

Findern Parish Council
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MINUTES OF MONTHLY FINDERN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2014 AT FINDERN PARISH ROOMS COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

Present:

Cllr Hudson (in the Chair)
Cllr Johnson, Cllr Bell, Cllr Brook, Cllr Nash, Cllr Goodall, Cllr Williamson, and Cllr Woodhouse

.4 members of the public were also in attendance at the meeting.

AGENDA

PART I – NON EXEMPT INFORMATION

1. Minute Number 1342/14 - To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Parnell.

2. Minute Number 1343/14 - Variation of the Order of Business

There were no Variations to the Order of Business.

3. Minute Number 1344/14 - Declaration of Members Interests.

Resolved: Cllr Woodhouse declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest in relation item 8 of the Clerks Report, item k) Plant Plan – Wren Park Close and Aults Close.

4. Minute Number 1345/14 - Public Speaking – (10 Minutes)

Minute Number 1345/14/A – Public Speaking.

Members of the Public raised the following issues:

- Repairs are still required to the Drain Pipe at the Parish Rooms – **It was agreed that Cllr Bell would contact the contractor to get this work completed before the next Parish Council Meeting.**
- It was reported that the Board Walk Pub at the Marina was now open to business.
- The Clerk was asked to contact DCC Highways to request street lighting to be installed between Heath Lane and the Marina as it was very dark for people to walk to the new pub.
- The Parish Council was asked who was responsible for the concrete plinths around the graves at the Church. A Councillor replied that these were the responsibility of SDDC.
- It was reported that the stile on the footpath on Rushy Meadow Way off Lower Green had been repaired.

Under Public Speaking item c) Members declaring a prejudicial interest who wish to make representation or give evidence under the Code of Conduct relating to Agenda items shall do so at this stage. Cllr Woodhouse gave his report as follows:

Cllr Woodhouse explained that he had met with members of the Footpaths Group as they had requested advice from him as a professional. At the meeting they discussed what the Footpaths Group would like to achieve as follows:

- SDDC have donated 3 oak trees that will be planted in Wren Park Close. Cllr Woodhouse showed the Council a plan of the area and the location of the 3 trees along with a jagged line which denoted shrub planting.
- It had already been agreed that the Parish Council would fund the cost of the planting at a previous meeting and Cllr Woodhouse's company had been asked to give a quote. The planting would cost roughly £50.00 and this is what the Parish Council would need to make a decision on later during the meeting at which stage Cllr Woodhouse would leave the meeting.
- A Councillor asked if the Footpaths Group could consider other items to add such as, benches and litter bins so that people could completely enjoy the area – It was agreed that the Councillor on the Footpaths Committee would take this back to the next Footpaths Group Meeting.

Minute Number 1345/14/B – County Council Representatives Report

Cllr Ford sent his apologies, the Clerk reported that she had received a report that the bus shelter on the A50 Bridge belongs to SDDC, however they were reluctant to replace due to the cost of damage and vandalism.

The Clerk reported that she was in contact with DCC about the same matter and had been given a contact name of the person dealing with this. A Councillor reminded everyone that the damage was caused due to a traffic accident and surely either SDDC or DCC should have insurance cover for this kind of incident. The Clerk replied that she would ask the question.

Minute Number 1345/14/C – District Council Representatives Report

Cllr Hood sent her apologies, there was nothing to report.

Minute Number 1345/14/D – Police Representatives Report.

There were no Police Representatives present at the meeting and there was nothing to report.

5. Minute Number 1346/14 - To confirm the Non-Exempt Minutes of the monthly Findern Parish Council Meeting held on 11th September 2014.

Resolved: The Non-Exempt Minutes of the Findern Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11th September 2014 having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

6. Minute Number 1347/14 - To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

There were no items from Part 1 of the agenda taken with the public excluded.

7. Minute Number 1348/14 - Chairman's report

There was nothing to report.

8. Minute Number 1349/14 - Report of the Parish Clerk

- a) Parish Council Website – Previously reported under minute number 1355/13, 1409/13, 1427/14, 1212/14, 1231/14, 1249/14, 1278/14, 1296/14, 1315/14, 1332/14 – Clerks Report

It was reported that Cllr Brook, Cllr Goodall and Cllr Nash had been working on the website and Cllr Brooks was in the process of populating the website.

Resolved: It was agreed that the website would be a village website not just a Parish Council website.

Resolved: Cllr's to have their photographs taken at the November Parish Council Meeting to be added to the website.

Resolved: Cllr Nash had the forms for local organisations to obtain permission to add their information to the website.

Resolved: Findern Parish Council agreed that the website should be up and running by the end of December 2014.

- b) Update to have a defibrillator at the Findern Parish Rooms – Previously reported under minute number 1249/14, 1278/14, 1296/14, 1315/14, 1332/14 – Clerks Report.

There was nothing to report.

- c) Rotten posts for replacement around the Village Green and in front of the Parish Rooms – Previously reported under minute number 1278/14, 1296/14, 1315/14, 1332/14 – Clerks Report.

It was reported that the work would start after the Fun on the Green event.

- d) Footpath through the Village Green – Previously reported under minute number 1278/14, 1296/14, 1315/14, 1332/14 – Clerks Report

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- e) Planter and Cultivation License on grass verge Hawthorn Crescent – Previously reported under minute number 1315/14, 1332/14 – Clerks Report

Resolved: Findern Parish Council agreed not to obtain an object license due to the administration work involved in obtaining such a license. Findern Parish Council also agreed that if they did this for one resident it would set a precedent for the future.

- f) Christmas Tree Lights update – Previously reported under minute number 1332/14 – Clerks Report.

It was reported that the lights and star for the Christmas tree had been purchased.

Resolved: Findern Parish Council agreed that they would contribute to the Christmas Carols around the Christmas Tree event. It was agreed that this would include a Christmas Tree light switch on event.

- g) Update East Midlands Intermodal Park and outcome of Meeting with Repton Parish Council – previously reported under minute Number 1332/14 – Clerks Report.

There was nothing to report.

- h) Parish Room Hire Charge – Previously reported under minute number 1332/14 – Clerks Report.

Resolved: It was agreed to leave the hire charges as agreed at the last meeting for the next 6 months to see how it goes.

- i) Missing Bus Shelter on A50 Bridge, Findern – Previously Reported under minute number 1332/14 – Clerks Report.

The Clerk explained that the reason that the bus shelter had not been replaced was due to the cost of damage and vandalism. It was reported that when the original scheme was sold to the village it was with the bus shelters on the bridge. It was reported that the damage was not caused by vandalism but a traffic accident and either SDDC or DCC should be insured for this kind of event.

Resolved: The Clerk to chase this matter up with both SDDC and DCC and to ask them to check their insurance cover in relation to this matter.

- j) Brighter Findern Group Payment

The Clerk reported that the second cheque had been returned by the bank with a stamp stating that the cheque had been stopped by legal order.

Resolved: Cllr Bell to look into this matter.

- k) Plant Plan – Wren Park Close and Aults Close

Cllr Woodhouse had declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in this matter and left the meeting whilst the item was discussed.

Resolved: Findern Parish Council agreed that Woodgrow should supply the items required at a cost of roughly £50.00.

9. Minute Number 1350/14 - Planning Matters for Decision

- a) 9/2014/0660 - 10 THE GREEN FINDERN DERBY DERBYSHIRE DE65 6AA - THE CHANGE FROM FLAT ROOF TO PITCHED ROOF AT

Resolved: Findern Parish Council had no objections to the above planning application.

10. Minute Number 1351/14 - Committee Reports

- a. Footpaths Committee – Held on 02.10.2014

- i. Signing of Cultivation License – Heath Lane

Resolved: Findern Parish Council agreed that the Chair and Clerk should sign the Cultivation License as above.

Cllr Johnson read out the Footpaths Group report as follows:

The fine weather over the last month has enabled the strimming, mowing and cutting back on all our wildlife sites to progress well. We have also planted 300 wild primroses in Stanhope Wood. The project to plant native trees and shrubs between Aults Close and Wren Park Close has been planned, following a site visit attended by Cllr Woodhouse. This project will begin as soon as SDDC have planted the 3 oak trees that have been promised.

Unfortunately we have been the victims of several acts of criminal damage. At our busiest time, this has involved group members in spending time trying to rectify the damage and working with the Police and other bodies. A fire under the new bridge along Priory Way has resulted in charring. This bridge was built over 3 days with help from the students at Derby University. We are still assessing what remedial work will be needed. There have also been 4 incidents of fly tipping in Commonpiece Lane and 3 information boards defaced with offensive graffiti. One board had the information panel forcibly removed before being tossed into the hedge.

On a positive note, the last 3 gates have now been installed along Priory Way. This lengthy project is almost complete. A wicket gate needs a new post and the route now only needs waymarking. We hope to have this project completed shortly.

Two group members recently attended a First Aid course organised by Derbyshire County Council at Shipley Country Park. Congratulations to Heather and Jan who passed and have been awarded certificates.

Heather, Liz and Nev also attended an event at Rosliston to celebrate 20 years of service from Kate Allies, Environmental Education Manager. Kate also gives outstanding support to this group.

Sheila, Liz, Joan, Janet and Jan attended the recent meeting of the South Derbyshire Environmental Forum which was held at Calke Park. They learnt management skills for woodland habitats. They reported that the day which had been led by the National Trust had been a fantastic learning experience.

Our Mercia Marina/Findern Walk was most enjoyable. The group congratulated Joan on her superb leadership, ensuring a successful event.

We are registering our 'adoption' of our section of the canal towpath with the Canal & River Trust. This formalises the work the group have been doing along there for years, carrying out minor maintenance that we can and reporting issues to the Canal & River Trust where necessary.

October will be another busy month, the highlight of which will be Fun on the Green on 29 October. We hope as many councillors as possible will come along to meet the children. Thank you for your ongoing support which means so much to us.

11. Minute Number 1352/14 - Reports from Councillor's that have attended any other Meetings.

a) Toyota Community Liaison Committee

It was reported that Cllr Hudson and Cllr Bell had attended the Derby County Football match against Cardiff.

b) Village Hall

a) PC Representative for agreement to attend Findern Village Hall Meetings.

Resolved: Cllr Goodall agreed to be the representative for Findern Parish Council at the Findern Village Hall Meetings.

Resolved: The Clerk to add the election of a Vice Chairperson to the agenda for November 2014.

c) Other meetings attended

There was nothing to report.

d) Notification of forthcoming meetings

There was nothing to report.

12. Minute Number 1353/14 – Finance

a) Items for Payment

Resolved: Findern Parish Council approved the following payments.

Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
002361	SDDC	Waste Collection	£1,523.44
002362	Findern Footpaths Group	Fun on the Green Grant	£500.00
002363	Mr M Johnson	Bollard – King George	£101.16
002364	Mr M Woodhouse	Christmas Tree Lights	£83.70
002365	Mrs M Goodall	Compost	£295.20
002366	Mr P D Hawker	Maintenance	£30.00
002367	Go Digital Print	Printing	£284.00
002368	ELA Group	Lift Repairs	£148.09
002369	Gee Tee Bulb Co	Bulbs for planters	£45.00
002370	Findern Footpaths Group	Minor Maint Scheme	£385.00
002371 to 002374	Salaries, Tax and NICs		£763.16

13. Minute Number 1355/14 - Items for Information

Resolved: Findern Parish Council noted the following information.

- SDDC Press Release – Free, Friendly support to Jobseekers
- Groundwork – Landscape and Construction information
- SDDC – Press Release - Relax, mind, body and soul with Tai Chi

14. Minute Number 1356/14 - Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Resolved: Findern Parish Council noted the following information.

d) Circular 19/2014

- New DALC Website
- Recording of Parish and Town Council Meetings – New Law Now Live
- Community Transport
- Code of Conduct Training
- Appointment of Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer – Tideswell Parish Council
- Leicestershire & Rutland ALC Training Opportunities

15. Minute Number 1357/14 - Date of the next Parish Council Meeting to be confirmed

Resolved: The next meeting of Findern Parish Council was confirmed as 13th November 2014 at the Findern Parish Rooms commencing at 7pm.

Resolved: In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and were instructed to withdraw from the meeting.

Agenda Part 2 – Exempt Information
Minute Number 1358/14 – Exempt Information

- a) Bank Mandate update

There was nothing to report.

- b) Enrolment Work Place Pension £995.00 day rate Jay Financial split between 4 may need 2 days. Staging date 01.02.2017 but will be brought forward to 01.08.2016

The Clerk reported that she had received her first days training but a further training day would be required.

Signed.....Dated.....