

FINDERN PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Findern Parish Council
held at the Methodist Church at 7.00pm on 14 April 2022

Present: Councillors T Brown, S Holmes, M Ratcliffe, R Rose, T Scott, and C Smith.

Also present: A Sharpe (Locum Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

2884/22 Apologies for absence

Apologies were **NOTED** from Councillors G Cooke, B Dosanjh, A Pratt and M Woodhouse.

2885/22 Declaration of members interests

None.

2886/22 Public Speaking

Members of the public:

- A resident sought clarification as to when the bulky waste lorry service would resume in Findern. He was told that SDDC had discontinued the service and it was unlikely to resume.
- There was a complaint about the grass cutting at the cemetery where grass cuttings were left on the grave plots. Also, complaints regarding the grass cutting standards around the village in general and litter on the A38 route. It was agreed the Clerk would write to the appropriate authorities to highlight these issues and ask for the grass cutting schedule.
- The Council's Parish Warden for Highfields gave a detailed update on his recent work and developments at Highfields, some of which were mentioned in the Clerk's report later in the meeting.

Police Liaison Officer:

No Police officer was present at the meeting and no report had been submitted.

District and County Councillor Reports:

Both Councillors Andrew MacPherson and Martyn Ford had submitted their apologies for the meeting.

Councillor MacPherson asked for it to be mentioned that on any items relating to the Canal and the footpaths close by; Robert Neff from Mercia marina and Phil Alsop (who has taken up the reins as chair of Willington community conservation group) may be applied to for assistance and joint working on shared interests.

Councillor Ford has submitted the following report: -

- I had discussions with Derbyshire County Council regarding the condition of the "High Pavement" footpath, raising concern about the delay to a repair. Following a further inspection by officers, more work was required over and above general maintenance; as a result, a capital works order was being raised to carry out a full and comprehensive reconstruction.

- Jubilee funding information had been sent to the Parish Council, up to £200 was on offer.
- An update had been released on the levelling up programme for the East Midlands and this information had been circulated to Members.
- The Traffic Regulation Order had been sealed for the 'no waiting' restrictions on The Green,, Lower Green and Doles Lane. Installation would follow in due course.

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Response to emails from residents

a) Issue with Green Space on the corner of Somerton Way/ Croft Way on Highfields

A resident on Croft Way had contacted the Parish Council to raise several concerns regarding the state of the grounds at Highfields; particularly taking issue with Greenbelt demanding payment of charges for the maintenance of the public greenspace on the estate, when the green space adjacent to their property was being used as a compound for unwanted building materials. They had no success in trying to sort the issue with Greenbelt or their builder, Barratt Homes.

The Clerk had checked the Greenbelt plan, and although the majority of the area around Croft Way and Somerton Close is now under the remit of Greenbelt there is an area that is fenced off – that contains the building debris – that was not yet included in the area of Greenbelt's responsibility.

- The Clerk had contacted Greenbelt and the Builders' consortium contact to find out when the area of land was due to be cleared and handed over.
- The resident had requested a meeting with the Parish Council about the matter as they feel they have exhausted all routes to have the matter resolved.

RESOLVED that Councillor Smith would meet the resident along with the Clerk to discuss the issues.

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Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 March 2022 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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Variation of order of business

None.

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To determine which items, if any, of the Agenda should be taken with the press and public excluded

None.

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Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed all to the April meeting of the Council. The first village social event of the year was due to be held on Saturday 16 April 2022 at King George V Playing Field, an Easter Egg hunt and Easter bonnet competition.

Councillor Woodhouse had recently sowed wild flower seeds in the grassy area on Baxter's Way, next to King George V Playing Field. The Council looked forward to seeing these bloom.

The Council was supporting a student who was working towards their Duke of Edinburgh award. They were picking litter for one hour a week on the Highfields Estate as part of the Award's requirement for volunteer work in the community.

Report of the Parish Clerk**a) Update on additional dog bins for Highfields**

The four additional dog bins were installed on Highfields at the start of April, bringing the total number of dog waste bins on the development to eight. The District Council had been informed and would add the bins to their collection schedule.

The four new sites were: -

- Bottom of Ashby Close
- End of Somerton Close (behind Co-op)
- By the bridge going onto the open space off Bolton Way
- Bottom of Hasting Close near balance pond.

b) Update regarding the disposal of litter collected by the Parish Warden at Highfields

The Principal at Highfields Spencer Academy had agreed a trial where the litter collected is put into their trade waste bins and the extra weight is recharged to the Parish Council.

c) Response from Green Belt Ltd. to request for meeting

Following the discussion at last month's meeting about the various issues with the open space at Highfields and the need for clarification about the remit of Greenbelt Ltd. and what additional amenities the Parish Council could contribute; the Clerk contacted the contracts manager at Greenbelt Ltd. to request a site meeting.

