

FINEDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council – 1442 held at the Town Hall, Finedon Wednesday 27th November 2019 from 7pm

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

3 members of the public & 2 representatives from the Finedon branch of the Finedon Branch Royal Anglian Regiment Association

PRAYERS

- 68/19-20 **APOLOGIES** had been received from Cllr L Lawrence, A Weatherill, D Willmott & G Spencer. Cllr S Cooper was absent.
- 69/19-20 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Cllr Ogle declared an interest in item 73a and Cllr Swann declared an interest in item 73e(a&c).
- 70/19-20 It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16th October 2019 were a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 71/19-20 There was no public participation.
- 72/19-20 **OPEN SPACES**

Banks Park

- a) The Clerk reported that matting under the dual swing had been repaired.
- b) The quotation for an aluminium sign for the tennis courts was agreed.
- c) The clerk reported that the trees had been ordered for the Tree Replacement Scheme and was awaiting quote for planting trees and other work required from Nathan Warne.

Cemetery

- a) It was **resolved** to reverse the resolution 35/19-20 made on 24th July 2019
- b) It was **resolved** that Finedon Town Council explores the transfer of the Cemetery in Station Road, Finedon from Wellingborough Borough Council and that the transfer will only go ahead if Wellingborough Borough Council give a capital grant to Finedon Town Council to support the asset transfer.

The proposed project was discussed. The Council awaits an outline quotation.

Pocket Park & Tainty Field - Nothing further to report on the transfer but the motorbikes and campers had been reported.

The Green & War Memorial - Nothing further to report.

73/19-20

COMMUNITY MATTERS

- a) The council **resolved** to enter into the **Armed Forces Covenant** between the Council and the Armed Forces community in Finedon which was duly signed.
- b) The Clerk updated the council with the Library Lease negotiations with WBC which were discussed. It was agreed to move this item onto the January agenda, after the General Election.
- c) Cllrs Harper and Wrigley agreed to take up the position of committee members to the Parochial Charities Committee. Cllr Farrell to introduce them.
- d) Cllr Harper put forward a motion to consider need for a youth club building in Finedon. The old boys club was suggested and, providing it could get local support, it was agreed to approach WBC in January.

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e) 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.

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| a. Day Care FWMC Blind Committee | £300.00 |
| b. Finedon Over 60s Club | £300.00 |
| c. British Legion Poppy Wreath | £25.00 |

f) Cllr Ogle reported that further progress on the Doctors surgery had been stilted by the General Election but that it would be picked up again in January.

74/19-20

Planning Applications

WP/19/00431/REM Stanton Cross condition discharge – no comment

75/19-20

Highways

- a) It was reported that the Section 50 Licence was ready to go, subject to payment authorisation. The original VAS was in place and working, moving it every 5 weeks as per the licence. It was agreed that Cllrs Kendall Torry, Weatherill, Harper and Cooper would take it in turns to move the VAS round Finedon and change batteries as necessary.
- b) The 3 quotes for a new VAS were considered and a choice was made. Cllr Harper to put together the required VAS. It was noted that the resident funding had been withdrawn and that a grant would have to be applied for. It was agreed that a Highways Committee should be set up to oversee the VAS and the data it collects amongst other matters.

76/19-20

Finance

- a) Cllr Swann reported that the Internal Control report had been conducted without issue and Cllr Wrigley agreed to do the next checks.
- b) The Financial Report & Bank and Budget Reconciliation were considered, **proposed and duly agreed**.
- c) Following discussion, the payments list for November 2019 was considered, **proposed and duly agreed** and invoices and cheques signed in accordance with the Financial Regulations. The clerk confirmed that payments were awaiting authorisation by signatories to enable the bank make the payments.
- d) Following consideration, it was **resolved** to approve the recommendations from the Reserves working party, putting the Ear Marked Reserves into the 2020-21 budget with the addition of £5,000 pa for trees up to a £15,000 reserve.
- e) A Working Party to consider the Budget and Precept request for 2020-21 was set up to include Cllrs Kendall-Torry, Farrell, Bentley, Ogle and Ward to be held on Tuesday, 7th January 2020 at 10am at Cllr Kendall-Torry's
- f) It was resolved to approve the Clerk's salary single scale point uplift (34p per hour) on attaining Level 4 Community Governance with De Montfort University, Leicester, in line with her contract of employment with effect from 1.12.19.

77/19-20

Cllr Wrigley's report on the JAG meeting was noted.

78/19-20

The bus shelter report was considered following notification from NCC. It was **resolved** that it should be removed and the Clerk instructed to contact Norse.

79/19-20

NCC Cllr Gill Mercer was not present

80/19-20

The Clerk's report was noted. It was agreed to explore the requirement for a bin at the top of Harrowden Road if WBC would include it on their bin emptying rounds. It was noted that the clerk had various training sessions in December, Lone worker and SCC practitioners' conference in February.

81/19-20

The Council **resolved** to close the meeting due to the confidential nature of the agenda item. (Public Bodies (Admissions to Meeting) Act 1960s1.2. Cllr Harper outlined the recommendations of the Staffing Committee and it was **resolved** that the Clerk's salary should be raised a single point with effect from 1st December 2019. The Clerk was authorised to change the related standing orders at the Bank.

82/19-20

It was noted that there was no heating in the Hall. Clerk to contact WBC.

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