

Findern Parish Council
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MINUTES OF MONTHLY FINDERN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH JUNE 2014 AT FINDERN PARISH ROOMS COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

Present:

Cllr Hudson (in the Chair)
Cllr Nash, Cllr Bell, Cllr Nurse, Cllr Williamson and Cllr Goodall

1 Police Representative and 5 members of the public were also in attendance at the meeting.

AGENDA

PART I – NON EXEMPT INFORMATION

1. Minute Number 1288/14 – Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Parnell, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Woodhouse

2. Minute Number 1289/14 - Co-Option of a Councillor - 1 x vacancies

There were no Co-options of a Councillor.

3. Minute Number 1290/14 - Variation of the Order of Business

There were no Variations to the Order of Business.

4. Minute Number 1291/14 - Declaration of Members Interests.

There were no Declaration of Members Interests.

5. Minute Number 1292/14 - Public Speaking – (10 Minutes)

Minute Number 1292/14/a – Public Speaking

Members of the Public raised the following matters:

- A member of the save the Wheel Group was in attendance and updated the Parish Council as follows:
 - 185 people attended the public meeting, a 45 page document was completed of resident's comments and objections in relation to the closing of the Public House and the selling of it to a funeral directors.
 - From the 45 page document the comments were turned into a 3 minute speech which was given at the SDDC Planning Committee meeting.
 - SDDC approved the change of use from a Public House to a Funeral Director at the SDDC Planning Committee Meeting.
 - A group has now been set up to peacefully protest to the passing of the planning application and a mission statement has been produced to clarify that they are a peacefully protesting group.
 - 2 meetings of the group have already been held and minutes are taken at all meetings of the group.
 - The group have asked for a meeting with the Funeral Directors on a closed agenda but they are not happy to meet with the group as of yet.
 - Cllr Ford has attended a meeting with a resident that works for the Funeral Directors in the village and has explained that she is not discussed in the group meetings and this is nothing to do with her.
 - Damage has been caused to a resident's vehicle in the village and it has been suggested that this was related to the Save the Wheel Group. He confirmed that this was definitely not the case and confirmed again that they are peaceful protesting group.
 - He reported that they have set up a Facebook Page and any negative comments posted are deleted.
 - He reported that the issue that the group have is contacting all residents as not everyone is on Facebook. They want to create a community network to reach as many residents as possible.
 - The group are having t-shirts printed and will be wearing them at the Village Fete, they may also have a petition or questionnaires for people to sign on the day for and against.
 - They have an email address savethewheel.com.
 - The group is putting up notices around the village when required.

A Councillor reported that they were offended and upset by some of the information on the Facebook page for example, Murray's Funeral Directors advertising in the leaflet. It was confirmed that Murray's Funeral Directors had supported the Village Fete for many years and have always had an advertisement in the leaflet. It was explained that the Village Fete was for families and children and was not the place for protesting as some of the visitors to the Fete were from out of the area. Murray's Funeral Directors were also being slated on the Facebook page, it was suggested that the company that sold the pub in the first place should come under fire for what they had done and how they had done it. It was unfair to place all the blame on Murray's Funeral Directors. It was also suggested that some information on the Facebook page was factually incorrect and misleading.

- A resident who was a former Findern Parish Councillor raised the following matters:
 - He was receiving complaints that the Parish Council were not accessible and minutes of the meetings could not be obtained. – The Clerk replied that her contact details are on all the notice boards around the village and residents can obtain this information if they require it. She stated that she had received no complaints from any other residents with regards to not being accessible to provide copies of the minutes.
 - He raised the fact that the Parish Council still did not have a website despite him giving contact details for a provider some 12 months previously. The Clerk replied that this matter was on the agenda later and the Parish Council were in the process of having a new website.
 - He raised the missing lid on the dog bin on the Hillside Playing Field. The Clerk replied that this had been reported to SDDC and a new bin was on order.
 - He reported that the Grass Verge outside his house was in a poor state. He had also requested that the Parish Council consider a cultivation license for this area and the installation of a planter. The Clerk replied that he would need to contact DCC with relation to the damage of the verge as it was under their ownership.
 - He reported that the Hillside Playing Field was still not being cut properly and dog fouling was an issue. The Clerk replied that Hillside Playing Field was under the ownership of SDDC and he would need to contact them directly.
 - He explained that all of the above issues had been raised by him 12 months previously but nothing had been resolved. He explained that he personally felt that the Parish Council was ineffective. He was also unhappy that the Parish Council had not updated him officially on the above matters.

The Clerk explained that he had not asked to be updated and the majority of his issues were not Parish Council Matters.

– **The Clerk agreed to email the resident updating him on the above matters.**

- The Clerk was given the information on the defibrillators and the quote.
 - A visit had taken place and positions of the defibrillators had been discussed. One would be situated at the Findern Primary School on the wall on the corner just off the path. The other would be best situated on the corner of the Village Hall – It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Village Hall Committee for permission.
 - It was explained that they were vandal proof but electricity would be required to keep them at a constant heat especially during the winter. This was to protect the batteries.
 - They will need to be inspected regularly and serviced once a year at a cost of roughly £126.00 per year.
 - Training can be arranged for anyone wishing to take the training to use the machines.

Minute Number 1292/14/B – Police Representatives Report

PC Jez Collins, collar number 3201 was in attendance at the meeting and gave his report as follows:

- He was the new beat officer for Area 2 replacing PC Chris Fern. If anyone needs to contact him, please call 101 and they will put you through or leave a message for him and he will call you back. He will be based at the Melbourne Police Office.
- PCSO Lee Orme had now become a regular Police Officer with the Metropolitan Police in London.
- Issues raised last month on Common Piece Lane with regards to anti-social behaviour have now been resolved due to extra patrols in the area.

Minute Number 1292/14/C – County Council Representatives Report

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

Minute Number 1292/14/D – District Council Representatives Report

Cllr Ford sent his apologies. The Clerk gave his report as follows:

- After more talks with Network Rail they will be taking action to clear the overgrown undergrowth between the bridge and school. It is their intention to cut back the foliage at least 1 metre and install matting to prevent further growth and then carry out follow up inspections and any further cutting before and after summer annually. Hopefully this will offer a permanent solution to this ongoing problem.
- He confirmed that the Burton Road sign that has been missing for so long is on order from SDDC.
- He had asked DCC/SDDC to cut back the hedge and tidy up the Bridle Path on Porters Lane.

- The consultation “Drop In “ sessions start on Monday for the East Midlands Intermodal Park on Egginton Heath, first session in Repton Village Hall, we have all had fliers detailing the developers intention, I urge all to get involved to maximise local benefit and minimise the impact of such an important national project.
6. **Minute Number 1293/14 - To confirm the Non-Exempt Minutes of the Findern Parish Council Meetings held on 8th May 2014.**
- a) **Annual Parish Council Meeting.**

Resolved: The Non-Exempt Minutes of the Annual Findern Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 8th May 2014 having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

- b) **Monthly Parish Council Meeting.**

Resolved: The Non-Exempt Minutes of the Findern Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 8th May 2014 having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

7. **Minute Number 1294/14 - 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.

8. **Minute Number 1295/14 - Chairman’s report**

The Chair had nothing to report.

9. **Minute Number 1296/14 - 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 – Clerks Report

It was reported that Mr Goodall was willing to help with the website production subject to training.

Resolved: Cllr Nurse, Cllr Parnell and Mr Goodall to attend training on 24.06.2014. Mr Goodall could not attend training that day but Cllr Nurse would train him.

Resolved: Cllr Nurse, Cllr Parnell and Mr Goodall to then populate the website with a view to going live as soon as possible.

- b) Update on the missing Burton Road Sign – previously reported under minute number 1334/13 – Public Speaking and 1355/13, 1409/13, 1427/14, 1212/14, 1231/14 1249/14, 1278/14 – Clerk Report

It was reported that the new sign was on order and had been confirmed by Cllr Ford in his report.

- c) Bus Shelter by the garden centre – update – Previously reported under minute number 1249/14, 1278/14 – Clerks Report.

It was reported that work on the installation of the new bus shelter had commenced on 12.06.2014. The base had already been installed.

- d) Update to have a defibrillator at the Findern Parish Rooms – Previously Reported under minute number 1249/14, 1278/14 – Clerks Report.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to the Village Hall committee to ask permission to install a defibrillator at the Village Hall and permission to connect this to the electricity supply.

Resolved: As soon as permission has been given the Clerk to Inform Cllr Nurse who was given delegated powers to liaise with the PTFA to order both defibrillators.

- e) Village Planters – Previously reported under minute number 1213/14, 1249/14, 1278/14 – Clerks Report.

It was agreed that the new village planters were looking beautiful. Cllr Goodall and her group of volunteers were thanked for their hard work.

It was explained that the only item left outstanding in relation to this matter was to clear the old planter away by the cemetery.

Resolved: Cllr Goodall to contact Cllr Johnson on this matter as it may be required for Brook Close.

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

There was nothing to report.

- g) Election Day – Previously reported under minute number 1278/14 – Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that she would be having a site meeting with SDDC Elections Office to discuss the possibility of changing the elections to Findern Parish Rooms.

- h) Footpath through the Village Green – Previously reported under minute number 1278/14 – Clerks Report

Resolved: It was agreed to add a questionnaire to the next newsletter.

Resolved: The Clerk to still arrange for a contractor to visit the site to obtain a quote for the works.

- i) Approval of the newsletter

Resolved: Findern Parish Council approved the newsletter.

10. Minute Number 1297/14 - Planning Matters for Decision

- a) 9/2014/0497 HEATH FARM HEATH LANE FINDERN DERBY DERBYSHIRE DE65 6AR THE ERECTION OF AN EXTENSION TO AN EXISTING AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

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

- b) 9/2014/0409 MERCIA MARINA FINDERN LANE WILLINGTON DERBYSHIRE INSTALLATION OF PONTOON EXTENSION FOR TWO COMMERCIAL MOORINGS ALONG WITH CHANGE OF USE OF EXISTING RESIDENTIAL/LEISURE MOORINGS TO ALLOW UP TO FOUR FURTHER COMMERCIAL MOORINGS

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

11. Minute Number 1298/14 - Committee Reports

- a. Footpaths Committee – Held on 05.06.2014

The attached report was not read out at the meeting.

Resolved: The Clerk agreed to add the report to the minutes as follows:

The wet weather has made our seasonal tasks of mowing and strimming very challenging at a busy time of year. We are hoping for a prolonged dry spell to help us to catch up!

We recently held a meeting with the staff from Mercia, Marina who are planning to produce walks leaflets. These walks will start and finish at Mercia Marina. There will be 3 walks of varying lengths. 5000 leaflets will be printed, at a cost to the Marina of £2000. Group members have assisted with the planning of each route, complete with wildlife and historical information.

Our Flower Power project is continuing to move forward in conjunction with Findern Historical Society. The seeding of Flanders poppies has been undertaken alongside King George V playing field, Heath Lane, All Saints Churchyard and in Brook Close.

Our summer-long butterfly transept which is undertaken here for Butterfly Conservation is underway. The wet windy weather is hindering the number of sightings we may have expected.

We all enjoyed meeting members of Willington Parish Council, when they invited us to their Annual Meeting. We always enjoy meeting councillors and residents from Willington who are keen to undertake similar work to ourselves in Willington.

Findern Primary School have begun seeding their mini wildflower meadow. We are very grateful to them for inviting us to have a fundraising stall at their recent May Fayre. The wet afternoon cut the event short. We raised £26, but welcomed the opportunity to talk to so many people who are interested in our work.

Our Findern/Mercia Marina circular walk which was held on May 28 was another rain affected event! The hardy souls who turned out enjoyed the walk which was organised as part of the National Forest Walking Festival.

Other projects to replace broken stiles along Priory Way with gates, and projects planned along the canal towpath are progressing well.

We are always tremendously grateful for your support and for help always gladly given from Clare. Please continue to support us to ensure success with our ongoing projects.

12. Minute Number 1299/14 - 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.

13. Minute Number 1300/14 – Finance

Resolved: Findern Parish Council approved the following payments.

a) Items for Payment

Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
002312	Go Digital Print	Printing	£274.00
002314	Able Group	Lock repairs	£184.80
002315	M Johnson	Expenses	£20.89
002316	R Parnell	Hedge Cutting	£600.00
002317	Western Power	Electricity Supply	£2,149.53
002318	M Goodall	Planter materials	£27.75
002319	L Froggatt	Expenses	£16.14
002320	L Froggatt	Expenses	£14.58
002321	Burton Skip Hire	Skip	£98.00
002322	Woodgrow Horticulture Ltd	Strimmers, compost, plants etc	£1,547.46
002323	Devmac	Website	£107.82
002324	Toons Nurseries	Plants for planters	£321.90
002325 to 002328	Salaries, Tax, NICs and Expenses		£925.60

14. Minute Number 1301/14 - Items for discussion

There is nothing to report.

15. Minute Number 1302/14 - Items for Information

Resolved: Findern Parish Council noted the following information.

a) Clerk and Council Direct Magazine

16. Minute Number 1303/14 - Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Resolved: Findern Parish Council noted the following information.

b) Circular 09/2014

- DALC Annual Executive Meeting & AGM
- SLCC/DALC joint event "Clerks and RFOs Networking Lunch"
- Local Government Pensions – LGPS
- Clerk Induction Training
- Playground Inspection Training – led by RoSPA Play safety
- Neighbourhood Planning

- Parishes in bid to light up new community powers
- Making Localism work
- Statutory Sick Pay refund abolished from 6 April 2014
- Vacancies

Email to Cllr Goodall.

17. Minute Number 1304/14 - Date of the next Parish Council Meeting to be confirmed

Resolved: The next meeting of Findern Parish Council was confirmed as 10th July 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 1305/14 – Exempt Information.

a) Bank Mandate update

Resolved: Cllr Bell was given delegated powers to contact the bank and establish if the new signatories have been added. If not Cllr Bell to obtain information as to when this will be completed.

b) Electricity Supply on the Green update

It was reported that the order had now been placed for the electricity supply on the Green. It was hopeful that this would be installed prior to the Village Fete but this could not be guaranteed.

Cllr Goodall reported that she would be arranging a village carol service around the village Christmas Tree for 19.12.2014 with mulled wine and mince pies after at the Village Hall. Tickets would be free for the event, but tickets were required to keep a control on numbers for the Village Hall.

Resolved: Findern Parish Council agreed to donate £100.00 towards the event.

c) Booking Clerk/Caretaker Vacancy

Resolved: The Interviews to take place on Friday 20.06.2014 commencing at 10am for the first candidate and 10.45pm for the second candidate.

Resolved: The Clerk to inform the two candidates of their interview date, time and venue.

Resolved: Delegated Powers were given to Cllr Hudson, Cllr Williamson and the Clerk to the Council to complete the interviews.

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