

Findern Parish Council
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MINUTES OF MONTHLY FINDERN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2014 AT FINDERN PARISH ROOMS COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

Present:

Cllr Hudson (in the Chair)

Cllr Johnson, Cllr Bell, Cllr Nash, Cllr Goodall, Cllr Woodhouse and Cllr Williamson

.1 County Councillor and 4 members of the public were in attendance at the meeting.

AGENDA

PART I – NON EXEMPT INFORMATION

1. Minute Number 1377/14 - To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Brook.

2. Minute Number 1378/14 - Variation of the Order of Business

There were No Variations to the Order of Business.

3. Minute Number 1379/14 - Declaration of Members Interests.

Resolved: Cllr Woodhouse declared a personal Interest in Exempt Information, item c) Planting of the border by the Parish Rooms – Previously reported under minute number 1367/14 – Clerks Report.

4. Minute Number 1380/14 - Public Speaking – (10 Minutes)

Minute Number 1380/14/A – Public Speaking

Members of the Public raised the following matters:

- Fraser Chatburn attended the meeting to discuss a Micro Pub with the Parish Council. He was looking for premises and asked the Parish Council to let him know if any premises came up within the village that may be suitable.
- A resident spoke about the proposal to install a path across the Village Green. They explained that they were very much against this proposal and urged the Council to resolve the covenant issue before going any further with this matter. Cllr Bell replied that he would be going to the County Council Archives to look through the old minutes. The Clerk replied that this matter was on hold whilst this matter was investigated further.

Minute Number 1380/14/B – Police Representatives Report

There was no Police Representative at the meeting, and there was nothing to report.

Minute Number 1380/14/C – District Council Representatives Report

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

Minute Number 1380/14/D – County Council Representatives Report

Cllr Ford was present at the meeting and gave his report as follows:

- He reported that the planning application for the 900 houses at Heatherton had been approved but there would be no 106 money for Findern.
- A resident replied that this application and the building of the houses would take away the identity of the boundary for Findern.
- He was keeping an eye on the land of Atkins Garage as this land has been sold.
- A resident informed Cllr Ford that they were disappointed with the work that had taken place at the Windmill. It now looked like a light house with a watch tower. The resident reported that they were disappointed that the Historical Society were not informed of the work. The building has now lost the essence of the old Windmill.

- Cllr Ford reported that Bob Ledger at SDDC had now left. He reported that Bob Ledger was one of the people against replacing the bus shelter on the A50 fly over.

5. Minute Number 1381/14 - To confirm the Non-Exempt Minutes of the monthly Findern Parish Council Meeting held on 20th November 2014.

Resolved: The Non-Exempt Minutes of the Findern Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 20th November 2014 having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

6. Minute Number 1382/14 - 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 1383/14 - Chairman's report

Cllr Hudson gave his report as follows:

- He explained that he could not attend the Parish Council Meeting arranged for the 13.11.2014, as a work colleague had sadly passed away, however this meeting was cancelled in the end. He could not attend the rescheduled meeting on 20.11.2014 as the fog was so bad he could only get as far as the Air Port.
- He Thanked Cllr Woodhouse for Chairing the Parish Council Meeting held on 20.11.2014 on his behalf.
- He had attended the Remembrance Service and thank all the Parish Councillors who had also attended. He reported that the service was a lovely service.

8. Minute Number 1384/14 - 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, 1349/14, 1367/14 – Clerks Report

There was nothing to report.

- 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, 1349/14, 1367/14 – Clerks Report.

It was reported that the Defibrillator at the Village Hall had now been installed. However the School were still awaiting quotes from their electrician prior to the defibrillator being installed at the School.

It was reported that the lighting at the Village Hall had to be altered to cover the new defibrillator. However a resident has complained that the new light is shining into their property.

Resolved: It was agreed that it was correct to change the lighting to cover the defibrillator.

Resolved: It was agreed that if the light was causing a problem for a resident, the Parish Council may have to consider moving the defibrillator to a more suitable area at the Village Hall.

- 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, 1349/14, 1367/14 – Clerks Report.

It was reported that the posts around the green had been replaced but they still needed to be painted and the chains still needed to be replaced.

The posts around the Parish Rooms still needed to be installed.

Resolved: The Clerk to chase the contractor to establish when the work would be completed.

- d) Footpath through the Village Green update on the covenant – Previously reported under minute number 1278/14, 1296/14, 1315/14, 1332/14, 1349/14, 1367/14 – Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that this matter was still being looked into but work had been cancelled for the time being.

- e) Christmas Tree Lights update, extra lighting required – Previously reported under minute number 1332/14, 1349/14, 1367/14 – Clerks Report.

Resolved: Findern Parish Council agreed that the tree and the extra lights looked amazing and thanked Cllr Woodhouse for all his hard work.

- f) Missing Bus Shelter on A50 Bridge, Findern – Previously Reported under minute number 1332/14, 1349/14, 1367/14 – Clerks Report.

The Clerk reported that she was speaking to SDDC on this matter and would report back at the next meeting in January 2015.

- g) Camel Rocker missing from the King George Playing Field – Previously reported under minute number 1367/14 – Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Wicksteed and was awaiting a call back from them on a date when they will come to site and look at what can be done.

Resolved: Cllr Johnson was given delegated powers to meet with Wicksteed on site once a date and time can be arranged.

- h) Goal Posts and bench on the King George Playing Field – Previously Reported under minute number 1367/14 – Clerks Report.

Resolved: The Clerk to chase the Contractor from Aucuba on this matter.

- i) Repairs to the Parish Council Notice Boards.

Resolved: The Clerk to obtain prices for the notice board to be replaced like for like.

- j) Approval to sign the DD for Nest the pension provider.

Resolved: Findern Parish Council approved the Direct Debit for the nest Pension to be signed in accordance with the Bank Mandate.

- k) Approval of the Newsletter deadline dates

The Clerk reported that she had received an email as follows in relation to setting deadlines for the Newsletter from Liz Froggatt.

- a) Please would the council authorise any copy received after deadline day to be carried over, unless requested otherwise by the Council. This would save Cllr Brook and myself rewriting copy to accommodate late text and would also eradicate the use of fliers which incur additional cost and work and do not enhance the professionalism of the newsletter that Cllr Brook and I are working towards.
- b) Please also would the council give us a directive on how to deal with too much copy? Would they like us to 'hold it over' or would they prefer an extra page on a 'if needed' basis?
- c) It would also be helpful if we could have an instruction on what to do if we are approached to deliver fliers with the newsletter. This has not happened yet, but if another organisation requested delivery what do we do?

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended to allow Cllr Ford to speak.

Cllr Ford asked the Council to consider not doing item c) as the Parish Council could be seen as favouring one group over another.

Resolved: Standing Orders were re-instated.

Resolved: The Parish Council agreed that the Newsletter was looking really professional and Cllr Brook and Liz Froggatt were doing a great job.

Resolved: It was agreed that both Cllr Brook and Cllr Froggatt should be given delegated powers to produce the Newsletter and to set whatever deadlines they feel are appropriate as the editors. It should also be their decision as to what print needs to be carried over to the next Newsletter.

Resolved: It was agreed that if they are approached to post other information with the newsletter, they should refuse as the Newsletter should go out on its own.

9. Minute Number 1385/14 - Planning Matters for Decision

There was nothing to report.

10. Minute Number 1386/14 - Committee Reports

- a. Footpaths Committee

There was nothing to report.

11. Minute Number 1387/14 - Reports from Councillor's that have attended any other Meetings.

- a) Toyota Community Liaison Committee

There was nothing to report.

- b) Village Hall

There was nothing to report.

- c) Other meetings attended

There was nothing to report.

- d) Notification of forthcoming meetings

There was nothing to report.

12. Minute Number 1388/14 – Finance

Resolved: Findern Parish Council approved the following payments.

- a) Items for Payment

Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
002386 & 002388	SDDC	various items	£1,084.31
002387	H Adcock	Expenses	£17.36
002389	L Froggatt	Expenses	£3.99
002390	Community Heartbeat	Defibrillators	£4,848.00
002391	Devmac	Website	£107.82
002392 to 002396	Salaries, tax and NICs		£1,082.20
002397	M Woodhouse	Expenses	£69.67
002398	O Heap & Son	Fire Testing	£96.00
002399	Sheldon Electric	Defibrillator installation	£524.90
002400	go digital print	newsletter	£274.00
002401	O heap & Son ltd	emergency lighting test	£138.00

b) Approval of the accounts from 01.04.2014 to 03.11.2014

Current Account	14,969.26
Reserve Account	78,914.38
Total	93,883.64
Less unrepresented chq's	3,315.16
Total	90,568.48

Resolved: Findern Parish Council approved the unaudited accounts from 01.04.2014 to 03.11.2014.

13. Minute Number 1389/14 - Items for discussion

There was nothing to report.

14. Minute Number 1390/14 - Items for Information

Resolved: Findern Parish Council noted the following information.

- a) Toyota – Newsletter Just look what we can do together Autumn 2014
- b) Clerks & Council Direct November 2014

15. Minute Number 1391/14 - Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Resolved: Findern Parish Council noted the following information.

- c) Circular 23/2014
 - Internal Audit
 - Free Chairs – to a good home
 - Clerk/RFO Vacancy – Dethick, Lea & Holloway PC
 - Locum Clerk RFO
 - Clerk Induction Training Date
- d) Circular 24/2014
 - Derbyshire Association of Local Councils – Copyright
 - Dronfield Town Council – Clerk to the Council – Vacancy
 - Breaston Parish Council – Vacancy for Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

16. Minute Number 1392/14 - Date of the next Parish Council Meeting to be confirmed

Resolved: The next meeting of Findern Parish Council was confirmed as 8th January 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 1393/14 – Exempt Information

a) Award

The Clerk had completed some draft certificates and the Councillors chose the one which they preferred.

Resolved: Cllr Hudson signed and dated the chosen certificate.

b) Village Pump – Previously reported under minute number 1367/14 – Clerks Report

Resolved: It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Water Company and the Land Registry to try and establish the ownership of the land.

Resolved: Once the ownership is established it was agreed that the plan to beautify the area could then continue.

- c) Planting of the border by the Parish Rooms – Previously reported under minute number 1367/14 – Clerks Report

It was reported that Councillors had attended a site meeting and it had been decided that low level planting was required in this area.

Resolved: It was agreed that a Dwarf Variety of Rosemary (McConnell Blue) should be planted in this area.

Resolved: It was agreed that Woodgrow Horticulture should be to provide the plants for this area.

- d) Finance meeting January 2015

Resolved: Findern Parish Council agreed that the majority of the agenda for January 2015 would be to discuss the Budget and Precept Setting for 2015/2016.

Resolved: The Clerk to add this matter to Exempt Information for January 2015.

- e) Meetings and Conduct of Meetings.

Councillors asked that the rules be tightened up in relation to Suspending Standing Orders.

Resolved: It was agreed that the Chair would make the decision at the meetings depending on the circumstances.

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