

Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council
Held at the Village Hall on Thursday 8th March 2018 at 7.30pm

Councillor's Present: Cllr. Mike Collier (MC), Cllr. Jayne Hubbard (JH), Cllr. Peter Forster (PF), Cllr. Paul Butler (PBU), Cllr. Lizzi Flaherty (LF) and Cllr. Penny Borrett (PBo).

Present: Vicky Bright - Parish Clerk. Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger SEBC/SCC and 3 members of the public were present.

Item		Action
	<p>The Chairman welcomed everyone present.</p> <p><u>Public Forum – LGA 1972, Section 100(1):</u> The following updates were discussed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appeal on Decision DC/16/2792/FUL. Mark Ashton a resident of Fornham Park made comments on the appeal. See Item 6 (ii).	
18/03/1	<p><u>Accepted Apologies for absence – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) and (2):</u> Cllr. G. Hubbard.</p> <p><u>Absent:</u> None.</p>	
18/03/2	<p><u>Declarations of Members' Interests (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:</u> None.</p>	
18/03/3	<p><u>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting – LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para41(2):</u> <u>Resolved 18/03/3.01</u> The Minutes of the meeting of 8th February 2018 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chair (MC).</p>	
18/03/4	<p><u>Local Authority Reports:</u> <u>County & Borough Councillor</u> Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger reported on the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SEBC Budget set at 0% rise. SCC Budget set at 4.99% rise, with 2% ring-fenced for Adult Social Care. The budget includes £12 million in saving proposals.• The Free Home School Transport consultation closed on 28/02/2018, the data is being analysed and will go to Cabinet in June 2018.• OneCouncil is to go before Parliament. There is a consultation on District Ward Boundaries, it is proposed that the Fornham's will be joined with Gt. Barton as one Ward, with 2 Councillor representatives. Overall Councillors for the District will be reduced from 72 to 64. Bury's boundaries will remain mainly the same, but Rural areas are to be changed quite significantly in some areas. Joint Services will not be affected by the changes; it is for Democratic Department only. It is expected the proposed changes will make £800,000 in savings. Residents are advised to go online and submit their comments to the proposals; <p>http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/wardoptions. Hard copies of the maps will also be available to view at the Council offices in Brandon, Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill Mildenhall and Newmarket. Closing date 28/03/2018.</p>	

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- SEBC have purchased the Old Post Office in Bury, the front façade is to remain and options and plans are being explored during working on the Master Plan.
- The Tennis Courts in Abbey Gardens are being moved to the Eastgate Nursery side. There will be an extensive archaeological dig on the existing site.

18/03/5

Clerks Report:

The Clerk advised that the School Lane road sign had been reported and the Engineer was to repair/replace as needed upon inspection. The Clerk also advised that Highways had replied to say they would not be cleaning out the Gulley's on the Bypass.

The Clerk advised that at the Town & Parish Forum the Rural Parishes Alliance had asked for Parish Councils to write to the CEO of SCC, to raise their individual concerns and issues with Highways to show that it is not an isolated problem. The Clerk is to draft a letter and will include issues with Tayfen Rd, Pothole repairs, lack of response & action taken on issues reported etc.

The Clerk advised that she had renewed the grass cutting contract with SEBC for the Playing Field.

The Clerk has renewed the Waste Contract with SEBC for the Playing Field.

Clerk

18/03/6

i)

Planning and Environment:

DC/18/0069/FUL- (i) Retention and completion of building to provide stables (ii) Change of use of land from agricultural use to grazing of horses - Fornham Farm Thetford Road Fornham St Martin – Objections submitted 23/02/2018

Resolved 18/03/6.01

*It was agreed to submit the following objections to DC/18/0069/FUL;
Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council strongly objected to the application for retention of dwelling on this site (DC/16/2278/FUL), this application was turned down and at appeal the Appeals Officer upheld the decision and an Enforcement Order was issued to remove the foundations and structure. This was never enforced and now this application is proposed on the previous refused development foundations.*

We feel strongly that the Enforcement Order should be enforced and this application be considered as a new Build, to which we strongly object to as it would set a precedent for new builds on rural and agricultural land. Our village is designated as an infill Village and any development in this area would have a detrimental impact on the Rural character and appearance of our village, which is in contravention of DM13 and DM32 (Section a & b) of the Joint Management Policy document.

There are also concerns that the proposed parking and toilet amenities seem rather excessive for the use of stables.

The Council is also concerned that the access/exit to the property is onto a D-restricted road of 60MPH limit. The 60mph speed limit and lack of lighting at the entrance, does not seem appropriate for a stables, with horseboxes and trailers entering and exiting, which

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is in contravention of DM32 (Section f) of the Joint Management Policy document.

The area concerned is also known to have had flooding issues in the past due to the proximity of the river lark, which seems entirely unsuitable for horses. This would appear to be in contravention of DM6 of the Joint Management Policy document and NPPF para. 94.

- ii) **DC/16/2792/FUL – (AP/18/0010/REF Appeal Refusal) Change of use of park land to land for siting of 26no. additional holiday lodges with access from B1106 - extension to previously approved application SE/05/02293; construction of access road, parking spaces and hardstanding bases and associated landscape planting and infrastructure**
- The previous application for 26 Lodges was approved before the Local Plan was approved. The further 26 requested were refused as contrary to Policy.
 - The appeal is citing; Policies unclear/vague (appropriate scale definition) and Misinterpretation. They are challenging the competency of Local Planners and the Planning Inspectorate, however the Local Plan was approved by the Planning Inspector in 2013-2014. They are also challenging the Anglian Water Policy (to resist development within 400m of a water sewerage plant, the existing 26 lodges are not within 400m of plant, however the proposed 26 lodges are within 400m of the plan.
 - There will be significant saturation with the approval of the leisure and holiday lodges by Stennett's and the development at the All Saints Hotel/Golf Course.
 - The Senior Planning Officer is to push the Policies and their accuracy and that they were interpreted correctly.
 - They will cite; the existing development already intrudes into the landscape, the extension requested is not moderate and the dwellings on Fornham park have already doubled in quantity.
 - There is risk of further applications as the original Dream Lodge brochure stated 86 lodges. The condition for the Golf course to be developed first has been removed and there is no sign of the Golf Course being developed.

Resolved 18/03/6.01

It was agreed to re-submit previous objections, to also include the issue of saturation.

The Clerk and Chairman are to edit the original comments for submission.

Clerk/MC

- iii) **WSOH Update**
It has been agreed that the CLG will meet on 14th March, to agree terms & conditions and discuss arrangements to meet quarterly, to be appraised of progress and changes etc.

- 18/03/7
i) **Finance & Policies:**
Parish Council Bank Balances and Reconciliation from list of payments and receipts and to approve bills for payment

Resolved 18/03/7.01

That the bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts be received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman (MC). The bank account

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balance as of 1st February 2018 is £13,850.79.

ii) **Cheques for Signing and Approval**

Resolved 18/03/7.01

It was agreed to approve the payments of the following outstanding invoices and the cheques were approved and signed by Cllr. M. Collier and Cllr. J. Hubbard.

Mr. & Mrs. L Pott	Litter picking	1980	£108.33
Mrs. V Bright	Mileage & expenses	1981	£23.74
Fields in Trust	Playing Field Deed of Dedication	1982	£360.00
Playscapes Design	Ramp & Trim Trail repairs	1983	£1,184.67
Mrs. P Borrett	Defibrillator refreshments	1984	£15.69

iii) **Communication between Councillor's and Clerk**

The Chairman requested that Councillor's respond promptly to email correspondence and requests from the Clerk.

iv) **Fornham All Saints Computer Club Donation**

Deferred to the Annual May Meeting.

v) **Approve Extra Legal Fees for the WSOH Campaign**

It was confirmed that the portion of the legal fees to be paid by the Parish Council totals £3,500.00. This expenditure was formally agreed at the November 2017 meeting. Cllr. Collier is to chase Gt. Barton Parish Council for an invoice.

MC

vi) **King George V Playing Field Fields in Trust Update**

No update.

vii) **Welcome Pack Update**

The Church submission is to be added, and corrections applied. David Payne is to update the software and then we will contact SEBC to print.

MC

18/03/8 **Parish Matters:**

i) **Defibrillator & BT Phone Box Update**

The Clerk advised that the Defibrillator Public Awareness/Training Session on Saturday 10th February 2018, in the village hall was very well attended. It was agreed that the Trainer, Martin Render was very good and it was most beneficial. Thanks were offered to Cllr. Borrett for doing the refreshments, thanks to Alan Reid who has volunteered to be the volunteer for the Defibrillator checks, and thanks to Cllr. Hopfensperger for officially opening the Defibrillator.

ii) **Review Grass Cutting/Landscaping Schedule & Confirm SEBC Schedule**

M&TJ's had been asked to clear the leaves, but had been asked to stop by an employee of SEBC. Cllr. Collier is going to ask them to finish the job. Cllr. Hopfensperger is to get clarification on the works and schedule carried out in the village by SEBC. The contract is up for renewal next March.

MC/RH

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iii)	<p>Play Area Inspections Report & Agree Inspection Rota</p> <p>The Clerk advised that no issues had been identified on the monthly inspection reports. Cllr. Borrett advised that there was an issue with Dog Fouling at the field, and dogs in the Play Area. The Clerk is to place a notice in the Bugle and to look into further signage. Cllr. Butler offered to do the weekly inspections until the next meeting in April 2018.</p>	Clerk PBU
iv)	<p>Update on Play Area Works (Playscapes Ltd) & Quotes for Multi-Play Panels</p> <p>The Clerk advised that the works on the ramp and Trim Trail were complete and the work had been done well. The Clerk presented 3 quotes to sand & re-paint the wooden panels on the Multi-Play Unit, and also provided a costing to replace the panels with HDPE panels.</p> <p><u>Resolved 18/03/8.01</u></p> <p>It was agreed to accept the quote from M&TJ's at 120 + VAT.</p>	
v)	<p>New Notice Board at Barton Hill</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the Locality Budget application has been approved and the board will be ordered once the money is received.</p>	
18/03/9 i)	<p><u>Highways & Footpaths:</u> Cycleways Plan Update</p> <p>Cllr. Hopfensperger advised that the Transport Plan for the WSOH had not yet been completed. This would hopefully include investment into local networks, cycleways and sustainable transport.</p> <p>The Clerk is to look into the conditions of the Dream Lodge development regarding cycleways.</p>	Clerk
ii)	<p>Update on Tayfen Road Junction Improvements</p> <p>The following update was given; <i>The middle / right turn lane is not going to be reinstated/implemented as part of the construction of the new layout or as a temporary measure while the phase 2 works are in progress. The Senior Transport Planner who commissioned the scheme has advised that the right turn option was considered however this was not implemented as the width of the footpaths would have needed to be reduced to allow for this layout. Due to the existing road width of Station Hill the carriageway would have needed to be widened to allow enough space for vehicles to make a right turn. When the measurements were calculated the outcome was that the reduction in the footpath required would have resulted in an unsafe condition for pedestrians.</i></p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council would submit concerns regarding this decision.</p>	Clerk
18/03/10	<p><u>Correspondence:</u></p> <p>The Clerk presented a letter from a resident who was concerned that another resident had, hired a contractor to remove branches from a Yew Tree on her land, without asking her permission. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had not asked for the branches to be cut and is to contact the Tree Officer on the residents' behalf and ask them to contact the resident and see if the issue can be resolved.</p>	Clerk
	<p>The Clerk presented the details on the Consultation on District Ward Boundaries. The</p>	

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Clerk is to draft comments for submission on the amalgamation of the Fornham's with Gt Barton, particularly to include the desire for the Ward to be named 'Fornham's & Great Barton' ward, the need to continue the personal touch and good response and communication from the District Councillors elected, and also to express the good relationship with Great Barton currently. These comments will be approved and submitted by the deadline 28/03/2018.

Clerk

18/03/11

Councillor's Reports and Meetings Attended & Items for the Next Agenda:

Cllr. Borrett reported that the verge and Daffodils at Barton Hill had been destroyed after Anglian Water had made repairs. The Clerk is to contact Anglian Water to ask them to reinstate the verge to their original condition.

Clerk

Cllr. Butler gave a report from the Village Hall Committee;
Phil & Maureen Hockett have resigned as Chair and Treasurer, but are to remain as Committee members. Roger Farnell, the new Caretaker has fitted in well and is doing a good job.

- WSOH / CLG Update
- Update on appeal for application DC/16/2792/FUL
- District Ward Boundaries Consultation Update
- Update on Tayfen Road Improvements
- Anglian Water Update – Barton Hill verges
- Mole Catcher – Verges Barton Hill
- New notice board Update
- Update on King George V Playing Field – Fields in Trust
- Trees Update
- General Data Protection Regulation Update
- Update on Play Area Works / Dog Fouling Signage

Next Meeting is to be held on Thursday 12th April 2018 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9:47pm.

Signed: *Mike Collier*
Chairman, FSMSGPC

Date: 12th April 2018

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