The response only focused on the part of the email offering the Parish Council's support for additional amenities; saying that once they (Greenbelt) have been under management of the areas long enough to have a feel for what the estate needs, they will be in touch. The Clerk had gone back to reiterate the request for a meeting to discuss issues and clarify with them their remit. No further response had been received to date.

d) Response from SDDC and Consortium re installation of General Waste Bins on Highfields

Following the discussion at last month's meeting about the Parish Council's request to the Consortium of builders to seek permission for three general waste bins at Highfields, the Clerk went back to the Consortium to clarify whether they would give their permission for these. Their response was negative, the representative said that they had only *approved the dog waste bins. As a company they were driving a big initiative in reducing waste and improving their recycling efforts as a business (and the wider community should be considering this as well); installing additional general waste bins is encouraging others not to recycle and simply throw their rubbish away.*

The Clerk approached the District Council to enquire whether there had been any allocation of general waste bins for Highfields. The response received was also negative: -

The information from Planning shows that this estate is to be transferred to a management company, Greenbelt, and will not be adopted by South Derbyshire District Council. All requests for additional provision should be made through the developer or the management company.

The conclusion from these two responses was that for the moment no further bins could be installed by the Parish Council, and would have to wait until Greenbelt had sufficient experience of the development before approaching them again to discuss additional bins.

e) Noticeboard for The Green

The Clerk had contacted both County and District Councils to seek advice on any licences or permission that would be required to move the Parish Rooms noticeboard up onto The Green.

The County Council has confirmed that a licence is not required from Highways with the land being owned by the Parish Council. Planning at District Council has yet to respond.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

f) Replacement tree for Doles Lane

The Clerk had chased Highways at County Council several times to get a response from them about whether the Parish Council could replace the felled tree on Doles Lane. The most recent reply apologised for the delay; they were in communication with a number of people regarding this and had requested a decision from the senior management team; in the meantime, they had asked for a notice to be posted at the site for 28 days to 'consult' with residents so that they can object if they want to – the Chairman would post notice.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

g) DCC Confirmation of Traffic Regulation Order for Findern

The Parish Council, as a consultee, had been advised by the County Council that the following Traffic Regulation Order for Doles Lane, Lower Green and The Green in Findern had now been made – a copy of the sealed order had been circulated to all Members. The Order would come into operation on the Eleventh Day of April 2022 and its effect was: -

NO WAITING AT ANY TIME

Lower Green, Findern

West side

From its junction with Brook Close in a northerly direction for a distance of 42 metres.

East side

From its junction with The Green in a southerly direction for a distance of 53 metres.

The Green, Findern

South side

From its junction with Main Street in an easterly direction for a distance of 10 metres.

North side

From its junction with Main Street in an easterly direction for a distance of 10 metres.

West side

From its junction with Main Street in a northerly direction for a distance of 15 metres.

North side

From its junction with The Green in an Easterly direction for a distance of 15 metres.

North side

From its junction with The Green in a northerly direction for a distance of 15 metres.

Doles Lane, Findern

West side

From a point 74.5m from its junction with Main Street in a northerly direction for a distance of 27 metres.

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

Members Reportsa) Wildflower area at KGV and tree planting at KGV update

Councillor Martin Woodhouse reported that the wildflower seed had been applied on the area beside the King George V Playing Field and a discussion took place on the use of the remaining seed.

RESOLVED that the remaining seed be given out to any children attending the Jubilee tree commemoration and any remainder sold at the Fete.

b) Findern in Relief Fund

No update.

c) Stanhope Woods – Licence to Occupy

Councillor Mike Ratcliffe updated the Council on the Stanhope Wood scheme and the possible future provision of a motorbike inhibitor A Frame.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the purchase of an A frame deferred until after completion.

d) Platinum Jubilee weekend

The Clerk updated Council on the arrangements for the Platinum Jubilee event as follows-

- Promotion/Advertising – a 'hold the date' news item had been posted to the Parish Council website and Facebook page; also, the Community Facebook page and a flyer listing all of the events had been posted to all noticeboards. At the start of next term, a flyer would be sent to schools to distribute in school bags.
- First Aid provision is booked with St. John Ambulance for 2 June and 5 June events at cost of £96 + VAT for each event.
- The District Council legal team confirmed there are no issues with the Hillside Recreation Ground being used for the 2 June and 5 June events – therefore, the booking form had been submitted to the District Council along with risk assessments for the events received from Melanie Eckersley.
- Bunting and flags had been purchased in preparation for the events – Cost £69.30 + VAT on payment list for this month. Hopefully there would be sufficient to go around The Green as well as to be used up at Hillside.
- The next Jubilee event working group meeting date was confirmed for Thursday 21 April 7pm via Zoom.

Matters for discussion or determinationa) **Speed Indicator Devices - 12 Month Trial Project**

Members considered taking part in a trial project for SIDs, which had been recently announced by Derbyshire County Council. There was a budget allocated for SID/VAS in the 2022/23 budget (£4000).

RESOLVED that the Council should express its interest in participating in the scheme.

b) Finalise plans for Easter event - Saturday 16 April 2022 10.00am-12.00noon

The Clerk updated all on plans for the Easter event and asked for Councillors to come along on the day to support. The Flyer for the event had been sent to both schools, posted on Council's website, noticeboards and Facebook; also, Findern Community Facebook. 2 x

Easter eggs had been purchased for £7.00 as prizes. The Village Hall had been booked as back-up in case of poor weather.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

c) Summer craft and activity sessions

Members considered suggestion made for summer craft and activity sessions from Dream Parties at Findern in the Village Hall and/or at Highfields Spencer Academy. Also, the possibility of a 'Welcome to the Parish' event for Highfields at the school or an open space. These could be themed each week, over 4 weeks of the summer on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. 3 hours per session, and cost would be £200 / session.

RESOLVED that this be considered further at the next meeting.

d) Derbyshire Association Local Councils Annual Subscription

Members considered whether to renew the subscription at the basic or enhanced level.

RESOLVED that the DALC subscription be renewed at basic level at £700.03.

e) Letter to Canal and River Trust re Safety of waterway at The Nadee

Council considered concerns about the safety at The Nadee, where there is no barrier between the public area and the canal.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would write to The Nadee or The Canal and River Trust to highlight the Council's concerns.

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Planning Matters

Members **NOTED** the following planning applications: -

Consultations

a) **Ref. No.DMPA/2022/0319 – 1 Penrith Drive, Littleover**

The erection of a single storey side extension.

b) **Ref. No.DMPA/2022/0241 – Tower House, Porters Lane, Findern**

Internal alterations to create boot room, plant room and WC, amendment of external door and the addition of air source heat pumps.

c) **Ref. No.DMPA/2022/0336 – Tower House, Porters Lane, Findern**

Listed Building Consent for internal alterations to create boot room, plant room and WC, amendment of external door and the addition of air source heat pumps.

d) **Ref. No.DMPA/2022/0348 – 10 Main Street, Findern**

Erection of Single-Story side extension.

Decisions

a) **Ref. No.DMPA/2021/1679 – 4, Willowsend Close, Findern**

Conversion of existing garage into living accommodation.
(Approved - delegated decision)

b) **Ref. No.DMPA/2021/1689 – Woodgrow Horticulture Ltd, Burton Road, Findern**

The erection of trade/office counter extension and covered canopy.
(Approved - delegated decision)

c) **Ref. No.DMPA/2021/1759 – 29, Doles Lane, Findern**

The erection of extensions.
(Approved - delegated decision)

- d) **Ref. No.DMOT/2022/0162 – TPO Order no. 416 on Land At 3130 8826, Unnamed Section Of A50 From A38 Interchange To A514, Derby**
The felling and pruning of various trees covered by South Derbyshire District Council.
(Approved - delegated decision)

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Finance

- a) Members approved the following items for payment:-
Authorised BACS payments – Councillors R Rose and C Smith.

Cheque No./BACS	Payee and Description of service or goods	Nett	VAT	Gross
BACS UTB 14/03/2022	Germinal GB Ltd – purchase of wildflower seed	£189.75	£37.95	£227.70
BACS UTB 17/03/22	Marshall's Marquees – deposit for marquee hire for Jubilee event	£66.25	£0.00	£66.25
BACS UTB 17/03/22	South Derbyshire CVS - Staff salaries March – part payment	£1250.00	£00.00	£1250.00
BACS UTB 18/03/22	Deposit to Kniftons Toilets Ltd – deposit for toilet hire for Jubilee event	£123.33	£24.67	£148.00
Direct Debit UTB	Bank Service Charge – Unity Trust Bank	£18.00	£0.00	£18.00
BACS UTB 08/04/22	South Derbyshire CVS - Staff salaries March – balance payment	£454.38	£00.00	£454.38
BACS UTB 14/04/22	Tim Atkinson Tree Surgery – tree works at Stanhope Wood	£850.00	£0.00	£850.00
BACS UTB 14/04/22	Easy Growing Landscapes - Mowing at Parish Rooms, Planter Maintenance and GofR Maintenance	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
BACS UTB 14/04/22	Tudor Landscapes – Installation of 4 x dog waste bins at Highfields	£282.00	£0.00	£282.00
BACS UTB 14/04/22	Reimbursement to the Clerk for the purchase of Jubilee Bunting and Flags, Office 365 Annual Subscription and 2 x large Easter eggs for event	£126.29	£23.86	£150.13
BACS UTB 14/04/22	Clerk's Expenses for 10/03 to 13/04; phone, WFH allowance, mileage, zoom monthly subscription.	£70.86	£2.40	£73.26
BACS UTB 14/04/22	S137 Grant to Findern Social Group – approved at previous meeting	£500.00	£00.00	£500.00
BACS UTB 14/04/22	Aucuba Ground Maintenance – remarking of pitches February and Ground Maintenance	£266.67	£53.33	£320.00
BACS UTB 14/04/22	Findern Village Hall – For Room Hire on 16 April 2022 – back up for Easter event	£34.50	£0.00	£34.50

BACS UTB 14/04/22	Workwear Express – 12 High Viz jackets including print of FPC text	£130.16	£26.05	£156.21
BACS UTB 14/04/22	Derbyshire Association Local Councils – Annual Subscription Basic - £700.03 Enhanced - £950.03	£700.03/ £950.03	£0.00	£700.03/ £950.03
BACS UTB 14/04/22	Shelter Maintenance – bus shelter cleaning March 2022	£35.50	£7.10	£42.60
BACS UTB 14/04/22	SDDC-Balance owed from an invoice issued in March 2019 for bin installation - on the £1641.60 invoice	£118.16	£0.00	£118.16
BACS UTB 14/04/22	Viking Direct Ltd – Inks and Refuse Sacks	£55.56	£11.11	£66.67
BACS UTB 14/04/22	Community Heartbeat – replacement pads for Garden Centre Defib.	£46.00	£9.20	£55.20

b) Members noted Income received: -

Date of credit	From	Into Account	Amount
28/03/2022	DCC – Rights of Way Maintenance Grant	Unity Trust Bank	£385.00
31/03/2022	Bank Interest A/c No. 99697971	NW Reserve A/C	£0.21
31/03/2022	Burton Road Land Rent	NW Current A/C	£1750.00
01/04/2022	Sarah Pritchard / Find Ltd. - Parish Rooms Rent	Unity Trust Bank	£333.33
08/04/2022	From SDDC 50% Precept and Top Up grant	Unity Trust Bank	£24,108.50

c) Bank Account Reconciliation Report/Budget Monitoring Reports

Members **NOTED** the Bank Account Reconciliation Report/Budget Monitoring Reports up to 31 March 2022 (including Current and Reserve Accounts Balances).

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Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**.

- DALC March Newsletter – forwarded 14/03
- DCC/PCC Speed Indicator Devices - 12 Month Trial Project – forwarded 18/03
- Parish Councils Meeting 31 March 2022 re Freeport – forwarded 27/03
- SDDC Civic Service - Sunday 10th April 2022 – forwarded 30/03
- DCC Derbyshire Free Legal Advice Services flyer – forwarded 30/03
- DCC Confirmation of Traffic Regulation Order for Findern – forwarded 07/04
- DCC Update on County Deals – forwarded 12/04

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Reports from Councillors attending meetings of outside bodies

None.

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Date of next meeting(s)

The next Meeting of the Parish Council would take place at **7.00pm on Thursday, 12 May 2022**, at the Methodist Church, Lower Green in Findern. This would be the Annual Meeting of Findern Parish Council.

The **Annual Meeting for the Parish of Findern would take place on Wednesday, 27 April 2022 at 6.30pm.** The meeting would be held at Highfields Spencer Academy, Tutbury Avenue, Highfields. This was the meeting that gives groups and organisations active in the Parish, the opportunity to give an update to residents on their activities over the previous year.

2900/22 Exclusion of press and public

None.

2901/22 Exempt

None.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm