

FINEDON TOWN COUNCIL

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DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council – 1437 held at the Town Hall, Finedon Wednesday 8th May 2019 from 7pm

Present: Councillors L Harper (Chairman), T Kendall-Torry, M Ward, G Swann, M Bentley, S Farrell
G Spencer, D Willmott, R Ogle & L Lawrence
Mrs J Tufnail (Clerk)

PRAYERS were held before the Annual Town Meeting

- 1/19-20 Cllr Laurence Harper was appointed as Chairman following a vote and Cllr Terry Kendall-Torry was appointed as Vice-Chairman following a vote. The Declaration forms were duly signed.
- 2/19-20 **APOLOGIES** had been received and were accepted from Cllrs B Bailey, A Weatherill & S Cooper
- 3/19-20 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – None
- 4/19-20 It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 27th March 2019 were a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 5/19-20 Following discussion, it was **resolved** that the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be adopted by the Council.
- 6/19-20 Following discussion, it was **resolved** that the Code of Conduct be adopted by the Council.
- 7/19-20 Following discussion, it was **resolved** that the Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee and the Staffing Committee be adopted by the Council. The membership was agreed as Planning – Cllr Kendall-Torry (Chair), Cllr S Farrell & Cllr Swann
Staffing – Cllr Harper (Chair), Cllr Kendall-Torry & Cllr Ogle
The Clerk was thanked for her time and diligence in reviewing all the policies & documents recently.
- 8/19-20 There were no members of the public present.
- 9/19-20 **OPEN SPACES**
Banks Park & The Green
1. The Clerk reported that there were no issues arising from inspections.
2. Nothing further on the Tree Replacement Scheme.
3. The Clerk reported that it appeared that the Green and the War Memorial were not registered at Land Registry.
4. It was agreed to store the traffic cones in the shed on Banks Park and the Clerk was instructed to purchase a new padlock so that the current one could be cut off.
Cemetery – The Clerk reported that Norse had cleared out the gutters and confirmed that the vents in the gables were in good order. However, it appeared that the transfer from WBC to Finedon had never taken place. Clerk to arrange meeting with WBC to try and clarify the Council's position. It was noted that the Council had a duty to recover costs if maintenance payments had been made unnecessarily.
Pocket Park & Tainty Field – The Clerk confirmed that the transfer had not progressed. The Clerk confirmed that WBC had rejected the Council's application for a Capital grant from WBC as it was for maintenance. It was agreed that a walk to assess the condition of the Pocket Park would take place on Tuesday, 14th May at 11am and to report to WBC before transfer of the asset.
- 10/19-20 **COMMUNITY MATTERS**
a) It was agreed to consider the Annual Council Awards to community members at the next meeting
b) There was nothing further to report on the Health Centre or the Library
c) It was noted that the Clerk had requested a poster to advertise the presentation by the Crime Prevention Team for residents which had been arranged for 11th June 2019 in the Town Hall at 7pm.

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- 11/19-20 **Planning**
WP/19/00179/FUL 10 Wellingborough Road – Objection not enough parking available.
WP/19/00058/FUL 29 Rock Road – No objection
WP/19/00184/FUL 17 Bell Hill – No objection
19/00018/WASLAE – Sidegate Lane Landfill Site – following discussion, no objection
WP/19/00261/FUL – 62-64 Thrapston Road – Change of use – No objection
- 12/19-20 **HIGHWAYS –**
1. The amount of weeds growing within the footpaths around Finedon was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would report the matter to Norse.
2. NCC Councillor Gill Mercer had reported that the bridge near the Leyland Trading Estate was to be reinstated.
- 13/19-20 **FINANCE –**
a) Cllr Swann reported that he had conducted the Internal Control inspection and had found everything to be in order. Cllr Harper agreed to conduct the next inspection.
b) The Financial Report & Bank Reconciliation for 2018-19 were considered, **proposed and duly agreed**.
c) The payments list for May 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.
a. The Internal Auditor’s Report for the year 2018-19 was considered and noted to have no issues arising. It was **resolved** to accept the report.
b. The Annual Governance Statement for the year 2018-19 was considered and affirmations made. The Chairman and Clerk duly signed Section 1 of the AGAR.
c. The Accounting Statements for the year 2018-19 were considered. It was **resolved** to approve them and the Chairman signed Section 2 of the AGAR.
d. It was **resolved** to approve the monthly Standing Orders and Direct Debits for the year: Salary, Pension, Grounds Maintenance, Mobile Phone & Barclaycard
e. It was **resolved** to approve the Clerk attending SLCC “Using Social Media Platforms” training.
- 14/19-20 It was **resolved** that the Council would approve the renewal terms set out, subject to the removal of the Chapels from the insurance policy. Clerk to advise WBC.
- 15/19-20 Cllr Gill Mercer NCC’s report was noted.
- 16/19-20 The Clerk’s report was noted and she reported to the Council on the NCC Pensions Forum.
- 17/19-20 Cllr Ogle reported that his regiment were planning a street party and they would be requesting permission to use the Green at the next meeting.
Cllr Kendall-Torry thanked both the Chairman and the Clerk for all their hard work over the past year which was fully supported by Councillors.
Cllr Farrell had had requests for more car parking facilities to be made in Finedon. It was noted that there was no known suitable land available. It was further noted that the toilets were the responsibility of WBC who closed them originally.
Cllr Willmott noted that the external light above the door to the Town Hall was not working. Clerk to advise Norse.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.