

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 10th October 2019 at 7.30pm

Councillor's Present: Cllr. Mike Collier (MC) Chair, Cllr. Gary Hubbard (GH), Cllr. Penny Borrett (PBo),
Cllr. Peter Forster (PF), & Cllr. John Borrett (JB).

Present: 12 members of the public were present.

Item		Action
19/10/1	<p>The Chairman welcomed everyone present.</p> <p><u>Public Forum – LGA 1972, Section 100(1):</u></p> <p>Cllr. Collier outlined the procedure for the meeting and advised that two members of the public were representatives who were in attendance to speak in support of Planning item 6.ii, at the appropriate time, and that they were happy to answer any questions raised.</p> <p>Cllr. Collier congratulated the All Saints Hotel on the improvements made by the current ownership to the hotel and Golf course over recent years.</p> <p>He also pointed out that other similar developments already approved, or awaiting decision, and lying within 0.6 miles of the hotel and another local development, scheduled for starting soon, would bring another 100 units within a similar distance; raising the question whether The Fornham's needed or could cope with yet more.</p> <p>The Chair and Councillor's questioned what advantage there would be for the villages, if the proposal were to be approved, set against obvious disadvantages.</p> <p>Later in the meeting Mr. David Harris from All Saints Hotel outlined the Application for 37 Lodges on Fornham All Saints golf course, and explained that if he had labelled the buildings as Lodges the cost of the Application would be twice as expensive as if he called them caravans; hence the confusion between caravans/lodges and the reason they are referred to as caravans.</p> <p>Steve Hall, the All Saints Hotel Golf Manager, also spoke on behalf of the Applicant and invited any members of the public to seek him out and he would escort them to visit the site and see it for themselves.</p> <p>A number of questions and comments were raised and answered and Mr. Harris assured everyone that all objections or concerns noted by various Consultees had been dealt with and all were now in support of the Application, this is to be confirmed by the Clerk, with the Planning Officer.</p> <p>Comments were made that the proposal has proven to be controversial in The Fornham's, with many emotional responses from residents; a number of written objections from the public have been very well researched and composed.</p> <p>Cllr. Collier read out a draft letter of objection and noted that it would be edited and amended as agreed by the PC, following this meeting.</p> <p><u>Accepted Apologies for absence – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) and (2):</u> Cllr. Paul Butler & Cllr. Frank Stennett. Clerk, Vicky Bright.</p> <p><u>Absent:</u></p>	<p>Clerk</p>

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- 19/10/2 **Declarations of Members' Interests (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:**
None.
- 19/10/3 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 12th September 2019– LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para41(2):**
Resolved 19/10/3.01
The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 12th September 2019 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chair (MC).
- 19/10/4 **Local Authority Reports:**
County & Borough Councillor
Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger did not attend.
Cllr. Sarah Broughton did not attend either.

No reports were received.

Police SNT newsletters are available to view at; www.suffolk.police.uk/your-area/snt-newsletters
- 19/10/5 **Clerks Report:**
No report as the Clerk was absent through illness.
- 19/10/6 **Planning and Environment for Consideration:**
i. **DC/19/1893/TPO - TPO526(2011) - Tree Preservation Order - (i) 1no. Oak (T1 on plan and T5 on order) - prune lateral branches to provide the BMW sign clearance up to 1.5 metres all around and crown lift round clearance by up to 3 metres over car parking spaces and shrub bed (ii) 3no. Alders and 5no. Silver Birch (T2, T3, T4 and T5, T6, T7, T8 and T9 on plan T2, T3 T1, and T8, T9, T11, T13 and T14 on order) – crown lift to provide a ground clearance of 5 metres (iii) 1no. Horse Chestnut (T10 on plan and T15 on order) – remove 3no. lowest limbs growing towards lamp column - Location Lancaster BMW, Thetford Road, Fornham St Martin.**
Resolved 19/10/6.01
It was agreed to submit No Comments to application DC/19/1893/TPO-TPO526(2011).
- ii. **DC/19/1700/FUL - (i) Change of use of part of golf course to 37no. caravan lodge holiday homes (ii) new access from A1101 (iii) construction of access roads, parking spaces and associated infrastructure – Location Caravan Site South Pigeon Lane, Fornham All Saints Hotel, Fornham All Saints.**
Resolved 19/10/6.02
It was agreed to submit Objections to application DC/19/1700/FUL, with the following comments;
- Fornham All Saints is an infill village, and is not part of the Bury St Edmunds Development Area, and as such the development will breach the rural green space between them and Bury St Edmund's contravening Vision 2031 and JDMDP Policy DM34 para a.). The proposal is not in-keeping with the rural setting and the character of the area, and is therefore in contravention of Policy DM2 of the JDMDP, specifically paras a) & c).

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- The site is also a recognised SSSI, and has several protected species, such as Canadian Geese, Egyptian Geese, Reed Warblers. Also on the site is Japanese Knotweed (*Japanese Knotweed is a recognised pest, requiring removal*) and is therefore in contravention of JDMDP Policy's DM10, DM11 & DM13 and DM34 para d).
- The site is located on a principal aquifer and source protection zone (SPZ 2), and there are great concerns regarding the risks of contamination; The site falls within a Flood Plain, which has a history of flooding during wet weather, there was significant flooding of the area in 1968. In accordance with Policy DM6, the applicant should be required to provide a flooding and sustainable drainage scheme, which outlines the sewerage/water and drainage strategy and maintenance schedule. There have also been concerns raised by the River Lark Catchment Partnership, that the river may be affected by pollution and sewerage and that this may result in a detrimental impact on the Water Course. The Lark corridor is recognised as an important Biodiversity and is Nationally recognised for protection.
- There are no plans indicating how Cycleways between the site and Fornham Park, West Stow, & Genevieve Lakes will be linked, nor is there any provision for cycle storage, (as highlighted by SCC Highways in their comments);
- The Access on to the A1101 Mildenhall Rd, has not adequately addressed how traffic flow will affect the road and the traffic through the villages, and the applicant is using out of date data on their Traffic Assessment. The permission granted under DC/17/1351/FUL for access, has a condition set for use only by maintenance vehicles, which will be breached if the proposed new access road uses this access as planned. As a result of this Highways have submitted a holding objection, based on these issues along with lack of information on the watercourse which will be crossed by the development and lack of information on parking;
- The Battlefield Trust, SCC Archaeological Services & Historic England have not withdrawn their concerns over the impact on the historic values of the site and the possible damage or loss of artefacts from when the battle 'did cross the River', and the development will have an 'impact' on the retreat that took place after the battle.

As a note of concern we would also like to raise the fact that the amount of holiday lodges within the local area is disproportionate to the need. There are currently 24 Lodges already built at Fornham Park, with 27 further lodges approved and with foundations in progress; there is also a 12 lodges application still pending determination. So if the proposed 37 lodges application at the hotel is approved this would equal 100 lodges in total. Plus, with the RV6 Stennett's provision which has been allocated, a further possible 100 lodges at Genevieve Lakes could also happen, all within close proximity of each other, being only 1/6 of a mile apart. Surely this is over development and does not represent correct use of JDMDP Policy DM34.

For Information Only:

iii. WSOH Update & Update on Village Projects Assisted by Morgan Sindall.

Cllr. Collier reported an agreement had been reached regarding kind assistance offered by Messrs. Morgan Sindall with works to be carried out to the Village Hall and the gateway to the King George V Playing Field, within the next few weeks; arrangements were currently being made to establish and agree dates and times.

19/10/7 Parish Matters:

i. Play Area Inspections Report & Agree Inspection Rota.

Once gain there are problems developing with crows damaging the playing field searching

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	for chafer bugs and a close eye would have to be kept as expensive treatment may be necessary. No other issues were raised in the monthly H&S inspection reports. Cllr. Hubbard (GH) agreed to continue to carry out weekly inspections until the next meeting.	GH
	<p>ii. Play Area Signage Quotes to be approved No quotations have yet been received; this item is to be deferred to the November meeting.</p>	
	<p>iii. Eco Initiatives for the King George Playing Field Update The Clerk, Chair and Cllr. Hopfensperger met with Greener Growth, on site, on 31st July. Several different ideas were discussed and Greener Growth are yet to prepare formal designs and costings which were expected to be available by now; this item is to be deferred to the November meeting and the Clerk is to chase up Greener Growth for the proposals.</p>	Clerk
	<p>iv. Defibrillator Update The Clerk is liaising with our Insurance Company in order to get a replacement unit which is expected to cost in the region of £950.00. In the mean-time the loan unit from CHT is in use and the site is now reactivated with the Ambulance Service as a live site.</p>	Clerk
	<p>v. Bugle Format. This item is to be deferred to the November meeting.</p>	
19/10/8	<p><u>Highways/Footpaths & Trees</u></p> <p>i) Lark Valley Trees & Footpaths Update In response to a question from the floor, Cllr. Mike Collier confirmed that action had now been taken in trimming offending trees on Lark Valley Drive. A further update is anticipated for the next meeting.</p>	RH
	<p>ii) Discuss 'Racing' cars on Fornham Bypass & Speeding on Barton Hill Cllr. Hopfensperger was to update the meeting on these matters but no update has been received. This item is to be deferred to the November meeting.</p>	RH
	<p>iii. Discuss Traffic Calming & Signage Feasibility Study on Barton Hill (Highways Update) No update on these matters has been received. This item is to be deferred to the November meeting.</p>	Clerk
	<p>iv. Update on Wildlife Signage An update is still awaited on this subject from Cllr. Hopfensperger. This item is to be deferred to the November meeting.</p>	RH
19/10/9	<p><u>Correspondence:</u> None received at the meeting.</p>	

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Finance & Policies:

- i) **Parish Council Bank Balances and Reconciliation from list of payments and receipts and to approve bills for payment**

Resolved 19/10/10.01

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 balance as of 1st October 2019 is £18,418.04.

- ii) **Cheques for Signing and Approval between Meetings**

Resolved 19/10/10.02

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

PKF Littlejohn	Audit 2018/19	002095	£240.00
M&TJ's	Grass cutting & hedge cutting	002096	£540.00
CHT	Annual support cost	002097	£151.20
SALC	Payroll	002098	£54.00
Mr. & Mrs. Brooklyn	Bugle Editing	002099	£184.00
First Impressions	Bugle Printing	002100	£342.00
Mr. & Mrs. Pott	Litter Picking	002101	£108.33
Mrs. V Bright	Mileage & Expenses	002102	£11.61
Mr. M Collier	Mole man Reimbursement	002103	£30.00

19/10/11

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

Items for next agenda:

- 'Old Thetford Road' Oak Trees Works Application Update
- Lark Valley Trees Update
- WSOH Village Projects Update
- Plans for Eco Initiatives Project for King George V Playing Field
- Discuss Bugle format
- Barton Hill Traffic Calming/Signage Feasibility Study Update

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- Wild Life signage – Barton Hill
- Defibrillator Insurance Claim Update
- Play Area signs – (Age restriction & liability)
- Bleak House access/egress

Next Meeting is to be held on Thursday 14th November 2019 at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9:10pm

Signed: *Mike Collier*
Chair, FSMSGPC

Date: 14th November 2019