and she thought that fences were not permitted. The Clerk would check with the planning department at the Borough.

#### Planning

The following results were to hand.



SE/12/1600/HH. Mr Rollings, 6 Turnberry Drive. Erection of a single storey rear extension (re-submission) as amended by drawing no. 2 rev D. GRANTED

SE/13/0455/HH. Mr and Mrs Pointer, 7 Parklands Green. Erection of a single storey side hipped roof extension and single story flat roof extension to the rear. GRANTED

#### 9. CORRESPONDENCE

Various pieces of correspondence had been circulated to Councillors.

#### 10. ACCOUNTS

The following were presented and passed for payment:

D Hoggett	Litter Picker/ Playing Field	229.50
M & TJ's	Grass Cutting	324.00
Denny Bros	Cartridges / Drums	358.01
S & P Brooklyn	Bugle Editors	199.99
Realise Futures	Printing Bugle	219.08
Mr Yates	Bunting for PCC	43.85
Revenue & Customs	PAYE	86.00
AIDA Pest Control	Mole eradication	90.00
ВТ	Telephone/Fax/email	99.05
Lark Valley Responders	Donation of equipment	59.60
N Pitcher	Postage & Expenses	15.90

The Clerk confirmed that Mrs Kelly had very kindly offered to attend to the Barton Hill planter this year.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING 18th JULY 2013 at 7:30 pm

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

#### FORNHAM GARDEN CLUB

The Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens at Wisley was our destination on June 8th, when club members and their guests left a chilly and cloudy Fornham St Martin so it was with a great deal of pleasure we encountered blue skies and sunshine as we approached London! As usual the gardens at Wisley looked superb, even though the late spring and cold weather meant a lot of early summer flowers and shrubs were still shy of flowering. With so much of interest to see in the garden and glasshouses, also a chance to buy a plant or two. With a shop filled with a huge variety of treasures to provide an unusual gift plus restaurants and cafes to satisfy our hunger. The five and half hours we spent there went in a flash, another lovely day out.

The club's chosen charity this year is the West Suffolk Hospital & Bury Free Press Beat It! Appeal. Jan Bloomfield executive director for fundraising at the hospital came to our meeting on 11th June to tell us briefly how the appeal came into being.

Following this, Hilary Thomas our speaker for the evening, was introduced. Hilary studied horticulture at Capel Manor College followed by a course in garden design, later becoming an author and lecturer in horticulture. Hilary was Head of the School of Garden Design at Capel Manor College in Enfield for over 20 years. Her subject was creating a low maintenance garden. Appreciating the fact that most of her audience had established gardens Hilary gave tips thick and fast, demonstrated by her professional digital slideshow, extremely well illustrated with photographs of a huge variety of shrubs, trees, plants and a vast selection of different types of garden, from the town house to country estate. Everyone no doubt left with at least one idea to put into practise to ease their work load. A wide ranging topic covered with a delivery that kept us all interested.

The magnificent sum of £253.85 was raised by the plant stall at the Fornham's Church Fete on Saturday July 6th and this was divided 50/50 between Church funds and the Garden Club's chosen charities (referred to above). Grateful thanks are extended to all who ran the stall, especially Margaret and Fred Hobbs and to those who provided us with such a wonderful range of quality plants and sundry garden related items, together of course with all our customers. Mention must be made and a huge thanks given to Helen and Vic Stone whose superb plants (worthy of any good nursery) helped to attract people to the stall and contributed greatly to the total raised.

The warm and sunny weather continued the next day when members . . . .

... of the Garden Club and friends paid a further visit to the George Hotel in Swaffham for a delicious Sunday lunch. This was followed by a short drive to Gooderstone Water Gardens where we were warmly welcomed by the owner. With 4 ponds, waterways, a natural trout stream, colourful borders and a nature trail together with a walk alongside the River Gadder, a tributary of the Wissey. Many trees giving welcome shade and a bird hide, it was an extremely relaxing end to the day. Some were lucky enough to see the kingfisher which has made its home near the hide. However the main topic of conversation on the return journey was Andy Murray's victory at Wimbledon, a fact relayed to us by the wonders of the mobile phone.

Our July meeting was held in the gardens of Beech Hall, Depden courtesy of the owner Mrs Bolton, who generously donated our fee to the National Garden Scheme which she supports. Little did we know when the booking was made last October it would turn out to be such a beautiful summer evening. The gardener David Nunn welcomed us and gave us a brief history of the property and the restoration of the garden and grounds (illustrated by a photographic record of the before, during and after.) He then led us on a leisurely tour so we could see at first hand the results of the work carried out.

To enjoy some delicious homemade refreshments in such a lovely setting was an absolutely delightful way to conclude the evening. Some of us found it difficult to tear ourselves away and had a permitted further stroll round the colourful perennial borders, the woodland and the pond with Monet style bridge. The garden is open to the public for the National Gardens Scheme on Sunday August 18th.

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

Sun 4th Aug Outing to Elsing Hall Gardens, near East Dereham and

Corpusty Mill Garden, Corpusty, Norfolk

**13th Aug** Hanet Buist; The wonderful world of Salvias. A talk and

digital slide show with tips on cultivation, propagation etc.

Sat 7th Sept Outing to Cambridge Botanical Gardens and Docwra

Manor Garden, Shepreth.

**10th Sept** Linda Gascoigne. Wildflowers and Wildlife Gardening.

An informal talk.

Please contact the Programme Secretary if you are interested in the two outings as at time of publication there are seats available.

The Garden Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at **7:30 pm** in Fornham St Martin Village Hall. Membership; is £12 per year with visitors paying £2.50 per visit.

For further information please telephone the programme secretary **Frances Harpley** on **01284 755876** 





The Parish Council has been asked to see if there are any volunteers who would act as co-ordinators for the following areas:

Hoylake Close Gleneagles Close

Russell Baron Road St Andrew's Drive

Birkdale Court Park Avenue

Lark Valley Drive Parklands Drive

If you are interested please contact Cheryl Peace her email is Cheryl.Peace@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

### FORNHAM OVER 60'S CLUB

June 4th - We welcomed David Hughes for the second year running to give his talk on his experiences as a headmaster of a school which catered for children with problems and special needs and the methods used to persuade these children to conform. These methods result in many amusing tales which were much enjoy by the 29 members present. What a difference to our age groups experiences where the cane, chalk rubber, ruler or for the girls the slipper where the norm.

We were pleased to welcome Wally Leeks back after his spell in hospital and Mary Lawrence after her bereavement.

July 2nd - A day out to Dunwich and Aldeburgh 35 member set off by coach at 10am. The weather was warm but overcast. On reaching Dunwich beach we were welcomed by the Restaurateur who took our lunch orders, he soon had us seated with a refreshing drink. We had a excellent meal, with the fish the highlight. Back on the coach and onto Aldeburgh to take in the sights, in the case of the group I was in, wheelchairs and slow walkers, we managed to stumble into a friendly pub. A good day out and home for tea.

Forthcoming Events.

Aug 6th - Eve Greygoose Talk on Hospital Radio.
Sept 3rd - Annual Garden Party, at Community
Centre Fornham All Saints.

Ron Boughen 01284 704725

### FORNHAM LADIES CLUB

For our June meeting we gathered by the Gatehouse of West Stow Hall where we were met by Mrs. Eileen Gilbert who, with her



husband, has owned the Hall since 2009. She gave us a very interesting history of the house, starting at the gatehouse and then showing us around the inside.

West Stow Hall stood on the site of a subsidiary moated manor of West Stow Manor built in the thirteenth century belonging to the Abbot of Bury St. Edmunds. This passed to John Croftes in the fifteenth century and he built the present house. In 1520 he added the Gatehouse and the great reception hall. High on the front of the Gatehouse is the Coat of Arms of Queen Mary of France, sister of Henry V111. On the death of Louis X11, she married Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk. The connection between her and John Croftes is not known. In 1580 the gatehouse was joined to the main house by the colonnade and the South wing was constructed. It passed to Anthony Croftes in 1639 and his son, John, was made a baronet. He died in 1664 and in 1670 Lady Croftes left West Stow Hall to Edward Proger, a gentleman of the bedchamber to Charles 11.

Edward Proger died at the Hall in 1713. The Hall passed down through the Proger family until it was inherited by Elizabeth in 1775. She had married an eminent barrister, Barnham Rushbrooke. The Hall was inherited in 1794 by their son, Robert Rushbrooke, who swapped it for Little Saxham Hall which was then owned by the Marquis Cornwallis. From this time the Hall was occupied by tenant farmers.

In 1825 Richard Benyon purchased the Culford Estate, including the Hall. He appointed his nephew, Edward Benyon, Rector of Culford in 1839 and he was given a life interest in the Culford Estate by Richard in 1841. The Rev'd Benyon carried out significant works in West Stow Hall. He cased the front and . . .

.. side of the house in white Culford bricks, inserted windows and filled the moat. The inside of the house was Victorianised.

At his death in 1883 the Culford estate was purchased by Earl Cadogan. He ran West Stow Hall farm as a stud. In 1934 at his death the Culford Estate was sold piecemeal. Dr Lakin purchased West Stow Hall and 112 acres of farmland. He died in 1972 and the house was sold to Mr & Mrs Barber Lomax. They revealed the timber frame in the dining room and lounge.

In 1978 the house was purchased by Professor and Madame Michelin Barrere. She had inherited part of the Michelin tyre fortune. She had the great hall fitted out as a chapel. At her death in 2009 the Hall was purchased by Mr and Mrs Gilbert. Their long term project is to remove much of the inappropriate Victorian work and to reveal and restore the former splendour of the Hall.

The Hall is reputed to be haunted but Mrs Gilbert has not seen a ghost. However, when she asked one of her guests if he had slept well, he replied that he had once the person in the room above him had settled down. Mrs Gilbert later took him upstairs to reveal a completely empty attic room so .........

Our visit concluded with a welcome cup of tea or coffee and biscuits provided by our host and she was warmly thanked for a most interesting and fascinating tour.

Many thanks Margaret for this report.

On 17th July we shall have heard the experiences of a "Turkish Shirley Valentine" from Jenny Gibbs.

This Summer we are having a special "50th Anniversary Celebration". All current and past members are warmly invited to join us on **Wednesday 21st August**, in Fornham St Martin Village Hall, at 7:00pm. Please bring along photos and memorabilia to help build a picture of the years between 1963, Fornham Young Wives Group and 2013, Fornham Ladies Club.

If you would like to join this celebration please contact secretary Janet Petch, 01284 768280

**Wednesday 19th September** - AGM followed by Celia Sims telling us about her "Wild Childhood". 7.45pm in Fornham St Martin Village Hall.

A warm welcome awaits you. Mary Payne 01284 704801

We invite you to join us on the **third Wednesday** of the month, at **Fornham St Martin Village Hall**, **7.45pm**.

For more information please contact the secretary **Janet Petch 01284 768280**.

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#### FORNHAM ST MARTIN CUM ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL

There was a meeting of the Parish Council on 18th July 2013 in the Village Hall, Fornham St Martin

#### **MINUTES**

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor M Collier (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs J Hubbard
Councillor Mrs C Buxton
Councillor M Youngs
Councillor P Butler
Councillor P Forster
Councillor G Hubbard

#### IN ATTENDANCE

The Clerk
One Member of the Public

#### 1. APOLOGIES - None

# 2. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th JUNE 2013

The minutes were signed as being a true record.

The Council adjourned.

#### 3. POLICE REPORT

A report had been submitted which stated that there had been two crimes committed since the June meeting.

