

FINEDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council – 1434 held at the Town Hall, Finedon Wednesday 20th February 2019 from 7pm

Present: Councillors L Harper (Chairman), T Kendall-Torry, M Ward, B Bailey, G Swann, G Spencer, A Weatherill, M Bentley, R Ogle, L Lawrence & S Farrell & Mrs J Tufnail (Clerk)
3 Members of the Public

PRAYERS were held before the Meeting

95/18-19 **APOLOGIES** had been received and were accepted from NCC Cllr G Mercer. The extended apologies were accepted from Cllr D Willmott due to ill health. Absent Cllr S Cooper.

96/18-19 **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.

97/18-19 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.

98/18-19 No issues were raised.

99/18-19 **OPEN SPACES**

Banks Park & The Green

1. The Clerk reported that there were no issues arising from inspections.
2. The Tennis Club Lease was discussed and it was **resolved** to continue the lease dated 9th March 1992 on the same basis. Clerk to write to the Tennis Club.
3. The Council **resolved** to allow 2 further trees to be planted in Banks Park as part of the Council's tree replacement scheme.
4. It was **resolved** to re-appoint John Hicks to inspect the playground at Banks Park.

Cemetery – The Clerk reported that there had been no issues.

Pocket Park & Tainty Field – The Clerk confirmed that the application had been made but that nothing further had been heard from WBC.

100/18-19 **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

1. The proposed closure of the Health Centre was discussed. It was noted that the Practice and Peter Bone MP were waiting to hear from the Quality Care Commission about funding.
2. It was noted that a meeting with Wellingborough Council, Friends of Finedon Library and the Town Council was being held on 26.2.19 to discuss a new lease. It was noted that the consultation at the Library had been well received.
3. Following discussion, it was **resolved** that the Council should arrange and fund a meeting for residents with the Crime Prevention Team in Finedon and advertising the event was discussed.
4. Cllrs Harper and Kendall-Torry reported on their meeting with Peter Bone MP in respect of Finedon's boundaries and assets.
5. Finedon's Assets were discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact WBC to ascertain the ownership of the Obelisk.
6. Following discussion, the request from Finedon Churches together to hold a scarecrow festival on 22-23.6.19 was granted. It was agreed that the Council should enter again this year.
7. Following discussion, the request from Circus Savanna to hold a circus on Tainty Field was granted at a rent of £450 for the week they would be there in May or June 2019.

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- 101/18-19 **Planning**
Notification of Appeal WP/18/00497/FUL 23 Allen Road – Nothing further
WP/19/00029/FUL - 36 Hayden Avenue Demolition & rebuild single storey rear projection with a roof lantern No objection
WP/19/00050/FUL - new iron stone random coursed garden wall, 14 Avenue Road- No objection
WP19/00058/FUL – 29 Rock Road – Objected due to overdevelopment of site
- 102/18-19 **HIGHWAYS –**
1. The closure of the Irthlingborough Bridge was discussed and the Clerk was asked to contact Gill Mercer (NCC) to raise the issue of increased traffic through Finedon and step up efforts to find a solution to the Highways issues in Finedon. t email from a resident was noted in regards to dropped kerbs. It was agreed to raise this at the meeting with Highways too.
2. It was noted that the meeting with Helen Howard of NCC Highways had been rescheduled to 7.3.19 at 9am.
3. Following discussion, it was agreed that it was prepared to accept the 40mph limit up to Sidegate Lane but not if it is to go beyond, towards Finedon. Clerk to advise NCC.
4. It was noted that the VAS had been retrieved but that the batteries were not charging. The Clerk had obtained a quote for the replacement batteries. Bearing in mind that the sign had not been working for some considerable time, it was agreed not to spend any further money on it.
- 103/18-19 **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 Ogle found no issues. Cllr agreed to carry out the next checks.
b) The payments list for February 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.
c) It was **resolved** that the revised Financial Regulations be adopted.
d) It was **resolved** that the new NCJ salary scales for 2019-20 be adopted.
e) It was **resolved** that the clerk should attend the Northants SLCC training days 2019.
f) It was **resolved** that a direct debit be set up for the automatic renewal of the Council's ICO Data Protection registration.
- 104/18-19 Following discussion, it was **resolved** to adopt the 2019 Annual Risk Assessment.
105/18-19 Cllr Gill Mercer NCC's report was noted.
106/18-19 The Clerk's report was noted including that the mobile phone contract was increasing by 2.7% and that the new NCALC Internal Auditor would be Jenny Hodgson.
It was **resolved** to close the meeting to consider the sealed bid tenders for item 99/18-19 Grounds Maintenance Contract. Cllr Swann left the meeting together with the public.
Following consideration, the Grounds Maintenance Contract was awarded to Wellingborough Norse. The Clerk was instructed to advise all concerned.
- 107/18-19 No further matters were raised.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.