

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 20th April 2017 at 7.30pm

Councillors Present: Cllr. Mike Collier (MC), Cllr. Gary Hubbard (GH), 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. Howard Quayle – Fornham All Saints PC, Philip Reeve – Gt. Barton PC, Adrian Graves & Chris Shimwell – Mercury. 18 members of the public were present.

Item		Action
	<p>The Chairman (MC) welcomed everyone present and explained that item 6. the WSOH Update would allow 1 hour for forum discussion. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Fornham All Saints PC and Gt. Barton PC and explained that due to the WSOH a positive consequence was the 3 parishes working together, which is an extremely valuable relationship and hopefully would continue in the future.</p> <p><u>Public Forum – LGA 1972, Section 100(1):</u> Colin Hilder gave a brief update on the Dream Lodges application and advised of a retrospective application for 4 propane gas cylinders, electricity substation, this week. The issue of the public path would have no benefit to the public, as it is land not owned by Dream Lodges, and the landowner has confirmed no access rights. It is felt that the issue of the footpath was misleading and should have been a condition of approval. It was felt to be important that any further applications approved should have a condition for a footpath/cycleway and that the PC should continue to push for cycleways. Cllr. Hopfensperger confirmed the 26 lodges had been recommended for refusal.</p>	
17/04/1	<p><u>Accepted Apologies for absence – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) and (2):</u> None. <u>Absent:</u> None.</p>	
17/04/2	<p><u>Declarations of Members' Interests (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:</u> None.</p>	
17/04/3	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting – LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para41(2):</u> <u>Resolved 17/04/3.01</u> The Minutes of the meeting of 9th March 2017 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chair (MC).</p>	
17/04/4	<p><u>Local Authority Reports:</u> <u>County & Borough Councillor</u> Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger was present and spoke during Item 6.</p>	

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Clerks Report:

The Clerk confirmed that the Transparency Fund application had been approved for the full amount requested for £662.86.

The Clerk confirmed that it had been agreed to leave the planter outside the village hall where it is, and to move the one on the corner of Old Hall Lane along the verge about 10 paces so that it is not under the large tree. David Randall is currently looking at quotes to move them and will report at the next meeting. Quotes for the new planter are to be presented at the next meeting.

The Clerk advised that she needed confirmation of which dates Cllr. Flaherty, Cllr, Hubbard (JH) and Cllr. Borrett wished to attend their Councillor Training.

The Clerk confirmed that application 17/0291/ADV for 1 non-illuminated sign at All Saints Hotel had been approved on 19th April 2017. The second application, 17/0369/ADV was still pending.

The Clerk confirmed that she will be preparing the end of year accounts next week ready for internal audit, which has been arranged with Mijan Ltd for 5th May 2017.

Clerk

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17/04/6

West Suffolk Operational Hub Application Update/Forum

Meeting Adjourned for a short interval at 8:45pm.

Councillors, residents and guests discussed the WSOH application in full, highlighting the following issues;

- Mercury article and Bury Town Council's comments on the application, to clarify they neither support nor object.
- Traffic concerns have been ignored with no recommendations to improve Barton Hill Roundabout of Fornham Road.
- Width of roads, speed limit & visibility concerns and disappointment that the Planners appear not to have visited the site.
- Concerns regarding assumptions being made about traffic impact and future volumes. It would appear that Highways only require a forecast of future traffic impact until 2022; however, this WSOH has been, we are told, future proofed to 2039. Post 2022 summits and housing effects have not been factored in.
- The last traffic survey was in October 2016, not in half term as before and during the Sugar Beet campaign, although this was the quietest on record and is expected to increase dramatically. Gt. Barton end of Fornham Road typically has 800-950 vehicle movements per day in each direction (not peak), ambient speeds of 65-70mph, with large volumes of HGV traffic.
- Unusual for sites to have both household waste and waste transfer combined, other similar sites have at least 2 independent road access routes. The current infrastructure is inadequate for 1 type of road traffic, and could not cope with 2 or 3. Gt. Barton suggested an independent transport assessment be carried out and proposes the 3 Parish Council's share the costs.
- Fly tipping increase on Fornham Rd/Barton Hill due to closure times is a concern.

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- Fire risk on landfill sites and the impact that extra water to put out fires would have on the 'Aquifer', which supplies $\frac{3}{4}$ of the drinking water locally. It was confirmed that the site is Schedule 2 and is deemed not sufficient hazard to be raised to Schedule 1. An EIA was considered unnecessary.
- The sewerage backup was discussed, and the impact this may also have on the 'Aquifer'.
- Pollution and Air quality and the effect of Diesel fumes on local residents and employees on the site.
- Gt. Barton suggests an independent transport assessment be carried out and proposes the 3 Parish Council's share the costs.
- Financial and business report not being updated or made public since Spring 2015, and the refusal of FOI requests.
- The infringements of existing Borough policies being demonstrated here are fundamentally wrong. These policies are:

SEBC "Green Infrastructure Strategy" (page 33).

The Borough's "Core Strategy" Policy CS11 declares (page 66).

Bury Vision 2031 Policy BV14 (page 59) identifies areas of available "employment land" within the Borough. It does not identify Hollow Road Farm as one of these – and so allowing industrial / employment development on this site would contravene that policy.

- The plan also shows a suggested pavement stretching from the top of Barton Hill to the edge of the A134 bypass furthermore this continues on the other side of the roundabout to the WSOH, which appears unsuitable and dangerous.
- The cost of the land was discussed, as it was agricultural land at the time of purchase and cost £4 Million, if it is passed the land would be classified as industrial development which would averagely cost £200,000. Cllr. Hopfensperger explained that this is standard business practice.

Meeting Reconvened at 8:58pm

Planning and Environment:

DC/17/0521/FUL - Creation of municipal operational hub comprising waste transfer station, household waste recycling centre (including reuse building), fleet depot (including offices), public realm maintenance depot and associated infrastructure including accesses, internal roads, parking, weighbridges, landscaping scheme and shared use path to connect existing footway on Barton Hill to proposed accesses - Land North of Hollow Road Farm Hollow Road, Fornham St Martin

Resolved 17/04/7.01

It was agreed by all that the Parish Council would submit objections based on; Transport arguments, Pollution & Air Quality concerns, concerns regarding fire risk and consequences to the 'Aquifer', with concerns raised over fly-tipping and opening hours and a request for the Financial and Business Report to be updated and made public.

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The Clerk and the Chairman are to draft a submission for approval by Councillors via email.

Clerk/MC

- ii) **DC/17/0601/HH - Householder Planning Application - Single storey rear extension - 10 Wentworth Close, Fornham St Martin**

Resolved 17/04/7.02

No objections, with comments regarding concerns of over-development.

- iii) **DC/17/0169/HH - Householder Planning Application - part two storey part single storey rear extension (as amended by plans received 17th March 2017) - 11 Gleneagles Close, Fornham St Martin**

Resolved 17/04/7.03

No objections.

- iv) **DC/17/0687/FUL - Planning Application - (i) 1no. dwelling (following demolition of boat house) with associated vehicular access and (ii) amended vehicular access for existing dwelling - Land East of 1 Russell Baron Road, Fornham St Martin**

Resolved 17/04/7.04

No objections, with comments regarding concerns of over-development and the impact on traffic flow and parking due to the construction traffic.

17/04/8

Finance & Policies:

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

Resolved 17/04/8.01

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 31st March 2017 is £12,944.44.

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

Resolved 17/04/8.02

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

Mrs. S Brooklyn	Bugle Editorship	1906	£165.53
Mrs. P Borrett	Reimburse WSOH Meeting Expenses	1907	£14.58
Mrs. V Bright	Mileage & Expenses	1908	£24.36
Mrs. V Bright	Office Allowance 2017/18	1909	£208.00
FSM Village Hall	Hall Hire WSOH Meeting	1910	£22.00
M&TJ's	Grass Cutting March 2017	1911	£468.00
SALC	Payroll	1912	£54.00
Mr. A Horne	Mole Catcher	1913	£50.00
Mr. D Hoggett	Litter Picking	1914	£301.92

- iii) **King George V Playing Field Trusteeship Update**

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The Clerk advised that the Deed of Retirement had been received with the changes made. It was duly signed by Cllr. Collier & Cllr. Hubbard (GH) on behalf of the Parish Council, and by Mr. David Payne, and witnessed by the Clerk. The Deed will now be sent on to Mr. Peter Haselhurst.

17/04/9

Parish Matters:

i)

Defibrillator & BT Phone Box Update

The Clerk confirmed that the funding from the Big Lottery – Awards for All had been received. The Clerk has contacted Community Heartbeat Trust to update them, but she is waiting for confirmation from BT regarding the phone box adoption, before proceeding with ordering the Defibrillator.

Clerk

ii)

Play Area Inspections Report & Repairs Update & Quotes & Agree Inspection Rota

The Clerk advised that the monthly H&S inspection reports had identified no new items for concern or consideration. The Moles have been dealt with and the mole hills have significantly reduced in size. Cllr. Flaherty reported that the weekly inspections had identified some cracking on the base covering of the Spring Elephant, it was confirmed by the Clerk that this had been identified on the monthly reports and had been advised to monitor. Cllr. Flaherty advised that the goal posts were corroding and were in a poor state. The Clerk is to look at options and quotes for the next meeting.

Clerk

The Clerk advised that quotes had been received from PlayDale and Signet Signs for the replacement Trim Trail Signage. The Clerk advised that for 6 equipment signs and the large instruction sign, PlayDale had quoted £2,029.00, whereas Signet Signs had quoted £384.00. The Clerk confirmed that the signs from Signet were suitable and were approved by the Inspector.

Resolved 17/04/9.01

It was agreed to accept the quote from Signet Signs for the seven signs. The Clerk is to order them.

Clerk

Cllr. Borrett offered to carry out the play area inspections until the next meeting.

PBo

iii)

Formal Renewal of the Grass Cutting/Landscaping Contract from SEBC

Resolved 17/04/9.02

It was agreed to adopt the renewal of the Grass Cutting contract from SEBC for the Playing Field and Play Area with the exception of the weed spraying at a cost of £88.58 +

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VAT per occasion (approx. every 2-3 weeks).

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Correspondence:

The Clerk advised that the next SEBC Town & Parish Forum is to be held on 24th April 2017 at 5:30pm. Cllr. Flaherty volunteered to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

LF

17/04/11

Discuss the Agenda & Format of the Annual Meetings in May:

It was agreed to keep the same format as last year and to hold the Annual Parish Meeting first at 7pm. The Clerk is to publish a notice of the Annual Parish Meeting in advance of the agenda on the website and the notice boards, the suggestion of a leaflet drop was discussed. It was agreed to invite the following guests to give an annual report or to do Q&A;

Clerk

- Village Hall Committee,
- Eastern Concrete/Fornham Park,
- Gardening Club,
- Ladies Club,
- St Martin's Church,
- SEBC/SCC Councillor, Rebecca Hopfensperger,
- Police,
- Mayor of Bury St Ed's,
- Anglian Water
- British Sugar

17/04/12

Councillors Reports and Items for the Next Agenda:

Cllr. Collier reported two faulty street lights No.25 and the one opposite the Village Hall. The Clerk is to report them online to SCC.

Clerk

Items for next agenda;

- Golf Course Development
- Pidgeon Lane Barns – Builders Yard Development
- Goal Posts Quotes/Options
- Planter Quotes
- Annual Donations to be Considered
- Councillor Responsibilities and Representation on Outside Bodies

Next Meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Thursday 11th May 2017 at 7pm in the Village Hall, followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting closed at 9:53pm.

Signed: *M. Collier*
Chair, FSMSGPC

Date: 11th May 2017

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