



# 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 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm

DC/17/0123/EIASCR - EIA Screening Opinion under Regulation 5 (1) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2011 on the matter of - Proposed West Suffolk Operational Hub - Land at Hollow Road Farm Hollow Road Fornham St Martin (Information purposes only)

An update on Planning Application DC/16/2682/FUL – Eastern Concrete was given. The application went to Delegation Panel on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and it was approved subject to amended plans reducing the height by 300mm as offered. If this is not agreed by the applicant, then it will be referred to Development Control. It was suggested that conditions be looked at regarding lighting and sound pollution and operation hours. New lighting will be subject to further application. HGV movements to be restricted. Testing conditions to keep sound to certain safe levels.

Vice Chair, Cllr. G. Hubbard expressed that the Parish Council tries their very best to act on behalf of the village and its residents and we are appreciative of any input from residents.

**17/03/1** Accepted Apologies for absence – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) and (2):

Cllr. Mike Collier.

Absent:

None.

**17/03/2** Declarations of Members' Interests (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:

Cllr. P. Forster, Cllr. G. Hubbard & Cllr. J. Hubbard declared an interest in Item 6 (iii).

**17/03/3** Minutes of the last meeting – LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para41(2):

Resolved 17/03/3.01

The Minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Vice Chair (GH), in the absence of the Chairman.

**17/03/4** Local Authority Reports:

County & Borough Councillor

Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger reported the following to the meeting;

- The Cut – Street lights have now been repaired and works completed.
- Village Sign – Now re-erected.
- Bury St Edmunds Master Plan Consultation – Open to all who use Bury St Edmunds, important to protect the historic areas and landmarks.
- Community Liaison Group – A meeting with Gt. Barton, Fornham All Saints and Fornham St Martin and SCC Highways took place and items discussed were the WSOH, developments around the areas, Tollgate works, Tut Hill closure. The group will now meet regularly to ensure these items and other important items raised are kept at the top of the agenda. The Vision 21 Parish Group are to feed in Cycle ways, Community Transport travel, Bus Service.
- Gt. Barton is being used as pilot for Parish Councils taking on more responsibility.
- SCC & SEBC Budget – Approved, with 31.5 million savings, the gap is to come from reserves. There was a 3% rise for Adult Social Care. This equates to £56 per household based on a Band D. SEBC approved a 106% rise in Council Tax.

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## **Clerks Report:**

The Clerk confirmed she had reported again the Potholes along the kerb and centre of the road outside the All Saints Hotel.

The Clerk also confirmed that she had reported the damaged road sign at Barton Hill Road and the issues at the roundabout, these have now all been completed.

The Clerk has reported the 'Night Racing Time Trials' that were discussed at the last meeting on Barton Hill roundabout to the SNT, she has so far received no response.

The Clerk advised members that she has renewed the annual Waste & Recycling Collection Service with SEBC.

17/03/6

## **Planning and Environment:**

i)

**DC/17/0291/ADV – Application for Advertisement Consent - 1no. Double Sided Freestanding Non-Illuminated Sign - Suffolk Golf and Spa Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve IP28 6JQ**

**DC/17/0369/ADV - Application for Advertisement Consent - 6no. Non-Illuminated Hoarding Signs – Suffolk Golf and Spa Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve IP28 6JQ**

These two applications were discussed together. It was agreed that the Parish Council wanted to express their support for the Hotel and it was agreed that a lot of improvement had already been done and they are keen to see the hotel succeed. However, it was agreed that the signs had been erected on Public Highway without Advertising consent being sought and that they were in a dangerous location on the bend and were distracting to motorists. Highways have raised concerns and objections. It was felt that a compromise on fewer signs, perhaps on Hotel land rather than Public Highway be re-submitted.

### **Resolved 17/03/6.01**

The Parish Council objects to applications DC/17/0291/ADV & DC/17/0369/ADV.

ii)

**DC/17/0085/FUL – Planning Application 2.no dwellings (demolition of existing Apple store building) – Store, Barton Hill, Fornham St Martin**

It was felt that the development was in keeping with the local style.

### **Resolved 17/03/6.02**

No objections to application DC/17/0085/FUL.

iii)

**DC/17/0169/HH - Householder Planning Application - Two storey rear extension - 11 Gleneagles Close, Fornham St Martin**

iv)

### **Resolved 17/03/6.03**

No objections to application DC/17/0169/HH.

v)

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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 17/03/7.01**

That the bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts be received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Vice Chairman (GH), in the absence of the Chairman. The bank account balance as of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 is £10, 706.24.

ii) **Cheques for Signing and Approval**

### **Resolved 17/03/7.02**

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. P. Forster.

Mrs. V Bright	Mileage & Expenses	1902	£19.14
Mr. P. Forster	Bench repairs play area	1903	£197.00
Mr. D Randall	Weed Spraying Equipment	1905	£40.48

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

The Clerk advised that Robert Long's executors had made suggestions for some changes to the Deed of Retirement & Appointment of Trustees. These changes have been made and will now be sent back to Ashtons Legal for signature by the executors. Once they have signed and returned the form, it will be forwarded to David Payne, Peter Haselhurst and the Parish Council for signing.

The second parcel of land is now being transferred and the contact details for the trustees had been forwarded for the Solicitor to make initial contact. Once this has been done and the trusteeship passed over to the Parish Council, the two parcels of land can be re-registered as one plot with Land Registry.

iv) **Litter Picking Contract Review (Resignation of David Hoggett)**

The Clerk advised that SEBC are unable to offer any contract and that currently they litter pick on an 8-week cycle.

