

FINEDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Town Hall, Finedon on Wednesday 10th December 2014.

Present: Councillors Mr M Ward (Chairman) , Mr G Swann, Mr R Ogle, Mr J Bailey, Mr M Bentley, Mr S Cooper, Mrs B Bailey, Mrs K Bivens, Mr T Kendall-Torry, Mr L Harper, Mrs G Spencer and Mrs E Baker (Clerk).

In Attendance

PCSO Wes Owen

110/1415 **PRAYERS**

111/1415 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and agreed from Cllr Callnon and Cllr Willmott

112/1415 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Kendall-Torry declared a personal interest – 120/1415

113/1415 **MINUTES**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes from the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 5th November be agreed and signed.

114/1415 **QUESTIONS / STATEMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS**

There were no questions or statements from Parishioners

115/1415 **POLICE UPDATE**

PCSO Wes Owen reported that there had been 20 crimes reported during October 2014.

There were eight theft handling crimes, three criminal damage, four violent offences, one drug offence, one burglary other, two thefts from motor vehicle, one theft of motor vehicle.

Three reports had been received for Anti-social behaviour and one car has been removed for not having any tax.

The Chairman formally thanked PCSO Owen for his efforts in helping at the Remembrance Day parade.

116/1415 **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the tree maintenance had not been completed in the Pocket Park following the tree inspection.

The Clerk read out a letter from Northants County Council regarding the reasons for the changes to the bus service in Finedon and that there are transport services available that will take any people unable to walk from Irthlingborough Road to the Burton Road to catch the bus to Wellingborough.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the comment made at the last meeting regarding the change to the boundary criteria for Finedon had been sent to the Borough Council of Wellingborough.

117/1415 **POCKET PARK MAINTENANCE/GROUNDMANTENANCE
/CEMETERY**

- a. Mr Spencer Hawkes informed the meeting that he had completed the work in the Pocket Park. It was agreed that the Councillors would make a site visit in the New Year.
- b. It was agreed that the Clerk obtain a quote to remove the trees in the Pocket Park at the back of the property in Tainty Close.
- c. Mr Spencer Hawkes informed the meeting that all maintenance is up to date.
- d. The Clerk read out the letter from the resident in High Street, who had sent a letter in praising the maintenance of the grass Mr Hawkes has been doing on the green.

118/1415 **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

- a. Cllr Ogle informed the meeting that the Remembrance Day parade had been a success and that he had sent out 37 letters of thanks to all the people who had helped. There are some funds left over from the event which will be shared amongst the Charities in Finedon.

119/1415 **HIGHWAYS / PATHS**

- a. The Clerk informed the members that Harrowden Lane will be closed until February 2015. The Chairman reported a meeting with the owner of Hillside Nursery, whose business had been severely affected by this closure and suggested he write to Network Rail for some form of compensation. He urged everyone to support the business through this difficult period. It was agreed that the Clerk send a letter to Network rail informing them of the Parish Council's disappointment that the opening of the bridge has been delayed.

120/1415 **PLANNING**

Cllr Ogle Chaired the discussions for the planning applications.

- a. Planning Applications

There were no objections to the following applications
WP/14/00662/OUT – Demolish Garages, construct terrace of three houses and convert barn to residential use (Access, layout and scale to be determined at this stage) Amended Plan at Garages, Ivy Lane for Mr Michael Farrow.

WP/14/00800/FUL – Erection of 2 bed house (substitution for dwelling 2 on planning permission ref: WP/2006/0541) at rear of 90 Orchard Road for Mr D Farrow.

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council object to the following planning application due to over development of the site.

WP/14/00747/FUL – Erection of a bungalow on Land between 20 and 22 Burton Road for Mr Kevin Mccullagh.

121/1415 **BANKS PARK / WELL STREET OPEN SPACE**

RESOLVED

- a. There were no observations to report following the playground inspection.
- b. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the tennis court care company to discuss re-surfacing part of the tennis court.

122/1415 **ACCOUNTS / FINANCE**

RESOLVED:

- a. The bank reconciliation was agreed

B/F 01/04/14	22,765.62		
Receipts	70,706.00	Payments	33,806.09
	Business Access Account		Business Current Account
Bank Statement 31/10/14	234.51	Bank Statement 31/10/14	40,704.31
		Cheque No 001329 £18.91 returned	
Receipts		Payments not shown	Oct/Nov payments total Oct £12.92 Nov £4,025.99
		Receipts not shown	
Money in Account	234.51	Money in Account	36,665.40

- b. Accounts for payments

It was resolved that the accounts for payment were paid.

PAYMENTS TO BE MADE IN DECEMBER 2014

Chq. No.	Payment To	Reason for Payment	
1335	HMRC	Dec PAYE & NI	96.00
1336	Mr Malcolm Ward	Chairman's Allowance	69.78
1337	Colemans	Stationery	17.68
1338	SJ Hawkes Ltd	Maintenance	2,811.60
1339	WBC	Town Hall Hire	28.35
1340	Technocopy Sol.	Photocopier	33.80
1341	Mrs Emma Baker	Clerk Salary and Exp.	410.88
1342	SLCC	Subscription for 2015	105.00
1343	FSCFC	Day Care Grants	300.00
1344	Over 60's Club	Day Care Grants	300.00
1345	Working Mens Blind	Day Care Grants	100.00
			4,273.09

- c. It was **Resolved** that the grants to be donated to the following clubs were as follows

£300.00 to the Over 60's Club

£300.00 to the Finedon Senior Citizens Friendship Committee

£100.00 to the Finedon Working Mens Club Blind Committee

d. The Ground Maintenance Contract had generated three tenders which were considered. On being put to the vote, it was **Resolved** that the contract for 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 be awarded to SJ Hawkes, by majority vote. The cost for the maintenance per year will be £19,960.00.

e. The Meeting dates up to May 2015 were agreed as follows:

Precept Meeting 7th January 2015

The members of the precept meeting are:

The Clerk, Cllr M Ward, Cllr J Bailey, Cllr T Kendall-Torry and Cllr G Spencer.

Full Council Meetings

Wednesday 21st January 2015

Wednesday 18th February 2015

Wednesday 25th March 2015

Wednesday 22nd April 2015

Wednesday 20th May 2015 (Annual Parish meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council).

123/1415 NEW CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

There were no items of correspondence received.

124/1415 AOB FOR REPORT ONLY

Cllr Mr Bailey informed the meeting that the tax base has increased for 2015/16 by 6%.

Cllr Bailey has responded to the Borough Council of Wellingborough regarding the Wellingborough Plan.

In closing the meeting at 8.53pm, the Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas, and a Peaceful New Year.