

FINEDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council – 1426 held at the Town Hall, Finedon Wednesday 28th March 2018 from 7pm

Present: Councillors R Ogle (Chairman), L Harper, M Ward, T Kendall-Torry, G Spencer, G Swann, B Bailey, M Bentley S Farrell, D Mullen & S Cooper
Mrs J Tufnail (Clerk) & Cllr G Mercer (NCC)
2 members of the public

PRAYERS

96/17-18 **APOLOGIES** were received and accepted from Cllr D Willmott. Cllr A Weatherill was absent. It was again agreed that Cllr Willmott's extended apologies would be accepted by the Council.

97/17-18 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Cllr Cooper – Coope's Home Maintenance

98/17-18 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2018 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

99/17-18 There was no public participation.

OPEN SPACES

Banks Park

1. The Clerk reported that Warnes Tree Services were continuing to work in the Park. The Clerk outlined a scheme to replace the diseased trees whereby residents could purchase a suitable tree for planting by the Council in agreed positions. All trees would then be identified and an information board put up detailing the trees in the park and details of donors as required. It was reported that the scheme had been welcomed by residents and that the Clerk should firm up the proposals.
2. Wren funding for the Park upgrade was discussed.
3. A quote for the pillar repairs had been received at £735. Further quotes to be sought but for all 4 pillars that need replacing.
4. The Clerk reported that Title had finally been completed at Land Registry.

The Green – To be included in the replacement tree scheme above. Awaiting completion of the transfer of Title from WBC, together with the War Memorial and Cemetery. It was noted that further S106 money from WBC had been forthcoming for the tree maintenance.

Pocket Park & Tainty Field

- a) The Clerk advised that the replacement railings were complete and it was agreed that they looked really good. Bringing Tainty field up to a reasonable standard was then discussed so that it could be more used by residents. Cllr Kendall Torry to explore having it ploughed to level it.
- b) The Clerk also reported that a funding round from Wren was opened for such projects as clearing the pond and maintenance of the footpaths.

Cemetery –

1. The Clerk reported that it was looking good.
2. Cllr Ogle reported on his findings to get the bier restored and it was agreed that he should get a quote for the Council to consider as outlined.
3. The Clerk reported that on completion of the transfer of Title from WBC, consideration will have to be made to how the Council deals with the cemetery.

101/17-18 COMMUNITY MATTERS

- a) Cllr Kendall Torry reported on the NCALC Emergency Planning Training. A working party of Cllrs Kendall Torry, Swan Bailey & the Clerk was set up and agreed to meet at Cllr Baileys on Tuesday, 10th April 2018 at 2pm.
- b) Cllr Mercer reported on the Friend of Finedon's proposals to run the library. It was noted that the Council had already agreed in principle help and had put an amount in the budget to cover this cost.

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- c) The S137 Grants Policy was considered and following discussion, it was **proposed and duly agreed** that it should be adopted by the Council.
- d) A working party was set up to discuss the War Memorial Phase II improvements. Cllrs Cooper, Farrell, Bailey, Ward & Ogle agreed to meet on 3.4.18 at the Memorial.
- e) It was agreed that the Church could use the Green for a Scarecrow festival 23.6.18.

102/17-18

Planning

WP/18/00068/FUL – 46 Oxford Street single Storey extension – No objection
WP/18/00078/FUL – 1 St Mary’s Ave replace kitchen roof – No objection
WP/18/00191/FUL – The Tower 97a Irthlingborough Road, garage - No objection
WP/18/00192/LBC – The Tower 97a Irthlingborough Road, garage - No objection
WP/18/00104/FUL – 25 Ivy Lane single storey rear extension - No objection
WP/17/00790/FUL Demolition of redundant ambulance station and erection of a terrace of three 3 bedroom dwellings 1A Milner Road – Report from site meeting Clerk to write to WBC expressing their displeasure at conduct towards the Parish Councillors.

103/17-18

HIGHWAYS – Local Road closures discussed & the Chowns Mill improvement scheme. The various potholes in Finedon were discussed. Clerk to report them to NCC.

104/17-18

FINANCE

- a. Cllr Kendall Torry reported that he had completed the Internal Control checks and that everything was in order. Cllr Farrell agreed to do the next check before the April meeting at 6.30pm.
- b. The Bank reconciliation and payments list for February and March 2018 were considered, **proposed and duly agreed** and signed in accordance with the Financial Regulations.
- c. Following consideration, it was **proposed and duly agreed** that the Clerk should receive expenses of £10 per month for supplying the Council with telephone and broadband. To be backdated to the beginning of her employment. It was also **proposed and duly agreed** that the Council should enter into a monthly contract for the supply of a mobile telephone. Clerk to action.

105/17-18

The Asset Register was considered and following discussion, it was **proposed and duly agreed** that it should be adopted by the Council.

106/17-18

The Councils Rules for Recording of Meeting was considered and following discussion, it was **proposed and duly agreed** that it should be adopted by the Council.

107/17-18

Cllr Mercer reported on the issues at NCC the outcome of which were unclear.

108/17-18

The Clerk read the response from the Health Centre and other correspondence. She also advised that the Church were interested in a joint venture for parish magazine and a meeting was to be arranged. It was noted that the rent of the Town Hall for meetings was being raised. The Clerk reported on her Community Governance study day at DMU, Leicester.

109/17-18

AOB FOR REPORT ONLY – Cllr Ogle reported on his visit to the Over 60s Club which went very well. It was also noted that Cllr Spencer had been replaced on the Finedon Charitable Trust board but that Cllr Farrell remained. Following discussion, it was felt that further investigation was required as there should be 2 Parish Council representatives. The Council agreed that it had no objection to the Finedon Historical Society placing a plaque on the stone at the bottom of Laws Lane.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm