

FINEDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council – 1433 held at the Town Hall, Finedon Wednesday 16th January 2019 from 7pm

Present: Councillors L Harper (Chairman), T Kendall-Torry, M Ward, B Bailey, G Swann, S Cooper, M Bentley, R Ogle, L Lawrence & S Farrell
NCC Cllr G Mercer & Mrs J Tufnail (Clerk)
19 Members of the Public

PRAYERS were held before the Meeting

- 80/18-19 **APOLOGIES** had been received and were accepted from Cllrs G Spencer, A Weatherill & D Willmott
- 81/18-19 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Cllr Cooper – Coopes Home Maintenance
Cllr Swann (85/18-19) Whose wife is a member of Friends of Finedon Library, Cllr Farrell is a member of Friends of Finedon Library.
- 82/18-19 It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 28th November 2018 were a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 83/18-19 A matter of transparency was raised which was dealt with after the meeting, all documents were present on the website, as expected.
- 84/18-19 **OPEN SPACES**
Banks Park & The Green
1. The Clerk reported that there were no issues arising from inspections.
2. The Council **resolved** to allow the Mayor of Wellingborough to plant a commemorative tree on Banks Park as part of the Council's tree replacement scheme.
Cemetery – The Clerk reported a minor issue which had been resolved.
Pocket Park & Tainty Field - The completed application for the transfer of title to Finedon was considered and the Clerk was authorised to send it.
- 85/18-19 **COMMUNITY MATTERS**
1. A presentation was given by the Friends of Finedon Library and Cllr Gill Mercer (NCC). Following discussion, it was **resolved** to enter into a new lease with WBC to allow the library to remain in the Town Hall, subject to terms being agreed with WBC.
2. Cllrs Swann and Harper reported on the JAG meeting held on 16.1.19 including the Northamptonshire Street Watch initiative, local crime figures, speeding and fly tipping were discussed. It was noted that Leone Holmes was Finedon's new PCSO.
- 86/18-19 **Planning** – WP/18/00771/REM – Road & Drainage work Stanton Cross – No comment. However, discussion followed regarding its impact on the traffic through Finedon.
- 87/18-19 **HIGHWAYS** –
1. It was **resolved** that the council should respond to the Highways email which advised that the funding for the junction improvements on the A6/A510 roundabout was not expected to be available for some 5-6 years, as unacceptable. It was further **resolved** to request that a pedestrian crossing be installed on the A6 in Finedon so that pedestrians could cross the road.
2. It was noted that grit for the salt bins had been ordered.
- 88/18-19 **FINANCE** –
a) The Financial Report, Bank & Budget reconciliations were considered, **proposed and duly agreed**. It was reported that the Internal Control Check carried out by Cllr Harper found no issues. Cllr Ogle agreed to carry out the next checks.
b) The payments list for January 2019 was considered, **proposed and duly agreed** and invoices signed in accordance with the Financial Regulations. The Clerk was instructed to make the payments as necessary.

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- c) The 2019-20 budget was discussed and it was **resolved** to adopt the budget for the Council.
 - d) The 2019-20 precept request was discussed and it was **resolved** to request £65,280 from Wellingborough Borough Council.
 - e) It was **resolved** to authorise the signature of the application for the Council's Barclaycard and direct debit.
 - f) It was **resolved** to authorise the signature of the application for the Council's new Bank Account with Unity Trust Bank
- 89/18-19 It was **resolved** that the Clerk should attend the NALC Greens & Open Spaces Training on 17.7.19.
- 90/18-19 The Clerk reported to the council explaining the website upgrade required to comply with European accessibility standard EN 301 549. It was **resolved** to accept the quote of £750 plus VAT.
- 91/18-19 Cllr Gill Mercer NCC's report was covered above.
- 92/18-19 The Clerk's report was noted. It was reported that thank you letters had been received from Finedon Senior Citizens Friendship Committee, Finedon Over 60s Club and Finedon Buffs for grants and rubbish clearance at the Christmas Fayre.
- 93/18-19 No changes were made to the dates
- 94/18-19 The following round the table comments were noted
Cllr Swann to report to the Council next month on the proposed Health Centre closure.
The Clerk was thanked for stepping in to make tea for the JAG meeting.
Cllr Ogle requested that the Obelisk and the Town Hall be discussed at the next meeting.
Cllr Harper advised the Council that the plaque for the War Memorial was in hand.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.