

FINEDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council – 1432 held at the Town Hall, Finedon Wednesday 28th November 2018 from 7pm

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

PRAYERS were held before the Meeting

- 65/18-19 **APOLOGIES** had been received and were accepted from Cllrs G Spencer, S Cooper & D Willmott
- 66/18-19 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Cllr Swann Agenda item 70/18-19.4a&c & Cllr Lawrence 70/18-19.4c.
- 67/18-19 It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 17th October 2018 were a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 68/18-19 No members of the public were present.
- 69/18-19 **OPEN SPACES**
Banks Park & The Green
The Clerk reported that there were no issues arising from inspections. The Clerk's report on the tree replacement scheme, including suggested ways of rebooting the scheme was accepted by the Council. It was **resolved** to set up an action plan together with Cllrs Harper & Lawrence.
Cemetery
It was **resolved** that the Clerk should attend the NCALC Cemetery Management and Operation & Granting, Exercising & Transferring Rights of Burial training session.
Pocket Park & Tainty Field
It was reported that the fallen tree was being removed from pathway by Norse
Cllr Bentley reported that the Froglife day was not very well attended, being a Friday in term-time, limiting its effectiveness.
- 70/18-19 **COMMUNITY MATTERS**
1. Cllr Ogle reported that the petition had been delivered to Parliament and Peter Bone MP was keeping a close eye on developments. Cllr Ogle was authorised to represent the Council at a meeting with Peter Bone next Saturday.
 2. The wording was agreed for the plaque on the back of the Memorial Plinth, clerk to arrange for production.
 3. Following consideration, it was **resolved** to purchase 2 new Union flags for the town. Cllr Ogle to arrange.
 4. Following consideration, it was **resolved** that the Council, in accordance with its powers under s137 of the LGA 1972, should incur the above expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the village and its inhabitants and would benefit them in a manner commensurate with expenditure.

a. Day Care FWMC Blind Committee	£100.00
b. Finedon Over 60s Club	£300.00
c. Finedon Senior Citizens Friendship Committee	£300.00
d. British Legion Poppy Wreath	£17.00
- 71/18-19 **Planning** – The Council considered the planning application forwarded from NCC for a replacement permanent building on the landfill site in Finedon. It was **resolved** that the Council should object to the application as it was felt that the application should be for a temporary structure given that the site had a limited lifespan. NCC Cllr Mercer to look into the original planning permission granted.

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72/18-19

HIGHWAYS –

1. The delegated powers from NCC were considered and it was **resolved** to accept those powers from NCC in respect of the 5 grit bins passed to Finedon by NCC. The Clerk was authorised to sign and return the forms to the Highways team, and arrange for filling as required.
2. Speeding on Station Road was discussed and it was agreed to bring it up at the JAG Meeting to be held on 16th January in Finedon.

73/18-19

FINANCE –

- a) The Financial Report, Bank & Budget reconciliations for October 2018 were considered, **proposed and duly agreed**.
- b) The payments list for November 2018 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) Following discussion, it was **resolved** that the Clerk should purchase the 11th edition of Arnold Baker.
- d) Following discussion, it was **resolved** that the Clerk should apply to Barclaycard for a business credit card on behalf of the Council to be used for council expenses.
- e) Following discussion, it was **resolved** that the Clerk should begin the transfer of the Council's bank account with Lloyds Bank Plc to Unitary Trust Bank Plc.

74/18-19

The Council **resolved** to close the meeting due to the confidential nature of this agenda item. The Clerk and NCC Councillor left the room. Following discussion, it was **resolved** that the Clerk's salary should be raised to scp34 and hours increased to 25 per week with effect from 1st December 2018 due to increased workload. The Clerk was authorised to change the related standing orders at the Bank.

75/18-19

The grounds maintenance contract was considered and altered so that tenders for the 2 year contract from April 2019 to March 2021 could be invited.

76/18-19

Cllr Gill Mercer NCC's report was noted.

77/18-19

The Clerk's report was noted. It was agreed that the NCALC DPO service should be continued for another year. The Budget working party (Cllrs Bailey, Swann, Farrell & Kendall-Torry) agreed to meet on 2pm 12th December 2018 at 47 High Street, Finedon, reporting back to the Council at the next meeting.

78/18-19

The meeting dates for 2019 were agreed as follows:

16th January 20th February 27th March 8th May (AGM & Annual Parish Meeting)

19th June 24th July 4th September 16th October 27th November

79/18-19

The following round the table comments were noted

Cllr Kendall-Torry reported on the Emergency Planning Meeting held 21.11.18. It was agreed that the council should sign up for the Pathfinder 3 scheme run by NCC to move the project forward.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm.