

FINEDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council – 1463 Wednesday 24 November 2021 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs: Terry Kendall-Torry (Chairman), Malcolm Ward, Lynette Kendall-Torry, Jim Wrigley, Neil Done, Jonathan Ekins, Susan Drake, Laurence Harper and Tab Goodes

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There were four members of the public present

87/21-22

Apologies for Absence were accepted from Cllr Andrew Weatherill, Neil Forster and Stuart Cooper.

Cllr Gordon Swann resigned from the Council, the Council would like to thank him for all of his efforts during his continued service since 2004.

88/21-22

There was no declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct.

89/21-22

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Town Council Meetings held on Wednesday 6 October 2021 and Monday 1 November 2021 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

90/21-22

A member of the public addressed the Council in relation to the Bowls Club. The Chairman informed him this asset is still owned by North Northamptonshire Council but the Town Council is in the process of having this transferred over to their ownership.

91/21-22

Community Matters – A representative from The Finedon Volta Juniors Committee contacted the Town Council in respect of a lack of space in Finedon for the demand of football. They said based on this they will be relocating to Irthlingborough and would be grateful for any assistance with funding. It was agreed, the Clerk would make enquiries and Cllr Ekins would explore any funds available from North Northamptonshire Council.

a. The Council **resolved** to extend the deadline for Pride of Award nomination forms until 31st December 2021.

b. The Council **resolved** to celebrate the Queens Jubilee in the following way:

- Purchase a community notice board for the Green
- Create a community friendly area on the Green with picnic benches and a natural play area
- Spend a maximum of £3500+ VAT on planting 12 new trees on the Green as part of The Queens Green Canopy
- Subsidised/Free fair in Tainty Field

c. The Council **resolved** to purchase 4 new bins at a cost of £425 + VAT.

d. The Council accepted a donation of a defibrillator and agreed to purchasing a case. Clerk to make enquiries with 'Premier' as to whether they will allow us to base it their convenience store.

e. The Council received a report from Cllr Jim Wrigley on CCTV.

92/21-22

Open Spaces

Cemetery

a. The Council confirmed the damage to the Cemetery no longer needs to be considered as it had been repaired by owners of the neighbouring property.

Pocket Park

Banks Park

b. The Clerk reported Reids Playground Maintenance had repaired the spring dog.

c. The Council considered the Annual Playground Inspection Report and **resolved** to proceed with Wicksteed Lesuire Ltd completing the necessary repairs for £579 + VAT.

d. The Council **resolved** to approve Clarendon Buildings completing tarmac repairs at a cost of £610 + VAT.

e. The Council approved the Library's request to allow Supporting Independence Programme to use the facilities.

War Memorial & Green

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f. The Clerk reported the applications are at the Land Registry but they have a backlog which is causing a delay.

Recreation Ground

g. The consideration of architecture quotations for the toilet block conversion will be considered at a later date.

93/21-22

Planning Applications

NW/21/00896/FUL – 19A Rock Road – no objection

NW/21/00955/FUL - 25 Millers Close – no objection

NW/21/00976/VAR - 35 - 45 Burton Road – no objection

NW/21/00988/FUL – 59 High Street – no objection

94/21-22

Highways

95/21-22

The Council agreed to meet at Finedon Independent Wesleyan Chapel for future Council meetings.

96/21-22

To Council agreed the meeting dates for next year: 19 January and 23 March.
Further dates to be confirmed nearer the time.

97/21-22

To Council agreed to postpone the Council's renewal to Parish Online subscription

98/21-22

The Council **resolved** to advertise an Invitation To Tender for ad hoc maintenance work.

99/21-22

The Council considered and approved Strategic Plan (including the Open Spaces Working Party's Master Plan).

100/21-22

Finance

a. A Working Party consisting of Cllr Malcolm Ward, Terry Kendall-Torry, Susan Drake, Lynette Kendall-Torry, Neil Done and Neil Forster was set up to consider the Budget and Precept request for 2022-23.

b. The Council approved setting up a direct debit payment for the Cemetery Water payments with Wave Utilities

c. The Council considered and approved the Financial Reports, Receipts & Bank Reconciliation to 24.11.2021

d. The Council considered & approved the payments due up to 24 November 2021

e. The Internal Control report was noted from Cllr Malcolm Ward.

101/21-22

The Council approved the Clerk carrying over 5 days of annual leave.

102/21-22

The Council approved the Christmas break from 22 December – 4th January 2022

103/21-22

Report from Jonathan Ekins and Malcolm Ward NNC for information Only was noted.

104/21-22

Clerk's Roundup for Report was noted.

105/21-22

Round Table Comments for Report Only.

Cllr Susan Drake noted the success of the Remembrance Service.

Cllr Harper reported that a new rope needs to be purchased for the flag pole at the War Memorial.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.07pm.

Signed: _____

Chairman

Dated: 19 January 2022