

FINEDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Town Hall, Finedon on Wednesday 12th March 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 R Ogle Mr L Harper and Mrs E Baker (Clerk).

In Attendance

Spencer Hawkes, PCSO Wes Owen.

156/1314 **PRAYERS**

157/1314 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and agreed from Cllr Willmott and Cllr Cooper.

158/1314 **MINUTES**

The minutes were amended to show that Cllr Ogle's apologies were received and accepted. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th February 2014 were agreed and signed.

159/1314 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Ogle declared an interest for item 164/1314 c.
Cllr Kendall-Torry declared an interest for item 166/1314 a Planning Application Number WP/2013/0637/O/

160/1314 **POLICE UPDATE**

PCSO Owen attended the meeting.

Crime figures for February 2014

Type of Offence	February
Burglary Dwelling	0
Other Burglary	0
Sexual Offence	0
Criminal Damage	4
Drug Offences	0
Other Offences	1
Theft from Vehicle	1
Theft / Handling	6
Theft of motor vehicle	0
Violent Offences	3
Total	15

PCSO Owen informed the meeting that the Speedwatch programme has started. There are currently 19 applications for residents to become Speedwatch volunteers. The screening of all residents has started. All volunteers will have training and be equipped with Hi-Viz jackets. Councillor Ogle informed the meeting that he is still

concerned that the crime figures for Finedon are still high. PCSO Owen concluded that although crime figures were still high compared to other similar sized towns serious crime was low it was the minor crimes that were still continuing. Cllr Callnon showed some concerns regarding the posters in the shop windows and some houses that have a smile face on them. The posters are to show that it is a safe place for children to go if they feel that they are being followed. She asked if the places where the posters were being displayed had been cleared with the police. PCSO Owen informed the meeting that he had taken advice on the posters and was looking into doing checks.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Owen for attending the meeting.

161/1314 **QUESTIONS / STATEMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS**

There were no questions or statements from Parishioners.

162/1314 **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- a. The Clerk informed the meeting that the weight and measurements of the VAS sign will be checked to see if it can be installed on the new lights.
- b. The Clerk will speak to the Buffs to find out how much the lights will cost for the Christmas tree.

163/1314 **POCKET PARK MAINTENANCE/GROUNDMANTENANCE
/CEMETERY**

- a. It was RESOLVED that following the tree inspection the Parish Council would like Wellingborough Norse to carry out the maintenance work on the trees at a total cost of £5950.00. The money has been raised through Section 106 money held at Borough Council of Wellingborough.
Mr Hawkes informed the meeting that he is a bit behind with the work in the Pocket Park. The inspection of the Pocket Park was agreed to be held on Thursday 20th March at 10.00am.
The Clerk will contact Mr McCreery, who carried out the tree inspection to find out when the work is going to take place.
- b. The Ground maintenance work is currently up to date. Mr Hawkes has started grass cutting.

164/1314 **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

Cllr Harper declared an interest.

RESOLVED

- a. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the Buffs and inform them that they have permission to use the Green for the Fund raising event in May. The Clerk will speak to the Buffs to find out more about the fund raising indicator and find out whether the Parish Council insurance will cover the indicator.
- b. The final recommendations for the Electoral Review of Wellingborough were noted.
- c. Cllr Ogle informed the meeting of the events during the year for the Commemorations of the WWI 100th Anniversary. They include:
Slide show by Cllr John Bailey
Church Service
WWI Re-Enactment Group
Visit to the WWI Trench

Remembrance Day Parade
 Cllr Ogle declared an interest and left the room.
 It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council donate £200.00 to the WWI commemorations.
 Cllr Ogle returned to the meeting.
 The Chairman thanked Cllr Ogle for the work that he was doing towards the Commemorations.

165/1314 **HIGHWAYS**

- a. The parking Enforcement information for the Wellingborough area was noted.

166/1314 **PLANNING**

RESOLVED:

a. **Planning Applications**

There was no comment for the following application

WP/2014/0032/RVC – Retention of planning permission
 WP/2013/0163/F – with either removal of variation of condition 3 – removal of condition or to remove a section of existing wall to the right of the driveway by 4.8m wide to allow for an off road parking space at an angle to the property/highway which would also provide visibility splays either side of 2.4m x 2.4m at 9 Avenue road for Mr and Mrs Pouncey.

The following appeal was noted
 WP/2013/0637/O – Erection of 2 bedroomed bungalow adjacent to existing (outline application with all matters reserved) 20 Burton Road, Finedon. Appeal date 18th February 2014.

The Parish Council agreed to object to the planning application from East Northants Council regarding the development of seven hundred homes in Irthlingborough.

167/1314 **BANKS PARK / WELL STREET OPEN SPACE**

RESOLVED

- a. There were no problems to report in the Play Area.
- b. The Clerk informed the meeting that she is currently working through the risk assessment for the play area.
- c. The Clerk will contact the tennis club to arrange a meeting with them regarding the concerns with the tennis court surface.

168/1314 **ACCOUNTS / FINANCE**

RESOLVED:

- a. The bank reconciliation was agreed

B/F 01/04/13	14,270.41		
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Receipts	75,047.68	Payments	52,639.00
	Business Access Account		Business Current Account
Bank Statement 31/12/13	234.42	Bank Statement 31/01/14	25,479.14
Receipts	£50.00	Payments not shown	Total cheques = £3,261.38
		Receipts not shown	Cheque No 1218 = £43.50
Total	234.42	Money in Account	22,458.68

b. Accounts for payments

RESOLVED:

The accounts for payment were agreed

Cheque No.	Payee	Net	VAT	Total
001262	SJ Hawkes – maintenance	2331.00	466.20	2797.20
001263	Technocopy Solutions	27.88	5.58	33.46
001264	WBC – Room Hire	87.00		87.00
001265	Colemans Stationery	9.96	2.00	11.96
001266	Northamptonshire ACRE	35.00		35.00
001267	WBC – Cemetery Rates 2014/15	635.85		635.85
001268	Clerk Salary and Expenses	409.06		409.06
001269	Green Biro Ltd	45.00	9.00	54.00
001270	Finedon Branch Royal Anglian Regiment	200.00		200.00

RESOLVED

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

169/1314 **NEW CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

NOTED

a. Clerks and Councils Direct

170/1314 **AOB FOR REPORT ONLY**

Letter from WBC regarding changes to Planning Application online service.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm