

Findern Parish Council
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**MINUTES OF THE EXEMPT PART OF THE FINDERN PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2017, AT BEE'S TEA ROOM,
FINDERN PARISH ROOMS COMMENCING AT 6.15PM**

Present:

Cllr M Goodall (in the chair)

Cllr J Hibbert Cllr R. Brook, Cllr Rose (mins), Cllr A. Hibbert, Cllr Brown, Cllr Woodhouse, Cllr Giles-Grant,

1. Minute Number 6015/17 - Apologies

Cllr S. Brook, Cllr M. Ratcliffe, Clare Orme (Clerk sick)

2. Minute Number 6016/17 – Variations to the Order of Business

There were no Variations to the Order of Business.

3. Minute Number 6017/17 – Declaration of Members Interests

There were no Declarations of Members Interests

4. Minute Number 6018/17 - Public Speaking

There were no Members of the Public present at the meeting and there was nothing to report.

6. Minute Number 6019/17 - Website Update

We are now scheduled to be live in January, however still awaiting 5 of the Cllrs photos to complete the profile. All 5 will endeavour to go this week and get them done.

7. Minute Number 6020/17 - Hillside Playing Field

A meeting to be held in January with Cllr Goodall and Cllr Giles-Grant for further discussion with representative from SDDC.

8. Minute Number 6021/17 - Findern Facebook & Parish Council

When our website is live there will be links posted in response to comments made, so the parish is reminded of decision's taken and minuted previously, and where to look for help and information regarding the function of the parish council.

9. Minute Number 6022/17 – Date of the next Meeting.

Resolved: the next meeting of Findern Parish Council was confirmed as Thursday 11th January 2018 commencing at 6.15pm for exempt part of the monthly meeting, to be used for the Financial Committee meeting.

Signed.....Date.....

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**MINUTES OF THE FINDERN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
14TH DECEMBER 2017, AT BEE'S TEA ROOM, FINDERN PARISH ROOMS
COMMENCING AT 7PM**

Present:

Cllr Goodall (in chair), Cllr Rose (mins)

Cllr R Brook, Cllr Giles-Grant, Cllr A Hibbert, Cllr Brown Cllr Woodhouse, Cllr J. Hibbert

2 District Council Representative, 1 County Council representative and 1 member of the public present

1. Minute Number 6023/17 - Apologies for Absence:

Cllr S. Brook, Cllr M. Ratcliffe, Clare Orme (clerk - sick)

2. Minute Number 6024/17 – Variations to the Order of Business

There were no Variations to the Order of Business.

3. Minute Number 6025/17 – Declaration of Members Interests

There were no Declarations of Members Interests

4. Minute Number 6026/17 - Public speaking

Minute Number 6026/17/A – Public Speaking

A request from a member of the public for an agenda item at next month's meeting to discuss the lack of a bus shelter on Doles Lane, particularly needed when schoolchildren waiting for bus.

This member offered to do the minutes of meeting in future if required.

Minute Number 6026/17/B - SDDC Representative

The district site has moved from Swadlincote to a new site which is much better. The up-to-date re-cycling information is on the Council website. Cllr R. Brook to circulate for information.

Minute Number 6026/17/C - County Council Representative Report:

The Derby bus shelter just beyond The Green is in a bad state, and needs some cleaning

The residents at Highfields have requested a footpath creating on the land between new development and Littleover Lodge, this has been referred to SDDC to see if there is any finance.

A large part of the estate will come into Findern's precept in the near future.

6. Minute Number 6027/17 - Chairperson's Report

Thanks, were given to Cllr Woodhouse who once again donated to the village the Christmas tree, and it was commented that the new switch for the lights worked brilliantly. The tree light switch on was a great success and it is hoped to build on for future years, especially in attracting more children to come.

Cllr Ford provided the sweets for the children and the surplus is to be given to Santa's float. Thanks to all involved in the event.

The chair thanked the Councillors for their hard work this year and it was commented what a good team we have.

Richard Ambrose is coming soon to look at traffic problems around the Green.

Cllr Goodall has contacted local farmers and asked them to lobby Derbyshire County Council to look into the problem.

The Chair was thanked on behalf of everyone for her hard work and commitment given this year.

8(k) Shared traffic warden (*item brought forward)

It has been noted the difficulties local farmers are having getting their farm vehicles down lower green, and an ambulance or fire engine may have severe problems at certain times. Notices about parking are due to be put up outside parish rooms.

It was suggested that we could share a traffic warden with another local village if they were experiencing similar parking problems, for which hours could be allocated. Cllr Ford reported that as there were no parking restrictions in place around the green they are not enforceable, and Police should be contacted if dangerous situations occur, for them to act on giving warnings not prosecutions. **The Clerk & Cllr Ford to enquire of other villages if they have similar problems.**

7. Minute Number 6028/17 - Hillside Playing Field

The fencing to be finished tomorrow the 15th. Cllr Woodhouse is to bring more bark as he has not delivered the full amount yet. If the payback team are not available to help, Cllr Woodhouse will look at a staff member helping out after Christmas, as it needs plenty of people to distribute it over the play area.

- A gate spring is on order to enable the gate to self close.
- It was agreed a large plaque be purchased to be placed on the fencing acknowledging the involvement of everyone in the project.

Cllr Goodall to liase with Dawn Foote re design so that it blends in with new notice boards

8 Minute Number 6029/17 - Report of the Parish Clerk

(a) Butterfly Bank

Cllr Woodhouse to speak with members of Footpaths to ask if they want his input as decisions yet to be made regarding moving soil and creation of ponds.

(b) Christmas Celebrations 2/12/17

It was agreed that the same format for next year to be held on 1/12/18. Emily Cox will hopefully provide entertainment, providing her work schedule allows, and she will recruit others and aim at a much younger audience.

Cllr Woodhouse agreed to store the tree lights and baubles.

Cllr Giles-Grant to investigate lights for the other trees on the green and bring information/costings to January meeting.

(c) Cemetary

Report from Cllr Ratcliffe read out in his absence (copy attached).

(d) Repairs to the planter adjacent to the Derby bus stop

These will go ahead when weather improves.

(e) - CCTV no progress yet to report

(f) Advice notices re parking to go on Parish Rooms wall and at end of grassed area

Have been collected today and Richard Winfield will put them up tomorrow

(g) Hi Viz jackets to be purchased for Cllrs to wear when working around the village. Agreed logo on front and FPC on back 3 of each size to be purchased.

Cllr Goodall given powers to purchase these from Clothing 4 in Burton

(h) The financial committee meeting will be held on 11th January 2018 @ 6.15pm instead of the exempt meeting.

(i) Daffodils these have been purchased at a discount and are now planted on Hillside playing field.

10. Minute Number 6030/17 - Risk Assessment King George Playing Field

The signs have been ordered. £6000 quoted to replace soft tiles around equipment. To get three quotes.

11. Minute Number 6031/17 - Planning

No matters to discuss

12. Minute Number 6032/17 - Reports from Councillor's who have attended other meetings

- Toyota Cllr J. Hibbert gave his report (to be circulated to all members). The focus was on improvements to local housing.

- Village Hall. The AGM had been held and a further VH meeting where 1 trustee retired and 3 new trustees were appointed, with the possibility of a further new trustee.

- Next Safer Neighborhood and Forum meeting to be held on 7th February 6.15 at Ticknall Village Hall.

- The Public Relations training day attended by 6 Cllrs was found to be excellent and the fact that only Findern Councillors were present meant it became in effect a teambuilding exercise. Useful information on the way forward re. press releases was picked up. The content of the training session was considered to be sufficient and Cllrs did not feel the need to attend a further planned meeting.

13. Minute Number 6033/17 – Date of the next Meeting

Resolved: The next meeting of Findern Parish Council to be confirmed as follows:

- ***Exempt meeting replaced with Financial Committee Meeting at 6.15pm on Thursday 11th January 2018***
- ***Non-exempt part of the meeting commencing on 11th January 2018 @ 7pm.***

Both meetings to be held at Bee's Tea Room.

Signed.....Date.....