

FINEDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Town Hall, Finedon on Wednesday 18th February 2015.

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

In Attendance

PCSO Wes Owen

140/1415 **PRAYERS**

141/1415 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and agreed from Cllr Rankin, Cllr Bivens and Cllr Willmott

142/1415 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

143/1415 **MINUTES**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes from the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 21st January 2015 be agreed and signed.

144/1415 **QUESTIONS / STATEMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS**

Cllr J Bailey and Cllr B Bailey declared an interest and left the room.

The Chairman declared an interest and left the room. Cllr Ogle took the Chair.

Mr Andrew Scott from The Caravan Company addressed the members about a planning application he is looking to submit to Wellingborough Planning Office. He has purchased some of the allotments behind The Caravan Company and is looking to extend the business to include a workshop and some extra bays. He will be closing his Leicester branch and using Finedon as the head office. Cllr Ogle thanked Mr Scott for coming to speak to the Council however he did inform Mr Scott that the Parish Council would not make any comment until they receive a copy of the planning application.

Cllr Ward, Cllr J Bailey and Cllr B Bailey returned to the meeting.

Mr Peter Eames from the British Legion spoke to the Council about an idea he had to bring together all the community groups within Finedon for an awareness day. It would be a good opportunity for people to see what groups and organisations there are in Finedon and what each of them does.

Cllr Swann informed the meeting that there had been some communication problems between the British Legion and the Parish Council in the past. Mr Eames was aware of these and wanted to ensure that there was an improvement in the communication and relationship between the two groups. Cllr Ogle thanked Mr Eames for all the work that he had contributed to the organisation of the Remembrance Day Parade and WW1 commemorations. Mr Eames informed the meeting that £11,000 was raised in Finedon during the Poppy Appeal.

It was agreed that the Awareness Day would be discussed during the March Parish Council meeting.

145/1415 **POLICE UPDATE**

Crime Figures for January 2015

There were 14 in total.
Two Burglary Dwellings
Two Burglary Other
Two Criminal Damage
One Theft from Vehicle
Five Theft Handling
Two Violent Offences.

146/1415 **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had sorted out the planning issues related to the dropped kerb in Wellingborough Road.

147/1415 **POCKET PARK MAINTENANCE/GROUNDMANTENANCE /CEMETERY**

The Grounds man Mr Spencer Hawkes had to leave the meeting and was unable to give a report. It was agreed that a site visit would be arrange at the next meeting.

148/1415 **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

- a. **Noted** Northamptonshire County Council public consultations – Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document.
- b. **Noted** Northamptonshire County Council Public Consultations – Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits Special Protection Area Supplementary Planning Document.
- c. It was agreed that the Clerk and Chairman would go through the list of projects before returning the Parish Council Community Project list to Borough Council of Wellingborough.
- b. **Noted** Invitation from the Mayor and Mayoress of Wellingborough Councillor and Mrs J Bass Spring ball on Saturday 21st March 2015.

149/1415 **HIGHWAYS / PATHS**

- a. It was agreed that the Clerk would complete the Highways survey and return it to Northamptonshire Highways.

150/1415 **PLANNING**

Cllr Ogle Chaired the discussions for the planning applications.

- a. Planning Applications

There were no objections made regarding the following planning applications
WP/15/00026/LBC – Retention of 2 No. replacement windows to first floor level of North East Facing Wall at 3 Laws Lane for Mr Kevin Allen.

WP/15/00040/FUL – Proposed Vehicular Access at 113 Wellingborough Road for Mrs V Pearce.

- b. It was agreed that the Clerk would request a hard copy of the consultation on the Pre-Submission North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy.
- c. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had received notification of a planning application received by Kettering Borough Council regarding a proposal for a Solar Photovoltaic Farm at Burton Wold.

151/1415 **BANKS PARK / WELL STREET OPEN SPACE**

RESOLVED

- a. There were no observations to report following the playground inspection.

152/1415 **ACCOUNTS / FINANCE**

RESOLVED:

- a. The bank reconciliation was agreed

B/F 01/04/14	22,765.62		
Receipts	75,448.54	Payments	41,533.86
	Business Access Account		Business Current Account
Bank Statement 31/12/14	234.54	Bank Statement 30/01/15	33,734.34
Receipts		Payments not shown	Dec payments total 1351 £25.85 1352 £28.35
		Receipts not shown	
Money in Account	234.54	Money in Account	33,680.14

- b. Accounts for payments
It was resolved that the accounts for payment were paid.

PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED FOR FEBRUARY 2015

Chq. No.	Payment To	Reason for Payment	
		February	
1353	HMRC	PAYE	98.00
1354	Clerk	Salary & Expenses	441.96
1355	Colemans	Stationery	15.91
1356	SJ Hawkes Ltd	Maintenance	2,797.20
1357	Technocopy Sol.	Photocopier	33.80
1358	Indep. Tree & fenc	Tree work PockPark	264.00
1359	WBC	Hire of Town Hall	28.35
			3,679.22

- c. The Health and Safety policy for Finedon Parish Council was approved pending two amendments.
- d. It was agreed that the grant to pay for the Rhyme Time sessions would be paid annually.
- e. The Clerk informed the Council that the Government will not be capping Precept increases for Parish and Town Councils.

153/1415 NEW CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Noted –

NCALC Update January / February 2015

Northants Fifty + Network News February – April 2015. Passed to Cllr B Bailey

154/1415 AOB FOR REPORT ONLY

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had been contacted by a visitor to Finedon who had fallen over the broken step next to the bus stop at Wellingborough Road. The Clerk reported it on Street Doctor.

The Clerk informed the meeting that we can now install the VAS sign on the new lamp posts following authorisation from Northamptonshire County Council.

The Chairman has been invited to the Sidegate Lane Landfill site meeting.

The Clerk will report the smell from the Landfill Site to SITA.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.