

# **FINEDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council – 1460 Wednesday 1 September 2021 7.00pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Stuart Cooper (Chairman), Jim Wrigley, Neil Done, Susan Drake, Laurence Harper, Gordon Swann and Tab Goodes

Ally Chang – Clerk

There was one member of the public present

55/21-22 Apologies for Absence were accepted from Cllrs: Terry Kendall-Torry, Malcolm Ward, Andrew Weatherill, Neil Forster, Lynette Kendall-Torry and Cllr Jonathan Ekins

56/21-22 There was no declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct.

57/21-22 The Minutes of the Meetings of the Town Council Meetings held on Monday 19 July 2021 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman. However, Cllr Gordon Swann disputed the resolution made on continuing with the transfer of the Recreation Ground and left the meeting at 19.13pm.

58/21-22 No members of the public addressed the Council

59/21-22 **Finance**

- a. The Council considered and approved the Financial Reports, Receipts & Bank Reconciliation to 01.09.2021
- b. The Council considered & approved the payments due up to 1 September 2021
- c. The Council received the Internal Control report from Cllr Terry Kendall-Torry and appointed Cllr Stuart Cooper to complete the next Internal Control checks
- d. The Council considered & approved the quarterly Standing Order payment to North Northamptonshire Council for the library rent for £1000.00

60/21-22 **Community Matters -**

- a. Cllr Susan Drake updated the Council on the Queens Jubilee celebrations and requested the Clerk's help with the preparations by working an additional two hours a week to be added on as an agenda item at the next meeting.
- b. Cllr Laurence Harper updated the Council on the successful community litter picking event that took place on 24 July 2021 and confirmed they hope to run the next one in spring.

61/21-22 **Open Spaces**

Cemetery

- a. The Council considered the damage to the Cemetery and agreed to discuss further at the next meeting.

Pocket Park

- b. The Council received the following recommendations from the Working Party on an accessible entrance and the condition of footpaths/steps. The Council **resolved** to accept the recommendations which are as follows:
  1. Not to proceed with an accessible entrance at present due to the levels of ground being unsuitable for wheelchair users. However confirming this is part of their long term plan for the Pocket Park.
  2. Steps to be reviewed as part of the long term plan.
  3. Obtain quotes for hand rail on a slope near Cally Banks
- c. Cllr Neil Done updated the Council following his discussions with The Wildlife Trust, who suggested transferring Cally Banks back to Finedon Town Council's ownership. It was agreed the Clerk will contact The Wildlife Trust for further information.

Banks Park

4. The Clerk reported on the weekly inspections and confirmed Reid's Playground are still awaiting the delivery of the Spring Dog before they can begin the repairs.
5. The Council adjourned the consideration of the Annual Playground Inspection Report and quotations until the next meeting.
6. The Council approved the RPI increase in Tennis Club rent, as per the lease and 3 month rent reduction due to Covid-19 lockdowns.
7. The Council **resolved** to not proceed with installing an external electricity facility on the Finedon Tennis Clubhouse.

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8. The Council approved purchasing an Acer / similar tree to replace the deceased Acer Tree that was donated as part of the Banks Park tree replacement project.
9. The Council **resolved** to approve the request from Finedon Buffs to host a Christmas Fayre on 27 November 2021.

## **War Memorial & Green**

- a. The Clerk reported that the Council's solicitor had sent the applications to Land Registry for registration, however there is a back log at Land Registry.

62/21-22

## **Planning Applications**

NW/21/00603/FUL – 9 Mackworth Drive – no objections

NW/21/00635/FUL – 23 Regent Street – no objections

NW/21/00621/FUL – 5 Avenue close – no comment

63/21-22

**Highways** – Cllr Jim Wrigley confirmed he had reported various issues to North Northamptonshire Council via the Fix My Street Portal. Cllr Laurence Harper confirmed one of the speed vas signs has moved locations.

64/21-22

The Council agreed to continue with the Mission Room for future bookings, Clerk to enquire about heating + any concessionary rates for regular bookings.

65/21-22

The Council approved the renewal of Northamptonshire ACRE & Society of Local Council Clerks memberships.

66/21-22

The Council resolved to approve purchasing three Neighbourhood Watch Signs at a cost of £14.00 each. Clerk to obtain a poster for the scheme and advertise once received.

67/21-22

The Council **resolved** to run a Pride of Finedon Award annually, with all nominations to be submitted for the Council's November meeting.

68/21-22

No report received from Cllr Andrew Weatherill, Jonathan Ekins and Malcolm Ward NNC as they were not present at the meeting.

69/21-22

Clerk's Roundup for Report Only was noted.

70/21-22

Round Table Comments for Report Only:

Cllr Neil Done noted he still has not received a response from the Case Handler on the 5G Mast Planning Application.

Cllr Jim Wrigley reported the Council need to obtain new Union Jack Flag, and the bins on Wellingborough Road and Stocks Hill are in poor condition.

Cllr Laurence Harper reported that our volunteer Pete Donaldson has stated the structure on the war memorial is deteriorating.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.55pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

Dated: 6 October 2021