The Clerk advised that the average salary for a litter picker is £7.50 per hour. It was agreed to advertise at £7.50 per hour, for 4 hours per week, to be reviewed after a 3-month probationary period. The Clerk is to place adverts in the Bugle and on the website and notice boards. Closing date for applications is end of April, interviews to be arranged for the beginning of May. The Clerk is to look into PPE, Training, Liability and Insurance cover for the new employee/role.

v) **Review of Production & Publication of the Minutes of Meetings**

Agreed to defer after the next edition of the Bugle, in order to advise residents of the proposed change to the format of reporting minutes in the Bugle.

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## **Highways Update:**

i) **VAS/SID Post Update & Repairs to Vandalised VAS Unit**

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The Clerk confirmed the repairs to the VAS had been completed and the unit was back up and working. Due to Cllr. Collier being absent it was agreed to defer the update on the post re-erection to the next meeting.

MC

ii) **Options/Costings for Re-Painting White Lining or Signage for Consideration - The Street (herringbone road markings outside the Woolpack Pub)**

The Clerk advised that Highways response to the issue was;

*"have not noticed a particular problem. These would not rate as high priority for SCC to re-new these. However, the cost would be approx. £350 for the actual lining and £250 for the traffic management. Quite like the "faded" look of how they are now – much more of a rural feel – stark bright new lines will make it look terribly urban"*

It was agreed to suggest to Highways that the edging of the road needs defining.

Clerk

17/03/9

**Parish Matters:**

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

The Clerk confirmed that the application for funding to the Big Lottery – Awards for All had been approved. The Clerk is to proceed with contacting Community Heartbeat Trust to get the scheme moving forward and to order the equipment.

Clerk

ii) **Play Area Inspections Report & Repairs Update & Quotes & Agree Inspection Rota**

The Clerk advised she had sourced two companies, Playdale & Signet Signs, who could supply new signs for the Trim Trail, she is going to provide them with sizes, quantities and wording and will hopefully have quotes for the next meeting.

Clerk

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

LF

iii) **Mole Trapping (Playing Field)**

The Clerk re-presented the two previous quotes received from APC & Suffolk Pest Control, and confirmed she had received a quote from Alan Horne, recommended by the Church.

**Resolved 17/03/9.01**

It was agreed to appoint Alan Horne as the new Mole Catcher at £10 per mole and no call out fee.

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**Correspondence:**

**Transparency Code Fund – To consider application**

The Clerk presented details and eligibility for the fund regarding costs associated with the set-up and maintenance of a website, including equipment and staff costs for meeting the requirements of the Transparency Code. It was suggested that the Clerk submit an application.

Clerk

**Bury St Edmunds Master Plan Consultation**

Over the next eight weeks until 21 April, we will be running a public engagement campaign to get your views on what the Issues and Options are for Bury St Edmunds Town Centre.

Events include:

8 March, 8am to 3pm at Bury St Edmunds market

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8 March, 6pm to 8pm at The Apex

9 March, 10am to 5pm at Tesco, St Saviours Interchange, Bury St Edmunds

17 March, 10am to 5pm at Sainsbury's, Bedingfeld Way, Bury St Edmunds

24 March, 10am to 5pm at Waitrose, Robert Bobby Way, Bury St Edmunds

7 April, 10am to 5pm at Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre

8 April, 8am to 3pm at Bury St Edmunds market

The Issues and Options report and associated documents are available online at  
[www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bsemasterplan](http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bsemasterplan)

## PCC/CC Public Meeting Dates

<b>May</b>		<b>SNT VENUE</b>
Tuesday	02-May	EYE SNT
Wednesday	10-May	IPSWICH SOUTH EAST
Tuesday	23-May	FELIXSTOWE
Thursday	25-May	STOWMARKET
<b>June</b>		
Wednesday	07-Jun	MILDENHALL
Tuesday	13-Jun	HALESWORTH
<b>September</b>		
Tuesday	05-Sep	NEWMARKET
Thursday	07-Sep	HAVERHILL
Tuesday	12-Sep	BURY ST EDMUNDS
Thursday	14-Sep	BECCELES
Wednesday	20-Sep	IPSWICH CENTRAL
Wednesday	27-Sep	BRANDON
<b>October</b>		
Tuesday	10-Oct	LOWESTOFT
Tuesday	17-	IPSWICH WEST

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	Oct	
<b>November</b>		
Thursday	02- Nov	WOODBIDGE
Wednesday	08- Nov	SUDBURY
Wednesday	15- Nov	HADLEIGH
Tuesday	28- Nov	LEISTON

## **Better Broadband Suffolk**

Keep an eye on <http://betterbroadbandsuffolk.com> for the latest news on local broadband activity led by SCC.

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## **Councillors Reports and Items for the Next Agenda:**

Cllr. Forster reported that a resident had complained to him that people were picking the Daffodils at the entrance to the village and the verges.

Cllr. Flaherty reported that the Golf Course development had been burning rubbish causing smoke pollution to neighbouring properties. Residents had complained to her that wildlife and trees had been desecrated. Cllr. Flaherty advised that there appeared to be a large mound of rubbish and debris on the site by the barns.

Items for next agenda;

- Golf Course Development
- Pidgeon Lane Barns – Builders Yard Development?
- Air Quality Monitoring
- Welcome Pack
- Councillor Responsibilities and Representation on Outside Bodies
- Planters – New locations and Quotes

**Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.**

Meeting closed at 9:50pm.

Signed: *M. Collier*  
Chair, FSMSGPC

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017

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