- 1. Theft of a motor vehicle from the Golf and Country Club
- 2. Theft from a motor vehicle. An attempt was made to remove a catalytic converter

The police have asked if there are any volunteers for Neighbourhood Watch in Hoylake Close, Gleneagles Close,

Russell Baron Road, St Andrews Drive, Birkdale Court, Park Avenue, Lark Valley Drive and Parklands Green. Councillors discussed this and it was agreed to place a piece in the Bugle to highlight this.

In respect of cars parking at Russell Baron Road, there appears to have been some improvement following PCSO Ruston's visits to that area.

#### 4. BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A report had not been received.

#### 5. AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC

The member of the public, Mr Zarattini, was interested in path issues which would be discussed further on in the meeting.

The Council reconvened.

#### **6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST** - None.

#### 7. MATTERS ARISING

#### a. Speeding

With regard to the issue of speeding in The Street, the Clerk had not received a reply from Guy Smith, following his earlier response when the wrong stretch of road had been checked. The Clerk would chase this matter.

On the bypass speeding, five vehicles had been recorded at speeds between 80 and 96mph and this will result in possible prosecutions.

The police flashing signs (which do record data) had been deployed in the Street and Barton Hill, although in the latter's case, a parked lorry had not helped the situation. Councillor G Hubbard said the police had requested that they use his front garden to place the sign when they visit periodically.

Whilst not on the agenda, Councillor Butler asked about the flashing sign which were to have been funded by Councillor Hopfensperger's quality of life budget. The Chairman said that it had been agreed that we should look into all the implications regarding this and Mr Howard Quayle, Chairman of All Saints had agreed to attend the next meeting to explain how they have managed their signs. Councillors were of the opinion that we would require two signs. As an aside, Mr Quayle felt that it would be in all our interests, if the Fornhams had more contact and exchange of views.

This was welcomed by all Councillors.

#### b. Dog Litter bins

The Clerk had received a quotation from the Borough for a bin in the sum of £249.15 which included, metal post, Postmix and installation. Councillors agreed to order this bin and to ask M &TJ's to contact the Chairman with a view to visiting the site and clear it in readiness for the installation. Councillors were satisfied with the positioning of the bin and could not see it would interfere with houses close by. It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk would agree the wording of a letter to be sent to parishioners who had expressed their concerns. It was also agreed to ask the Borough for some dog signs, although it had been noticed that a few had recently been placed at various locations.

#### c. Widening the footpath

It was unfortunate that Councillor Hopfensperger was not present as this issue is causing Councillors concern, particularly the length of time this has taken and also the fact that we have long raised residents expectations for this project, both in the Bugle and in emails to Guy Smith and Councillor Hopfensperger. An email from Guy Smith dated 9th July stated "Today we have been asked to bid for the potential funds which could widen the footway!. Will keep you informed – but it would be good if Beccy could lobby Graham Newman to make him aware of this

potential needy cause". n.b. Councillor Hopfensperger was copied in on this email. The Clerk will contact Councillor Hopfensperger to see if she has spoken to Mr Newman and if there is any further news.

#### d. Youth Club

The Clerk had received a reply from Liz Flaherty which gave the following information. There are currently 15 members but they are averaging 8 per meeting at the moment, possibly due to the lighter evenings. 5 are from St Martin, 3 from All Saints, 3 from Bury, 2 from Lackford and 2 from Risby. They have £505 in the bank and £125 in cash. The Club are grateful for the support of the Parish Council which they hope will continue. As there was no indication of costs, Councillors felt it would be appropriate to ask for a balance sheet. The Clerk would call Mrs Flaherty. The Chairman said the Parish Council would of course continue to support the Youth Club as long as it was deemed necessary.

#### 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### SALC

The letter regarding Parish Polls had been circulated to Councillors.

#### Village Hall

Councillor Hubbard said he had been unable to attend the recent meeting but he understood the intended disabled access had to be deferred due to width issues. He said he would receive a full account of the meeting.

#### Playing Field

Mr Hoggett had weeded the trim trail, refurbished the main gate and attended to sundry issues.

#### Tree Warden

The Chairman had nothing to report but from the floor, . . . .

. .Mr Zarattini asked about TPO's . The Clerk said he had sent him the list which he had received from the Borough and unfortunately he had no other information to give him. Councillor Butler said he was aware of the developers of Lark Valley being made to plant certain trees.

#### Rights of Way

From the floor, Mr Zarattini said, as a dog walker, he uses the footpaths and was concerned about the state of public footpaths. The Chairman sympathised with him and said the Parish Council were constantly chasing SCC to keep paths clear. They should cut a least twice a year and this year, in some areas, they seem not to have cut at all. This may be down to cost cutting, possibly due to the fact that Council Tax increases are being held at zero and SCC have said they will hold them at current rates for another two/three years.

There then followed a lengthy discussion as to what the Parish Council could do to improve matters. It was agreed that the only option was to take over the responsibility for public footpaths, engaging a contractor and being reimbursed by SCC. These being, footpath parallel with the by-pass, the old Thetford Road and the one from Birkdale to the end of Old Hall Lane.

The Clerk would obtain a quote for 3 cuts per annum and then approach SCC for their approval. Councillor Forster said Barton Hill needed attention and as this was the responsibility of the Borough, the Clerk would contact them.

On the issue of the rubbish at the top of Old Hall Lane, the Clerk did not receive a reply from the landowner however a letter was sent to the householder concerned who said the sacks were diminishing fortnightly. The remainder should be cleared over the next few weeks. He was interested in the Parish Council's offer of having the sacks removed at his expense.

The Clerk would contact Mr Rodwell for a quotation.

#### **Planning**

The Clerk said he had contacted the planning department about the issues of fences being erected when they should be subject to open plan. Planners do not have details and say that these issues are dealt with by way of covenants which are listed in the deeds of properties. If anyone wishes to take issue with any particular infringement, this would have to be dealt with by due legal process.

Councillor Butler was concerned about the proposed 900 house development together with a link road which would have a massive impact to All Saints but to St Martin and St Genevieve also. He felt, and Councillors concurred, that the Parish Council should highlight the issue of this development and the matter of the Vision 2031 document in the Bugle.

The Clerk and the Chairman would undertake to word a suitable piece for the Bugle. This item would be on the September Agenda and having the Chairman of All Saints at this meeting would be extremely helpful.

#### 9. CORRESPONDENCE

Various emails from Mr Yates were to hand relating to the issue of horse manure being left uncollected by horse owners who take their horses on the pavement. After some debate it was agreed to ask the Clerk to write to Mr Underwood, who rents out his paddocks, to ask if he would ask his tenants to clear up after their horses.

Other pieces of correspondence had been circulated and received.

#### 10. ACCOUNTS

The following were presented and passed for payment:

D Hoggett	Litter Picker/Playing Field	300.51
M & TJ's	Grass Cutting	324.00
BDO	External Audit	240.00
Eon	Village Hall Electricity	326.43
The Borough	Dog Bin Emptying	124.02
N Pitcher	Postage and expenses	47.50



#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING 5th SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 7:00PM

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked Councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting. He apologised for being unable to attend the September meeting

Any parishioners wishing to raise an issue should contact the Parish Clerk by email - nep@fsmsgpc.fsnet.co.uk

### **FSM CHURCH NEWS**

The annual Fornhams Churches Fete was a great success on 6th July, held in the gardens and grounds of Fornham House, on a glorious warm and sunny day, as it should be in July.!



Thanks to Heather and all her staff for welcoming us into the Residential Care Home in FSM, and allowing us to almost 'take over the place for the day'. We hope all the residents and their families and friends enjoyed the experience. Some 350 people and families came along to play games, win prizes at the stalls and enjoy tea and cakes on the lawn. The gazebos, nicely decorated, also provided useful shade from the sun for all those running the multitude of stalls, from tombola, bottles, produce, bric a brac and books, and sweets.

Grateful thanks to the 50 or so volunteers, from all three Fornhams villages, who manned all the stalls, as well as the games and provided the teas all afternoon, and Dave on the gate as this also helps with the essential fund raising on the day, for a token entry fee. The plant stall was very well stocked as usual and thanks go to the Gardening Club for this popular stall.

David Ruffley, our MP resident now in FAS, opened the Fete again, and clearly enjoyed himself visiting the stalls and even trying the bowl a pig, although he needs a bit more practice. Many took the opportunity to have a chat with him about issues.

A new stall this year was a display of excellent model boats by the Suffolk Association of Model Makers, which proved popular, and we thank them for putting this on.

The youngsters had an opportunity to have their faces painted and hair braided, as well as all the games, treasure island map, guess number of sweets in the jar and races.

The Silvermist Majorettes gave a wonderful display of baton and pom pom twirling in their bright purple outfits, and clearly enjoyed themselves with their families.

Thanks especially to everyone in the village who not only supported us on the day, but gave generously of produce, cans, bottles as well as surplus items in order to stock the stalls, and without which we could not have a fete.

Thanks to our local The Woolpack and The Three Kings for donating meals vouchers, and Center Parcs for the family of four, day passes.

The main prize winners in the Prize Draw were Neil Friend, Russell Stocking, Sarah Wood, Fiona Barker, Brian Burns, as well as Colin Hazel, 'lilian' V Cooke, C Bird, Ernest Priestnall, Frances Harpley, Andrea Hurrell, Nick Davis, R Cook, Joan Webb and Elizabeth Gingell, who won the various bottles of: - champagne, whiskey, wine, boxes of chocolates, round of golf, and shop vouchers including FAS Organic shop & cafe.

Barbara Scarfe won the cake competition with her

Victoria sponge, Sarah guessed the bears birthday as 21st June, Julia Ely guessed the bunny's name Jessica.

The fete raised £2900 which we are very pleased with, as our major fund raiser of the year, and helps maintain the regular services in both Fornhams Churches. As it alternates each year it will be held in Fornham All Saints next year, usually the first Saturday in July if you want to book it in your diary!

The annual Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride is on Saturday 14th September, when all keen cyclists tour around Churches, sponsored to raise funds for the Trust. Half of the money goes to the Trust, and the other half to your local Church. This therefore supports the Church, but also enables the Trust to give grants to Suffolk Churches where essential major repairs are required, perhaps to even keep the Church open.

Our next concert in the Church is to be an organ recital by Christopher Moore, on Saturday 14th September at 7.30pm. Christopher is a retired professional organist, and I am sure this will be an entertaining evening, with wine and buffet. He now runs the Tudor Rose Singers from Woolpit, who will be giving us a concert in November. We badly need funds to carry out essential major works to the organ, which is one of the finest in Suffolk, and this will start our Organ Fund. When we have raised sufficient funds, it is hoped we can then apply for grants.

Our next Book Sale Coffee & Cakes is on Saturday 5th October, 11am - 3pm, in the Church.

In June and July we celebrated the wedding of Samantha Cotterell to Kevin Petrie, and the baptism of Luke Stephen Mullen.

We also very much enjoyed holding a Marriage Blessing for Barbara and Jonathan Long. They were married recently in Ireland, where they live. Jonathan grew up in Fornham St Martin and was a server as a boy, and in the 20 strong Sunday School, when he lived in Ord Road with parents Heather and Len Long.

Our next services are on:-

Sundays at 10am on 11th and 25th August and 8th and 22nd September, as well as every Tuesday at 10am. All are welcome.

All services in the 7 Churches in the benefice are shown on the notice board near the Church gate.

#### Sylvia Hilton and David Yates, Churchwardens

#### **ANSWER**

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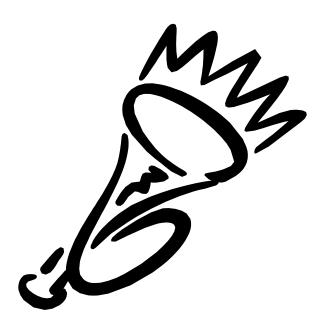
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