

# Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council  
held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall

**Councillors present:** Cllr. J. Borrett - Chair (JBo), Cllr. M Collier - Vice Chair (MC), Cllr. P. Borrett (PBo) & Cllr. N. Steward (NS).

**Also present:** Vicky Bright, Clerk PC. Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger – WSC/SCC. Cllr. Sarah Broughton – WSC.

ITEM	<b><u>PUBLIC FORUM:</u></b>
	No members of the public were in attendance.
23/09/1	<b><u>Chairman's Welcome &amp; Acceptance of Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972, Section 85(1) &amp; (2)):</u></b> <b>Apologies:</b> Cllr. Paul Butler.
23/09/2	<b><u>Declaration of Members' Interest (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:</u></b> None.
23/09/3	<b><u>Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings - LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para 41(2):</u></b> <b><u>Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Resolved 23/09/3.01</u></b> The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman (JBo).
23/09/4	<b><u>Local Authority Reports:</u></b> <b>County &amp; District Councillors:</b> Cllr. Sarah Broughton reported that the Western Way Leisure Project is now on hold and plans are in place to invest in the old swimming pool.  Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger gave updates to Councillors on various matters, including; 6 (i), (ii) & (iii) and 7 (vi).
23/09/5	<b><u>Planning (For Consideration):</u></b>
i)	DC/23/1375/TPO - TPO 164 (1971) - Tree preservation order - trees marked purple on submitted maps (A1, G1 and G2 on order) – all works specified on submitted tree schedules. Location: Open Space, Culford Road, Fornham St Martin, IP28 6BY <b><u>Resolved 23/09/5.01</u></b> No objections.
ii)	DC/23/1330/TPO - TPO 175a (1993) Tree preservation order - one Sycamore (T1 on order) fell. Location: Fornham Grange, School Lane, Fornham St Martin <b><u>Resolved 23/09/5.02</u></b> No objections.
iii)	DC/23/1343/FUL - two outdoor tennis courts. Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve <b><u>Resolved 23/09/5.03</u></b>

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Objections, based on the effect on residential amenity, noise pollution, and safety of the foot-path users.

Cllr. Hopfensperger confirmed she is planning to call this in to Delegation Panel, due to the overwhelming concerns raised by residents.

- iv) DC/23/1154/OUT - Outline Planning Application (means of access to be considered) for demolition of existing buildings and structures to provide new employment floorspace (Classes E(g)(iii), B2 and B8) including vehicular access with all other matters reserved. Location: Shepherds Grove Industrial Estate, East Sumner Road, Hepworth  
**Resolved 23/09/5.04**  
Objections, based on the impact of extra traffic volume on the A143.
- (For Information Only):**
- v) DC/23/0424/HH – AMENDED a. dropped kerb b. removal of boundary wall and fence c. hard standing to form driveway. Location: Trisco, The Street, Fornham St Martin – *Refused 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023.*
- vi) DC/23/0811/HH - single storey side extension. Location: 1 Gilstrap Road, Fornham St Martin IP31 1TD – *Approved 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023.*
- vii) DC/23/0686/FUL - Installation of raised timber decking and balustrades to holiday lodges. Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve IP28 6JQ – *Approved 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023.*
- viii) AP/23/0023/STAND - Planning application DC/21/2245/FUL - a. one dwelling (following demolition of existing dwelling) b. new vehicular access c. 2 metre close boarded acoustic fence. Location: Rathkeltair Lodge Barton Hill Fornham St Martin – *Refused 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023.*
- ix) AP/23/0020/STAND - Planning application - a. reconfiguration of second floor roof to existing bedroom wing b. four storey linked extension creating 37 bedrooms and three residential dwellings on the second floor (DC/21/1426/FUL). Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve – *Approved 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023.*
- x) DC/22/1294/FUL- animal feed mill and associated development including ancillary offices, silos, warehouse, improved access route and parking. Location: Land of Compiegne Way, Bury St Edmunds (British Sugar) – *Development Control Committee WSC – 6<sup>th</sup> September*
- xi) DC/22/1887/FUL - create access into All Saints Golf and Country Club. Location: Land off the Street, Fornham All Saints – *Pending Decision. The application is recommended for refusal!*
- xii) DC/20/0496/FUL - 68 lodges with parking, landscaping, waste and recycling areas and construction compound/maintenance area. Location: St Genevieve Lakes, Road from Bury Road to B1106, Timworth – *Pending Decision!*
- xiii) Update on Refused Application & Appeal status DC/22/1378/FUL Outdoor Gymnasium & Enforcement EN/21/0057 St Johns Plantation Trees & enforcement response to more trees removed recently on Golf Course

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*The Clerk and Cllr. Hopfensperger has asked for the Enforcement Team to do an on-site inspection.*

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i)

## **Highways/Footpaths & Trees:**

### **Update on Outstanding Highways Issues/Footpaths**

Cllr. Hopfensperger gave the following updates;

- Cllr. Hopfensperger has advised that Andy Warr will be visiting and carrying out the works himself to clear the footpaths in Parklands Green, this may be done over several visits.
- There is no further update on the Manners Road resurfacing, date TBC.
- Footway surfacing on Barton Hill to A134, Ansy Warr is to re-inspect to see if it now meets intervention criteria.
- The bench repairs at Barton Hill, the bench was property of St Edmundsbury Council and should have been adopted by WSC when they merged, Cllr. Hopfensperger is to follow up on this. Cllr. Borrett (JBo) has also provided the location and photos of another St Edmundsbury bench, near Lark Valley Drive that needs work done and adopting.
- The gully works by Flowline on Russell Baron Road are still pending, date TBC, Andy Warr is to chase Flowline
- The vegetation on the Old Thetford Road footpath – Cllr. Borrett (JBo) is to send photos to Cllr. Hopfensperger who will chase with PROW.
- The vegetation on Thetford Road has only partly been cut back, Cllr. Borrett (JBo) is to send photos of the section by the bus shelter that hasn't been done.
- Cllr. Hopfensperger has requested that the 'new' footpath between the village and Barton hill be cut.
- Cllr. Borrett (JBo) reported that the alarm at the Anglia Water Pumping Station is now making a whirring sound, Cllr Hopfensperger is to check it has been removed as reported.

ii)

### **Street Light Russell Baron Road – Reinstatement SCC**

Cllr. Borrett (JBo) reported that following a RTC the street light had been removed and the ground reinstated, but that now the street light was gone, lighting in the road was an issue. Cllr. Borrett is to provide photos of the site and ideally the street light number and this is then to be reported online and CC'd to Cllr. Hopfensperger to follow up.

iii)

### **Update on Highways Gate**

The 'gate' has now been installed. The Clerk is now submitting an application for Locality funding support from Cllr. Hopfensperger.

iv)

### **VAS/SID**

No Update.

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## **Parish Matters.**

**Weekly & Monthly H&S Inspection Reports Trim Trail & Play Area / Agree Rota / Discuss Wasp Nest in field**

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The Clerk is to arrange a site visit with the Inspector to discuss discrepancies in the monthly and Annual RoSPA reports.

Cllr. Borrett (JBo) is to obtain a quote from M F Everitt to repair the gate & post to the play area.

**Resolved 23/9/7.01**

It was agreed that as long as the quote was under the £500 emergency works, as per the Council's Financial Regulations then Cllr. Borrett could instruct M F Everitt to proceed.

Signs have been erected advising of the wasp's nest for Health & Safety, but it was agreed not to remove the nest or kill the wasps. The Clerk is to check the Council's Public Liability to ensure that this is sufficient.

Cllr. Borrett (JBo) is to carry on doing the weekly inspections until the next meeting.

ii) **Vandalism and Insurance claim for Trim Trail +/- discuss quotes/options for repair or replace**

The Clerk is awaiting decision from the Insurance Company regarding the claim for damages. The hurdles are currently fenced in for Health & Safety. It was agreed to remove the hurdles at this time to avoid lengthy fencing costs.

**Resolved 23/9/7.02**

It was agreed to accept the quote to remove the hurdles and make safe from Ford Fencing at a cost of £578.40.

It was agreed to put a consultation notice in the Bugle asking residents whether they want the hurdles replaced, or a new outdoor sports equipment, or new bigger play area, due to the many issues highlighted in the Annual RoSPA and the cost of repairs not really being financially viable.

iii) **Discuss Quotes for Tree Works in the Playing Field**

Deferred until 2<sup>nd</sup> quote received.

The Clerk is to check the WSC quote and compare what's been done regarding the nettles and brambles.

iv) **Quotes for repair to wooden bus shelter roof**

Deferred until options and quotes have been explored.

v) **Notice Boards Update +/- Quotes**

The Clerk is to go back to the company and chase guidance or to get quotes for new notice boards.

vi) **Discuss further Bonfires – Tollgate Bridge**

Cllr. Borrett (JBo) reported that the bonfires at Tollgate Bridge had now ceased, but that opposite and next to Jardines there are regular bonfires at inconsiderate times, with thick black smoke for lengthy periods of time. It was suggested that video evidence with a diary of incidences be sent to Cllr. Hopfensperger and Environmental Health.

The Market Stall at Barton Hill has reappeared, it has been reported to Enforcement to follow

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**Correspondence:**

None.

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**Finance & Policies:**

**Parish Council Bank Reconciliation from list of payments/receipts**

**Resolved 23/09/9.01**

The bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts were received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman. The bank account balance as of the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 is £35,698.32.

ii)

**Cheques for signing and approval and to authorise payment of outstanding invoices**

**Resolved 23/09/9.02**

It was agreed to approve payments of outstanding invoices as below and cheques were signed by Cllr. M. Collier, the Clerk is to get a second signatory from Cllr. Butler after the meeting.

Mrs V Bright	Mileage, expenses & overtime	002380	£110.30
Mrs D Pott	Litter pickers Sept 23	002381	£132.12
Meral Ahmed	Bugle Issue 130	002382	£227.59
Mijan Ltd	Internal audit 22/23	002383	£80.62
WSC	Elections fee May 23	002384	£163.82
First Impressions	Bugle printing	002385	£629.60
M&TJ's	Grass cutting July/Aug 23	002386	£720.00
Westcotec Ltd	VAS Batteries	002387	£160.20
Ford Fencing	Bench maintenance & Highways gate installation	002388	£652.00
Jacs UK Ltd	Highways gate	002389	£1,487.11

**Cheques for Approval Signed between meetings**

**Resolved 23/09/9.03**

It was agreed to approve cheques signed between meetings, which were signed by Cllr. M. Collier & Cllr. P. Butler

Mrs D Pott	Litter pickers Aug 23	002378	£132.12
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Alan Horne	Moleman	002379	£15.00
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iii)

**To agree & Adopt the Parish Council Annual Insurance Schedule for 2023-24  
Resolved 23/09/23.04**

It was agreed to accept the 2023-24 Insurance Schedule & policy from Gallagher Insurance at a premium of £1,031.50.

iv)

**New Bank Account & Bank Mandate Update**

Deferred to the next agenda.

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**Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda's**

None.

**Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023, in the  
Fornham St Martin Village Hall.**

Meeting closed at 9:03pm

Signed: *J. Borrett*  
Chair, FSMSGPC

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023