

FINEDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council – 1457 Wednesday 19 May 2021 6.00pm

Present: Cllrs Stuart Cooper (Chairman of the meeting), Malcolm Ward, Jim Wrigley, Andrew Weatherill, Neil Done, Neil Forster, Lynette Kendall-Torry, Laurence Harper, Gordon Swann, Tab Goodes and Jonathan Ekins

There was no member of the public present

- 1/21-22 Cllr Terry Kendall-Torry was appointed as Chairman following a vote and Cllr Stuart Cooper was appointed as Vice-Chairman following a vote.
- 2/21-22 Acceptance of Office forms arranged to be completed in the presence of the Clerk.
- 3/21-22 Apologies for Absence were accepted from Cllr Terry Kendall-Torry
- 4/21-22 There was no declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct
- 5/21-22 The Minutes of the Meetings of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24 March 2021 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting
- 6/21-22 No members of the public addressed the Council
- 7/21-22 **Planning Applications**
NK/2021/0130, NK/2021/0146, NK/2021/0131, NK/2021/0128, NK/2021/0150 & NK/2021/0143 - Burton Wold Farm, Wold Road, Burton Latimer - no comment
NW/21/00339/FUL - 17 Hawthorne Road, Finedon – no objection
NW/21/00349/REM - Land Area 36 Primary School And Land Area 12A Local Centre, Stanton Cross – no comment
NW/21/00159/FUL & NW/21/00160/LBC - Adjacent 67 And 69 Local History Society High Street - The Council object as follows:
- Inappropriate use of the listed building
 - The ground surrounding the property is a graveyard.
 - The property is next to a school on a blind bend without any off-street parking.
- NWP/21/00060/PRENF – 5G Mast, Wellingborough Road, Finedon – The Council object as follows:
- Overbearing in the centre of the village (50feet high)
 - Sitting on a dangerous major crossroads
 - Perceived effect on the health of villagers
 - Loss of amenity to residents
- NW/21/00405/FUL – 4 Bell Hill, Finedon – no comment
NW/21/00393/FUL - Poplars Yard 300 Thrapston Road, Finedon – no comment
- 8/21-22 **Finance**
- 9/21-22 a) The payments due up to 19th May 2021 are to be considered at the next meeting.
Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) 2020/2021
- b. The Internal Auditor's Report for the year 2020-21 was considered and noted to have no issues arising. It was **resolved** to accept the report.
- c. The Annual Governance Statement for the year 2020-21 was considered and affirmations made. The Chairman of the meeting signed Section 1 of the AGAR, Clerk to duly sign at next availability.
- d. The Accounting Statements for the year 2020-21 were considered. It was **resolved** to approve them and the Chairman of the meeting signed Section 2 of the AGAR.
- 10/21-22 The Council considered the insurance renewal quotes and **resolved** to proceed with BHIB on a long-term agreement.
- 11/21-22 The Council agreed to discuss all postponed business at the next meeting of the full council. If the Town Hall is still unavailable for bookings, Finedon Independent Wesleyan Chapel and Finedon St Mary's Church to be considered as possible venue options.
- 12/21-22 The Clerk's Roundup for Report was noted.
- 13/21-22 Round Table Comments for Report Only

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Cllr Andrew Weatherill expressed the finances and control should be transferred from Julia the Responsible Financial Officer to the Clerk.

Cllr Jim Wrigley stated that the Council need to discuss the full-time maintenance worker at the next meeting and reconsider the transfer of the Recreation Ground from North Northamptonshire Council, as unaffordable with maintenance being in excess of £20,000 per year. The Council request that the Clerk prepares a document outlining the benefits and disadvantages of the transfer.

Cllr Gordon Swann: North Northamptonshire Councillors to provide a report for future meetings and whether the Council will be requesting a road closure for Remembrance Sunday.

Cllr Stuart Cooper stated quotations will need to be obtained for works at the Pocket Park.

Cllr Lynette Kendall-Torry requested a new date is organised for the litter pick.

Cllr Neil Done reported that the Christmas Tree at Banks Park has died.

Date of Next Meeting 23 June 2021

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 18.40pm.

Signed: _____

Chairman

Dated: 23 June 2021