

Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council
Held via Zoom on Thursday 12th November 2020 at 7:30pm

Councillors present: Cllr. M. Collier, Chair (MC), Cllr. Gary Hubbard, VC (GH), Cllr. Frank Stennett (FS), Cllr. P. Forster (PF), Cllr. P. Borrett (PBo), Cllr. P. Butler (PBU) & Cllr. J. Borrett (JBo).

Present: Clerk – Vicky Bright. Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger – SCC/WSC. Mr. David Roach – WSC.

ITEM	
20/11/1 i)	<p><u>Chairman’s Welcome & Acceptance of Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)):</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone.</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr. F. Stennett had internet issues and couldn’t get sound. Cllr. P. Forster had internet issues and lost video. Absent: None.</p>
20/11/2	<p><u>Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:</u> Cllr. Frank Stennett declared an interest in Item 5 (xi).</p>
20/11/3	<p><u>Minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2020 - LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para 41(2):</u> <u>Resolved 20/11/3.01</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2020 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman (MC).</p>
20/11/4	<p><u>Local Authority Reports:</u> County & Borough Councillor Cllr. Hopfensperger gave the following report and update on Parish Matters;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Home but Not Alone scheme is contactable from 9am-5:30pm, Monday to Friday.• There is also a Hardship Fund, that are able to give advice & support.• Tree Nurseries, at least 10 (100,000 trees), are being planted as Recovery Woodland Areas, to be areas for people suffering with loss, mental health issues etc. to come and reflect and be with nature.
20/11/5 i)	<p><u>Planning Applications:</u> West Suffolk Local Plan (Regulation 18) Issues and Options Consultation (Guest Attendance from David Roach, WSC) The classification of the villages will be changed from an ‘Infill Village’ to a Class A, which can allow for new development outside of the village boundaries, thus bringing the villages closer to Bury St Edmunds resulting in the loss of our separate identity. The reason for this declassification is that West Suffolk are classing us as a Class A, under the criteria that the villages are 2km away from local services and amenities; of course the amenities they are referring to is Bury St Edmunds Town Centre, from which we have always been separate. The villages themselves do not have any shops, schools, GP’s, libraries or a Post Office. As such, the Parish Council will be submitting our objections to this declassification and would suggest that residents take the time to look at the consultation documents and submit their own objections. For further information, feel free to contact the Clerk fsmsgpc@gmail.com. The options consultation will run for 10 weeks from</p>

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- ii) **DC/20/1832/RM - Reserved matters application - Submission of details under DC/18/0829/OUT - for the means of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for one dwelling Location: Land Adjacent to The Old Parsonage, The Street, Fornham St Martin**
Resolved 20/11/5.01
It was agreed to object to the application, with the following comments;
- The initial outline application was for a smaller dwelling, and was meant for the purpose of housing the previous owners elderly parents, closer by (JDMPD DM23). Subsequently the site has now been sold off and the new owners have submitted a much larger development, with some very extravagant fixtures, such as a 60sqm Gym, which it is felt is totally out of scale, for what is essentially meant to be a family home.
 - The new proposed dwelling's increase in size, means there would be quite clear over development of the site (JDMPD DM27). Along with the new proposed dwelling having a significant effect on neighbouring properties and their visual amenity, the proposed design is not at all in keeping with the current street scene.
 - We have been informed by neighbours that they object to the proposal on the above grounds, and that they have grave concerns that the larger size is going to impact on their properties, causing overlooking, especially with the applicant also looking at significantly reducing the height of the trees on site, which offers some screening for the neighbours.
- iii) **DC/20/1197/FUL – AMENDED - Lambing Unit Location: Fornham Farm, Thetford Road, Fornham St Martin,**
Resolved 20/11/5.02
It was agreed to object to the application, see **Appendix 1** attached.
- iv) **DC/20/1763/HH - Single storey front extension Location: 14 Manners Road, Fornham St Martin**
Resolved 20/11/5.03
It was agreed to object to the application, with the following comments;
- The single storey front extension is outside of the building line and will affect the visual appearance of the street scene/view. This is contravention of JDMDP Policy DM2 and JDMDP Policy DM 22.
- v) **DC/20/1807/TPO - TPO 290 (1973) Tree preservation order - two Yew (red on plan within G9 on order) overall crown reduction by up to five metres Location: The Old Parsonage, The Street, Fornham St Martin**
Resolved 20/11/5.04
It was agreed to object to the application, with the following comments;
- We do not support the application in its current request and we believe that the request to reduce up to 5 metres all over, seems excessive for two reasonably small trees, that have no disease or pose any risk. It seems that the sole purpose of reducing the tree's size is to allow access for scaffolding for application DC/20/1832/RM, should it be approved.
- vi) **DC/20/1667/TPO – Formal Resolution of No Objections submitted 27/10/2020**
Resolved 20/11/5.05
No objections to application DC/20/1667/TPO

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- vii) **DC/20/1503/TPO – Formal Resolution of Objections & Support of Arborists Report submitted 14/10/2020**
Resolved 20/11/5.06
Objection agreed to application DC/20/1503/TPO.
- viii) **DC/20/1458/TPO – Formal Resolution of No Comments submitted 09/10/2020**
Resolved 20/11/5.07
No comments submitted for application DC/20/1458/TPO.
- ix) **DC/20/1422/TPO – Formal Resolution of No Comments submitted 10/09/2020**
Resolved 20/11/5.08
No comments submitted on application DC/20/1422/TPO.
- x) **(For information):**
Planning enforcement EN/20/0302 - Fornham House, The Street,
The Clerk had reported the issue with the signage at Fornham House to the Enforcement Planning Team on 30th September, they have since replied with the following, after agreeing with the owners of Fornham House;
1. The 2 banners attached to the listed flint wall will be removed immediately
 2. The main signage is temporary and will be removed by the end of November, with any subsequent signage which requires Advertisement Consent being applied for.
- xi) **DC/20/0496/FUL - 68 lodges with parking, landscaping, waste and recycling areas and construction compound/maintenance area. St Genevieve Lakes, Road from Bury Road to B1106**
Holding Objection is still in place and the applicant has until the end of the month to provide the additional information that has been requested.
- 20/11/6
i) **Highways/Footpaths/Trees:**
Flooding (BMW Garage) Barton Hill & Russell Baron Road Update
Cllr, Hopfensperger advised that the Capital Works had been approved and a date was to be confirmed for the drainage works at Barton Hill (BMW Garage). The works for Russell Baron Road has also been approved and funding has been secured, a date is to be confirmed for works to start.
- ii) **30mph Roundel Works – Barton Hill & Traffic Calming Feasibility Update**
The Clerk confirmed the works had been scheduled, but a date for works to start was yet to be confirmed. Cllr. Hopfensperger was asked to push to get a date.
- iii) **Discuss possible routes to be put forward for the SCC 5year Cycle Plan**
Cllr. Hopfensperger has sent information regarding the Cycle & Walking Infrastructure 5-year plan. It was agreed that the suggestion be put forward for the plan to include a cycleway from the Roundabout/West Stow (fronts Fornham Park); this is the route previously proposed by the SCC Transport Planner following a site visit with Parish Councillors in February 2019 – See **Appendix 2** attached. The possibility of a second cycleway was also discussed through the High Street. The Clerk is to formally request support from our County Councillor, Cllr. Hopfensperger.

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- iv) **Discuss Declaring an Interest in the Quiet Lanes Scheme**
The Clerk presented a report on the SCC & Quiet Lanes Scheme. There was suggestion for the rural lanes adjacent to Fornham Park and St Genevieve Lakes being put forward as candidates for registration as Quiet Lanes;
- U6235 Mill Road from Hengrave to Culford - circa 3m wide country lane
 - U6236 Hengrave Road from crossroads passing Cedar Lodge residential care home and Culford Equestrian to Culford B1106 crossroad - circa 3m wide country lane
 - U6237 Lane passing Timworth Carr adjacent to and passing St Genevieve Lakes from Culford crossroad to A134 towards Timworth - circa 3m wide country lane
- The Clerk is to Register an Interest by 30th November 2020.
- 20/11/7
i) **Parish Matters:**
Play Area Inspections Report / Agree Weekly Inspection Rota
The Clerk confirmed that the play area could remain open during Lockdown, due to the current Government guidelines.
- The inspection report had highlighted that the swing chains were beginning to wear and would need to be monitored. There was also report of rotten wood within the Trim Trail hurdles, but after inspection by Cllr. Collier and Cllr. Forster, no rot could be found. The Clerk was asked to contact the Inspector, Tim McGhee and arrange a site visit to establish the problem. The bark also needs topping up on the Trim Trail sections, it was agreed to look at quotes for Spring 2021.
- Cllr. P. Borrett and Cllr. J. Borrett volunteered to do the next period of weekly checks to the play area.
- ii) **Planters in the Village Update**
Thanks were given to David Randall for the wonderful job of planting and maintaining the planters in the village, which always look so beautiful.
- 20/11/8
i) **Correspondence:**
Sunnica Energy Farm – Statutory Consultation.
Proposals for Sunnica Energy Farm, a new solar energy farm and battery storage facility connecting to the Burwell National Grid Substation in Cambridgeshire, the Scheme is now located across four sites, these are: •Sunnica East Site A, near Isleham • Sunnica East Site B, near Freckenham and Worlington • Sunnica West Site A, near Chippenham and Kennett • Sunnica West Site B, near Snailwell.
We are now holding a statutory consultation between **22 September 2020** and **2 December 2020**.
<https://sunnica.co.uk/public-consultation/>
- 20/11/9
i) **Finance & Policies:**
Parish Council Bank Reconciliation from List of Payments/Receipts
Resolved 20/11/9.01.
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 3rd October 2020 is £20,633.44.
- ii) **Cheques for signing and approval and to authorise payment of outstanding invoices**

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Resolved 20/11/9.02

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. P. Forster.

Mrs V Bright	Backdated payrise	002167	£130.56
Mrs V Bright	Mileage & expenses	002168	£107.41
Mrs D Pott	Litter Picker	002169	£216.66
Mrs S Brooklyn	Bugle Editor	002170	£185.83
First Impressions	Bugle Printing	002171	£517.50
M&TJ's	Grass cutting	002172	£720.00
CHT	Annual support fee	002173	£151.20
Mr M Collier	Remembrance Wreath	002174	£20.00
Mr A Horne	Mole catcher	002175	£25.00
CAS One Suffolk	Annual website fee	002176	£60.00

Approval of cheques signed between meetings

Resolved 20/11/9.03

Approved cheque payments since the last meeting. Signed by Cllr. M. Collier and Cllr. P. Forster.

Mr P Forster	Bin play area	002162	£80.40
Mrs S Brooklyn	Bugle Editor	002163	£185.83
SALC	Payroll	002165	£54.00
Mrs D Pott	Litter Picker	002166	£108.33

iii)

To Agree the Clerk's Pay Increase In-line with NJC Pay Scale Increase 2020/21

Resolved 20/11/9.03

It was agreed to increase the Clerks pay in-line with the 2020/21 increase in the NJC pay scales. Increasing the Clerks salary from £12.39 per hour to £12.73 per hour, with effect from 1st April 2020.

iv)

Asset Risk Assessment & Maintenance Assessment Report

Cllr. Collier reported that the risk assessment had identified that the Highway gates/Village sign on entering the village needed replacing. The Clerk is going to look into reporting this to Highways and approaching Cllr. Hopfensperger for funding from her Locality Fund.

20/09/10

Councillors Reports and Meetings Attended / Items for Future Agenda's

Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 14th January 2021 at 7:30pm, venue to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 9:13pm

Signed: *Mike Collier*

Date: 14th January 2021

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