

FINEDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Town Hall, Finedon on Wednesday 12th February 2014.

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

In Attendance

Spencer Hawkes, PCSO Wes Owen.

141/1314 **PRAYERS**

142/1314 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and agreed from Cllr Willmott.
Cllr Ogle was absent from the meeting.

143/1314 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED the minutes from the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th January 2014 were agreed and signed.

144/1314 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declaration of interests.

145/1314 **POLICE UPDATE**

PCSO Owen attended the meeting.

Crime figures for January 2014

Type of Offence	January
Burglary Dwelling	1
Other Burglary	5
Sexual Offence	1
Criminal Damage	7
Drug Offences	1
Other Offences	0
Theft from Vehicle	5
Theft / Handling	6
Theft of motor vehicle	0
Violent Offences	1
Total	27

PCSO Owen informed the meeting that there had been an increase in crime in Finedon, which was due to the Allotments in Wellingborough Road having several sheds broken in to. There had also been a high amount of work vans being targeted in vehicle theft.

It was reported that there had been a meeting of parents in the town regarding a male adult who had been following children in Finedon.

Mr Spencer Hawkes informed the meeting that he had seen small pieces of silver foil and other items left under the archway in the Cemetery. It had also been noticed that someone had been leaving parcels under gravestones. PCSO Owen informed the meeting he would look into the matter.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Owen for attending the meeting.

146/1314 **QUESTIONS / STATEMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS**

There were no questions or statements from Parishioners.

147/1314 **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- a. The Clerk updated the Parish Council regarding the Larger Councils meeting attended by herself and Cllr Swann. There was a presentation given by Debbie McGrath from Towns Alive on the advantages of Parish Councils having Business Plan. There was also a presentation from Gary Ashton Northamptonshire Police regarding recruitment of volunteers for Streetwatch and they are also currently recruiting Special Constables.

RESOLVED

It was agreed that the Clerk contact Gary Ashton to inform him of the Parish Councils interest in running the Streetwatch programme in Finedon.

148/1314 **POCKET PARK MAINTENANCE/GROUNDMANTENANCE /CEMETERY**

- a. The Clerk, Chairman and Cllr Bentley had a site meeting with Mr Hawkes from SJ Hawkes Ltd. It was agreed that the Parish Council would have regular site visits with Mr Hawkes and Cllr Bentley would liaise with Mr Hawkes to discuss a programme of work for the Pocket Park. The Clerk will organise the inspection dates.
- b. Spencer informed the meeting that the ground maintenance is up to date and that grass cutting could start earlier this year due to the milder weather. Mr Hawkes informed the meeting of the possible trip hazard on the path near the corner of Rose Hill and High Street. The Clerk will report it on Street Doctor.
- c. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact Mr Wood to inform him that the Parish Council would like him to include the Pocket Park and Cemetery in pest control programme in the Cricket Club.

149/1314 **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

RESOLVED

- a. It was agreed to that the Clerk contact the Buffs to offer to purchase some lights for the Christmas tree on the green in December 2014.
- b. The Chairman informed the Parish Council of the events that have been organised to commemorate the start of WWI. There will be a special church service and parade. The Remembrance Day parade with be enhanced to recognise the anniversary.

150/1314 **HIGHWAYS**

- a. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Highways department to discuss options for displaying the VAS sign, since the new lighting has been installed in Finedon.

151/1314 **PLANNING**

RESOLVED:

a. **Planning Applications**

There was no comments for the following applications

WP/2014/0012F – Single Storey side extension at 6 High Street for Ms V Dunne

WP/2014/0006/RVC – Retention of planning permission

WP/2013/0553/F without compliance with condition 1 – Continuation of use of the site to provide self-contained industrial/workshop and storage units as fenced open store compounds – temporary permission WP/2008/0553/F – expires on 31st January 2014. All of Site 347, Brookside Garage Wellingborough Road, Finedon for Mr Angus Gunning, Whitworths Holdings Ltd.

152/1314 **BANKS PARK / WELL STREET OPEN SPACE**

RESOLVED

- a. The Clerk informed the meeting that there were no observations to be reported following the inspection of the Pocket Park. She informed the Parish Council of the need to have a Risk Assessment of the Play area and other areas the Parish Council are responsible for. She had been informed of a toolkit that could help the Parish Council produce a Risk Assessment. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk purchase the toolkit to help with the Risk Assessment.

153/1314 **ACCOUNTS / FINANCE**

RESOLVED:

- a. The bank reconciliation was agreed

B/F 01/04/13	14,270.41		
Receipts	75,047.68	Payments	49,377.62
	Business Access Account		Business Current Account
Bank Statement 31/12/13	234.42	Bank Statement 31/12/13	29,370.70
Receipts		Payments not shown	Total cheques = £3,891.56 Cheque No 1218 = £43.50
		Receipts not shown	
Total	234.42	Money in Account	25,670.06

b. Accounts for payments

RESOLVED:

The accounts for payment were agreed

Cheque No.	Payee	Net	VAT	Total
001258	Coleman's Stationery	19.68	2.50	22.18
001259	SJ Hawkes – Maintenance	2,331.00	466.20	2797.20
001260	Techocopy Solutions	27.88	5.58	33.46
001261	Clerk Salary and Expenses	408.54		408.54

RESOLVED

c Receipts of £50 were received from a resident as a donation to works in Tainty Field.

154/1314 **NEW CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

NOTED

a. NCalc Update – January / February 2014

155/1314 **AOB FOR REPORT ONLY**

Cllr Spencer informed the meeting of the increased volume of traffic at the Roundabout on the A6.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm