

FINEDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council – 1440 held at the Town Hall, Finedon Wednesday 4th September 2019 from 7pm

Present: Councillors L Harper (Chairman), T Kendall-Torry, M Ward, G Swann, M Bentley, S Farrell, L Lawrence, S Cooper & A Weatherill

Mrs J Tufnail (Clerk) & Cllr Gill Mercer (NCC)
7 members of the public

PRAYERS

- 44/19-20 **APOLOGIES** had been received from Cllrs G Spencer, D Willmott & R Ogle
45/19-20 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Cllrs Kendall Torry and Harper declared an interest in item 49(b). Cllr Cooper declared an interest in Coopes Home Maintenance and that Mr Wrigley was his brother-in-law.
46/19-20 It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 24th July 2019 were a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
47/19-20 Two residents put themselves forward for co-option to the Council and gave short presentations. It was **resolved** to close the meeting to discuss the candidates in private. Following a vote Mr Jim Wrigley was co-opted onto the Council and asked to complete the relevant forms.
48/19-20 A member of the public spoke about speeding and Cllr Harper gave costs for a VAS.
49/19-20

OPEN SPACES

Banks Park & The Green

- a) The Clerk reported that the gate latch on the children's area had been mended but that the matting at the base of the revolving swing was damaged and awaiting replacement. It was noted that the gate had been painted but that it had not been stripped back to bare metal. Clerk to contact Norse about this. It was noted that the top of the pillar near the Co-op was missing and it was **resolved** that Cllr Cooper would arrange for this to be rectified.
- b) It was **resolved** that Finedon Buffs could use the Green for their Christmas Fayre on 14th December and that they could site a permanent base for the Christmas tree providing it did not impede contractors mowing.

Cemetery – The clerk updated the Council with WBC's offer to pay for the transfer. Following discussion, it was **resolved** that the Clerk together with Cllrs Weatherill, Harper and Ward should meet with Adrian Piper of WBC to discuss the matter further. Clerk to arrange.

Pocket Park & Tainty Field

- a) The Clerk reported that solicitors had written to WBC but that progress was slow.
- b) It was noted the fair was due to come to Finedon soon, clerk to make contact and confirm.

The Green & War Memorial

- a) The Clerk reported that the process was underway with solicitors.

50/19-20

COMMUNITY MATTERS

- a) The Clerk read an email from WBC's surveyors setting out revised terms of the library lease and a discussion followed. It was **resolved** unanimously not agree to these terms. Clerk to advise WBC.
- b) There was nothing further to report on the Health Centre. However, Cllr Kendall-Torry to investigate claims that Stanton Cross residents were being advised to register there and would report back.

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51/19-20

Planning Applications

WP/19/00490/FUL 12 Millers Close, Construction 3-bed bungalow – no objections

52/19-20

Highways

- a) The clerk reported that she and Cllr Kendall Torry had met with Steven Barber of KierWSP and it had been discovered that there was no licence in place for the siting a VAS device. The clerk confirmed that the process was now underway and that Mr Barber would be gathering the required data and would use the agreed locations.
- b) Various road closures in the area were discussed as were the various new dropped kerbs.

53/19-20

Finance

- a. Cllr Farrell reported that the Internal Control report had been conducted without issue and Cllr Kendall Torry agreed to do the next checks.
- b. The Financial Report & Bank and Budget Reconciliation for August and September were considered, **proposed and duly agreed**.
- c. Following discussion, the payments list for September 2019 was considered, **proposed and duly agreed** and invoices signed in accordance with the Financial Regulations. Following the successful transition to Unity Trust Bank, the clerk confirmed that payments were waiting for authorisation by signatories to enable the bank make the payments.
- d. The clerk read the External Auditor's report for year ended 2018-19 which was duly accepted by the Council.
- e. Following discussion, it was **resolved** that the Clerk should renew her First Aid at Work Certification.

54/19-20

Cllr Gill Mercer NCC's report was noted.

55/19-20

The Clerk's report was noted.

A thank you letter from the Tennis Club was noted

It was reported that Cllr Willmott was celebrating 50 years at the Bell Inn and all members of the council were invited to join him.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.