

FINDERN PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Findern Parish Council
held at the Methodist Church, Lower Green, Findern, DE65 6AD on Thursday, 12 September 2024 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors T Brown, B Dosanjh, H Hettmann, Y Hughes, M Ratcliffe and C Smith.

Also present: Kate Sharpe (Clerk) and 7 members of the public.

3374/24 Apologies for absence

Apologies were **NOTED** from Councillors M Bram, G Cooke, S Holmes and M Woodhouse.

3375/24 Declaration of members interests

- 1) Councillor Ratcliffe declared an interest in item 11.8 as a resident living adjacent the development site.
- 2) Councillor Brown declared an interest in item 11.11 as a member of the Speedwatch Group; the group had made a request for funding of a trolley.

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Members of the public:

- A resident thanked Findern Footpaths Group for all of their hard work at Cardales Meadow, Cote Close and Stanhope Wood; residents of the parish had been able to enjoy these areas over the summer.
- Councillor Ratcliffe, as a resident who lived adjacent to the Porters Lane site, expressed concern that the previous response from the agent to concerns had been positive; however, disappointingly nothing had happened since and the site was a mess. Councillor Ratcliffe asked whether it was possible for the Parish Council to find out their intentions. The Clerk advised that she had an update in her report.
- Councillor Brown, as a member of the Speedwatch group explained that the group struggled to carry all of the equipment to the chosen site. Ideally, they would like to purchase a trolley to transport the items. The Clerk advised this had been put on agenda for consideration later.

Police Liaison Officer:

The South Derbyshire Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Officer had not submitted a report for the meeting. Residents should note - information about the work of the SNT can be found on the Mercia SNT Facebook page. Also, these are the many ways residents can report crimes or incidents, including: -

- Facebook – send a private message to the Derbyshire Constabulary Main Facebook page
- Twitter – direct message the contact centre via @DerPolContact
- Website – There are several crime reporting tools on the website or online contact form
- Phone – call the police on 101 for non-emergency matters.

District and County Councillor Reports:

Councillor Ian Hudson (District Councillor) was not present at the meeting.

Councillor Martyn Ford (District and County Councillor) did not attend the meeting; however, he had submitted the following report: -

- The High Pavement faults had been reported to Highways and an inspection would be forthcoming.
- Highfields footways would still be the responsibility of the developers.
- Improving visibility out of Cromwell Avenue would be more difficult due to Derbyshire County Council (DCC) not approving the use of convex mirrors. Councillor Ford said he had used that junction thousands of times, and whilst not ideal, he had yet to experience any problems if care is taken; however, he would seek further advice from the County Council.
- On other matters, the Local Government Boundary Commission report had now been published. The Etwall and Repton Division would disappear. The new Divisions would be Etwall and Findern, with Willington being included in the Stenson and Repton Division. The first elections that include these new Divisions would be in May 2025.
- The Stage One consultation for the Chesterfield-Willington Power Line installations that would impact on Findern finishes on 17 September 2024.
- Regarding South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) matters, the Local Plan Part One Strategic Site Allocations report is expected before EDS Committee at its next meeting. The agenda would be in the public domain on 12 September.
- SDDC had also experienced several changes in the Leadership Team, more details and a contact list to follow when all new staff were in position.

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Response to emails from residents

a) Footpaths on Doles Lane and High Pavement

The Council had received an email from a resident concerned about the condition of the footpaths from the top of Doles Lane to the village; the fallen tree hadn't been cleared properly which led to broken branches and leaves all over the path. Also, the High Pavement path was still in very poor condition.

The Clerk reported the obstruction to the path caused by the debris from the decaying tree to the DCC Portal. Councillor Brown had cleared the path in the interim; however, the tree would continue to decay and needed to be cleared properly.

Regarding the High Pavement pathway, the Clerk contacted Councillor Ford as the County Council representative for the ward. Highways had made some interim repairs on High Pavement last year; however, as this is capital works it would be up to Highways to determine whether further work was necessary. As mentioned in his report, Councillor Ford had reported the issue and an inspection would be carried out.

b) Condition of play equipment at KGV Playing Field

A resident reported 2 issues at the Willington Road play area. Although the roundabout had been refitted with a new bearing, the platform did not appear to be level and there was a grinding sound at the same position on each rotation. Also, one of the spring-supported rides, the camel, had broken its spring right at the top.

The Clerk contacted South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) who carry out operational checks and arrange maintenance at the play area on behalf of the Parish Council; they had an engineer visit the next day and correct the issue on the roundabout and check the camel which had already been repaired in the interim.

c) Poor standard of new footpaths surface at Highfields

The consortium of developers had been working on Highfields to bring pavements up to the standard required to be adopted by the County Council; however, a resident reported a poor standard of installation of these pavements.

The area the resident lived was built by Miller Homes; therefore, the Clerk referred the resident's concerns to their engineer to take up directly with their contractor.

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Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 July 2024 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

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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 July meeting of Findern Parish Council, noting it was good to be back after the summer break.

Though we didn't meet in August, our work has continued behind the scenes. You may have noticed an upgrade to the electrical box on the Green, as well as a new metal cabinet, which is now more in keeping with the other hardware in the area, the internal electrics have been upgraded too. New signage has been installed on Common Piece Lane, in the hope it improves parking issues and play equipment has been painted at KGV, after this issue was flagged up in the maintenance report. The Vehicle Activated sign in the 30mph zone on Doles Lane is now fully operational.

Four SDDC led play activities took place at Highfields and Findern, these were reasonably well attended as the weather was much kinder this year.

Over the summer holidays the football pitch just off Mackworth Avenue in Highfields has been installed along with a meadow behind it. Additional drainage has been installed in the play area which connects to the football pitch, the pitch needs to establish and will be ready for use in 2025. Also, some outstanding work has been completed on pavements in the Stafford Road area of Highfields.

The Speed Watch group has undertaken 15 roadside sessions since our last Parish Council meeting. We recorded 1557 vehicles driving through our village in the second half of July, 32 were speeding with 28 people receiving a first letter and 2 receiving second letters, 3 of those people were locals. 2 vehicles could not be verified.

In August we recorded 3001 vehicles, 88 were speeding, with 76 first letters and 7 second letters being received, 9 of these were locals. 5 could not be verified.

Up until now in the first half of September, we have recorded 776 vehicles, 22 were speeding, with 19 first letters and 1 second letter being sent, 3 were local and 1 vehicle could not be verified.

Report of the Parish Clerk**a) Installation of Sports Pitch at Highfields**

This was carried out over the summer. The pitch would not be ready to play on until March 2025; this is to allow time for the grass seed to take. Drainage work in the adjacent play area would commence once the children were back at school.

b) Resurfacing of footpaths on Highfields

Stafford Drive pavements had now been remade and resurfaced. Unfortunately, the 10-12 metres of pavement at Chester Road had not been re-surfaced. The Clerk had flagged this up with the Customers Director at Taylor Wimpey. She advises that *'now we have confirmation on our position on these remedials, we are, as I confirmed in our last email exchange, in a position to top the footpaths to avoid further delay.'*

c) Gate lock at Parish Rooms replaced and new signage installed

The lock had now been replaced and the new signs showing 'No Parking' message had replaced the previous signs on the exterior of the Parish Rooms.

d) No progress on Stanhope Wood water tap

The Clerk had chased this a couple of times over the summer with the agent from Fisher German who represents Secern Trent; also spoken to Lisa Brindley who had been commissioned to support ecology and projects to support bio-diversity at or near Severn Trent sites.

Progress has been disappointing; though the agent for Fisher German agent had written to say, *"with regards the water tap... this is dealt with a completely different team within the company but will chase an update to see if there is any outcome to this request. In relation to the shrubs and trees, Severn Trent have taken this issue on board and hope to help enhance this area following the removal. The ecologists are in the process of drawing up plans for the parish areas...these will be sent for approval...please be assured that these are points that continue to be raised in our project meetings and we are hoping to implement solutions."*

e) Maintenance check on Pump Track required

On the operational checks done by SDDC, there had been a comment about the pump track possibly requiring some attention. As the track was installed in 2020 and had been regularly used, the Clerk would like to ask Clark & Kent's to carry out a service visit to check track and advise whether any remedial work was needed. The Clerk would enquire about costs for this visit and would bring this to the October meeting.

f) Tree Survey report due

The previous tree report was carried out in November 2021. Councillor Martin Woodhouse had suggested that this be done again as an interval of 3 years is appropriate. It is necessary for the Council to demonstrate that they have taken every precaution in monitoring their trees in case of accidents happening involving the trees. The Clerk would enquire about costs for a new report and would bring this to the October meeting.

g) Free hedging packs ordered from Woodlands Trust

The offer of free hedging packs from Woodland Trust was made in the July edition of DALC newsletter. On behalf of Findern Footpaths Group, the Clerk had applied for 4 hedging packs; these would be delivered in November 2024.

- h) Request made to Councillor Ford to speak to Highways about visibility at Cromwell Road
This suggestion was made at the July meeting of Council for the introduction of a convex mirror on the main road to improve visibility as drivers exit Cromwell Avenue. The Clerk referred this to Councillor Ford to take up with Highways as it would be their decision. Councillor Ford gave a response in his update.

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Members Reports

a) Findern in Relief Fund

A planned meeting had not taken place therefore this item was deferred until the next meeting.

b) Stanhope Wood

Councillor Hettmann updated the Members on works at Stanhope Wood. The group had cleared 3 areas of brambles but had left some ground cover for wildlife. They are going to plant a bluebell area; also, fencing this area off to stop rabbits accessing it. The group are trying different things to see what works. Steve Tiso was designing a planting plan to enhance the wood.

c) Local / Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for the Parish

The Steering group held a meeting on 29 July 2024. All comments from the draft version of the housing needs assessment had been fed back to AECOM and the final version had been issued, though there were still some concerns that the official housing requirement figures from SDDC were not available yet; therefore, at the last meeting on 3 September 2024 it was decided that Helen Metcalfe could continue to write the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) document in the hope the figures would come through soon and adjustments could be made to the housing numbers in the final Housing Needs Assessment document. The Neighbourhood plan draft document should be available around the end of October for the Steering Group to make comments on. The final Design Code document had been agreed and signed off. A Traffic and Transport report written by steering group member, Peter Price, had been agreed and would be included as an addendum in the final NDP document. The Vision and Objectives statement has been approved through public consultation. The Parish Council was successful in applying for a £9990 Locality grant to pay for the next part of the work. The next meeting will be on the 26 November 2024.

d) Warm Welcome

The group continued to run through the summer and had seen a steady number of residents attending. The menu of jacket potatoes with a variety of toppings, cakes and hot beverages was popular. A book and jigsaw swap were available too. Everyone was welcome to attend whatever their personal circumstances. This group meet at Findern Village Hall, every Tuesday from 12-2pm. The Citizens Advice bureau would be attending the session on Tuesday 15 October 2024 to give advice regarding winter heating.

e) Data from VAS Unit

The new unit had been working for a few weeks and data had been downloaded and shared with Members at the meeting along with data from the other unit in the 40mph zone on Willington Road. The graphs produced in this data were a very visual way of sharing the speeds at which vehicles are travelling, along with the numbers passing through the village. Members suggested that these graphs be shared on the Community Facebook page to highlight why the work of the Speedwatch group was so important.

RESOLVED the Clerk would check with Councillor Ford and Highways when the anti-skid surface was being installed at the corner of Heath Lane and Main Road.

3384/24 Matters for discussion or determination

a) Review of Summer Activities at KGV and Highfields

Members reviewed the four events that had taken place over the summer. Official attendance figures had not been sent to the Parish Council by the South Derbyshire Active team; the two Highfields events on 31 July and 15 August were said to be well attended. The two at Findern on 8 August and 22 August were not so well attended, although the weather had a part to play in that.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would look at other options to bring to Council before the decision for next year's summer offer had to be decided upon.

b) Harvest Festival contribution s137

Members considered the Council's contribution to the Harvest Festival at All Saints Church; food and items donated go to the Padley Trust.

RESOLVED that Councillor Brown would purchase food and items to the value of £150 to donate to the Harvest Festival.

c) Remembrance arrangements for Village Green – Sunday 10 November 2024

It was confirmed that new electric box had been installed on The Green. Extra cabling and lights were needed to complete the display for Remembrance.

RESOLVED that Councillors Ratcliffe and Woodhouse would bring a quote for these items to the October meeting.

The Clerk confirmed the wreath had been ordered. Councillors Brown and Cooke would count the number of lamp post poppies and report to the Clerk if any replacements were needed.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would order any replacement lamp post poppies needed; also, order the zip ties required to attach these to lamp posts.

d) Arrangements for Christmas 2024

FINDERN EVENT

The confirmed date for the Findern event is Saturday 30 November 2024. The Village Hall had been booked from 1pm and Dream Parties had been booked for the entertainment. Extra volunteers would be needed for the event.

RESOLVED that Councillor Brown would check the availability of Santa; and the Clerk would look into gift ideas for the children and order in mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies.

HIGHFIELDS EVENT

The Clerk advised that the lighting column issue for the Highfields Christmas Tree was still not resolved; a Teams meeting with street lighting engineers at Derbyshire County Council was planned for the following week to confirm the electricity connection to the lighting column. Also, the legal department at Greenbelt Group Ltd. was still to confirm final decision on permissions from the consortium developers. The event was dependent on these two things being approved. However, to put a plan in place, Members considered the preferred date for this event.

RESOLVED to hold the light switch-on event on Friday 22 November 2024. The Clerk would contact the contractor to confirm this date was possible.

As Highfields Spencer Academy were not able to allow the use of their hall this year for the entertainment; the Clerk had considered other options; speaking to Nick Upton, Community Officer at Greenbelt to ask for support in putting up marquee for shelter on Stafford Green; within which we could serve mulled wine and mice pies; also have a singer or small band playing Christmas music. There was not room for entertainment for children's entertainment in there but Clerk suggested having a couple of dress up Disney characters wandering round so children could have photos taken. Nick Upton had agreed to increase the donation from Greenbelt to £750 and advised the Clerk to contact legal to get permissions for marquee.

RESOLVED the Clerk would bring the costs for a marquee, band/singer and children's characters to the October meeting.

e) Bands for Summer Event – Party in the Park 5 July 2024

The Clerk had provisionally booked the stage for next year; the contractor had confirmed the price as £2550 + vat for stage and lighting and transport; the contractor would send costs of sound and sound technician to consider.

RESOLVED to approve the spend for the stage and lighting and transport.

The Clerk requested some help selecting bands for next year's event; Members also discussed offering local bands the opportunity to play.

RESOLVED the Clerk would circulate the links to band agents' websites for all Members to look at to come up with some suggestions for bands for the next meeting.

f) Wayleave agreement for The Green – National Grid

The Parish Council had been approached by National Grid who want to upgrade electric cables around The Green to future proof supply. However, the plan showed the trench for the cables would be dug under the edge of The Green, close to protected trees. The Clerk had contacted the tree officer at SDDC for his advice – he has confirmed it would potentially damage the health of the trees and National Grid would need to seek planning permissions as root system is protected as well as the trunk and canopy.

RESOLVED to refuse to sign the Wayleave agreement, and to advise the National Grid the reasons why so they understand that excavation near this site is sensitive.

g) Agreement for non-intrusive survey at KGV – National Grid

Members considered a proposed agreement with National Grid for non-intrusive surveys to take place around the King George V Playing Field. Members noted that there was no indication that this would be the pathway of the proposed new pylons; nor would granting permission for this preclude the Council in objecting to any proposals.

RESOLVED to sign the agreement allowing for non-invasive surveys to take place on the land at the King George V Playing Field.

h) Porters Lane site

Councillor Ratcliffe raised concerns about the state of this site. The Clerk, prior to the meeting had spoken to the agent to ask for an update. He advised that they had pre-application discussions with SDDC and they seem to be happy; they feel this new plan of 6 bungalows is more acceptable. Investors do not want to spend money on the site until they know they have planning application; however, they are ready to go once they have this. The agent had ordered solid Herras type fencing in preparation for this.

There had been no change of documents on planning portal and it is unclear whether this application would go back out to consultation. The Clerk had contacted planning for an update on whether this application would come back out to public consultation.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would ask the agent of the solid Herras fencing could be installed as soon as it was delivered to at least screen the view of the site.

i) Security at Doles Lane lay-by (diesel theft)

Following a couple of thefts of diesel from Woodgrow and the ongoing fly tipping at Burton Road, Councillor Woodhouse asked whether it would be possible for the lay by off Burton Road to have large stones placed at the top to stop vehicles pulling in there. This is Highways/District matter.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact Councillor Ford to ask whether it would be possible to discuss this with Highways.

j) SIDS Training – reference information sent by Councillor Brown

Members considered the information on the proposed training; it was decided that it would be unrealistic for any Councillor from Findern Parish Council to be trained and then work on behalf of other Councils to move SIDs.

RESOLVED to not pursue the training; the Parish Council would continue to use a contractor to move the VAS/SID equipment.

k) Request for trolley for Speedwatch equipment

Members considered the request from the Speedwatch group for a trolley to transport the signage and equipment required for the Speedwatch sessions.

RESOLVED to approve the purchase of a trolley for the use of the Speedwatch Group. Cost for this was £70.00.

l) Quotes for new football posts at KGV

The quotes for the replacement goal posts were significantly high and the Clerk suggested that the cost for this should be looked at for the next budget year.

RESOLVED to defer this item to a future meeting for consideration to include in the budget for 2025/26

m) New signage for Village Green

Now that the new electric feeder pillar was in place; the signage attached to the old box for 'No Ball Games' needed to be replaced.

RESOLVED to defer the decision on this as the signage should be part of a wider discussion about what other improvements were to be made around The Green.

Planning Matters

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

Consultations

- **Ref. No. DMPA/2024/0883 – Holly Bank House, 25 Main Street, Findern**
Advertisement consent for the display of signage.
- **Ref. No. DMPA/2024/0986 – 130 Heathland Grove, Heath Lane, Findern**
The erection of a two-storey side extension.
- **Ref. No. DMOT/2024/1013 – 74 Doles Lane, Findern**
The pruning of an oak tree covered by South Derbyshire District Council TPO no. 70

Decisions

- **Ref. No. DMPA/2024/0534 – 28 Wallfields Close, Findern**
The erection of a part two-storey and part single-storey extension.
Approved (Delegated Decision).
- **Ref. No. DMPA/2024/0856 – 30 Wallfields Close, Findern**
Proposed two-storey rear extension and new windows to the existing side flanks.
Approved (Delegated Decision).
- **Ref. No. DMPA/2024/0897 – 153 Doles Lane, Findern**
The erection of single and two storey extensions, extension of dropped kerb and the installation of gates.
Approved (Delegated Decision).

Financea) **Conclusion of Audit 2023 - 2024**

The Council had received the Conclusion of Audit notice from the External Auditor, PKF Littlejohn with no matters arising. The Clerk had prepared and published a "Notice of Conclusion of Audit" which details the rights of inspection, in line with the statutory requirements; and this has been posted to all noticeboards and the Council's website along with the External Auditor's report, and the Accounting and Governance Statements.

b) **Members approved the following items for payment: -**

Authorised BACS payments – Councillors T Brown and C Smith.

Cheque No./BACS	Payee and Description of service or goods	Nett	VAT	Gross
16/07 Multipay Corporate Card	Instantprint 200 Flyers and Leaflets	£58.52	£0.00	£58.52
16/07 Multipay Corporate Card	GDL Supplies Ltd Foam Board for NDP stall at Village Fete	£65.96	£13.19	£79.15
16/07 Multipay Corporate Card	Derbyshire County Council Fee for S50 Licence application	£445.00	£0.00	£445.00
16/07 Multipay Corporate Card	Rushmere Printers Limited - A1 prints of NDP maps for stall at Village Fete	£32.99	£0.00	£32.99
16/07 Multipay Corporate Card	Vinyl Banners Printing – Banner printed for NDP stall at Village Fete	£35.76	£0.00	£36.76
16/07 Multipay Corporate Card	Vinyl Banners Printing - 4 banners printed to promote Sportmobile events	£80.37	£0.00	£80.37
16/07 Multipay Corporate Card	Amazon Service Europe Ltd. Picture Hanging Strips	£8.32	£1.67	£9.99

16/07 Multipay Corporate Card	Amazon EU Sarl UK Branch Spray Mount	£9.38	£1.88	£11.26
16/07 Multipay Corporate Card	Tannegate Ltd Spray Mount	£9.37	£1.88	£11.25
16/07 Multipay Corporate Card	Card Monthly Fee	£3.00	£0.00	£3.00
BACS UTB 26/07/2024	South Derbyshire CVS July salaries	£2044.98	£0.00	£2044.98
BACS UTB 26/07/2024	Findern Footpaths Annual Maintenance Grant for Stanhope Wood	£750.00	£0.00	£750.00
BACS UTB 26/07/2024	St John Ambulance First Aid for Village Fete event	£228.80	£45.76	£274.56
BACS UTB 26/07/2024	St John Ambulance First Aid for Party in the Park evening event	£114.40	£22.88	£137.28
BACS UTB 26/07/2024	Viking Direct Stationery - Inks for Clerk, A4 paper, lamination pouches and stamps	£89.01	£17.60	£124.41
BACS UTB 26/07/2024	Otis Ltd. Annual service contract	£259.80	£51.96	£311.76
BACS UTB 26/07/2024	Mick Warner - Painting of play area equipment	£640.00	£0.00	£640.00
BACS UTB 26/07/2024	1st Willington Scouts - reimbursement for food and drink supplied to performers at Party in the Park event	£79.00	£0.00	£79.00
BACS UTB 08/08/2024	Firs Farm Nursery - summer planting in planters	£843.98	£168.80	£1012.78
BACS UTB 08/08/2024	Easy Growing Landscape July work	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00
BACS UTB 08/08/2024	O Heap & Son service visit 15 05 24	£85.00	£17.00	£102.00
BACS UTB 08/08/2024	Fox Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd. July Work	£434.72	£86.94	£521.66
BACS UTB 08/08/2024	O Heap & Son service visit 22 07 24	£85.00	£17.00	£102.00
BACS UTB 08/08/2024	Shelter Maintenance – bus shelter cleaning in July	£41.10	£8.22	£49.32
BACS UTB 08/08/2024	Mick Reid - installing signs and replacing lock on Parish Rooms Gate	£95.00	£0.00	£95.00
16/08 Multipay Corporate Card	Amazon Service Europe Ltd. Plastic Zip Ties	£8.32	£1.66	£9.98
16/08 Multipay Corporate Card	Amazon Service Europe Ltd. Eyelet Punch Kit	£24.07	£4.81	£28.88
16/08 Multipay Corporate Card	Card Monthly Fee	£3.00	£0.00	£3.00
BACS UTB 28/08/2024	South Derbyshire CVS August salaries	£1888.28	£0.00	£1888.28

BACS UTB 28/08/2024	SDDC – Monthly operational inspection & maintenance of play area at KGV in July plus agreed repairs	£989.65	£197.93	£1187.58
02/09/2024	Payment to FIND for electric for exterior lighting – paid quarterly	£45.50	£0.00	£45.50
BACS UTB 12/09/2024	PKF Littlejohn – External Audit 2023/24	£315.00	£63.00	£378.00
BACS UTB 12/09/2024	Fox Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd. August Work	£434.72	£86.94	£521.66
BACS UTB 12/09/2024	Findern Village Hall – Room Hire for 3 Sept for NDP meeting	£9.00	£0.00	£9.00
BACS UTB 12/09/2024	O Connor Electrical – upgrade to electrics on Green with new feeder pillar	£3257.00	£651.40	£3908.40
BACS UTB 12/09/2024	Easy Growing Landscape August work	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00
BACS UTB 12/09/2024	Findern Methodist Chapel – Room Hire on 11/01, 08/02, 14/03, 11/04, 16/04, 25/04, 09/05, 28/05, 13/06, 11/07, 29/07	£204.00	£0.00	£204.00
BACS UTB 12/09/2024	Viking Direct Stationery - Inks for Chairman	£59.49	£11.90	£71.39
BACS UTB 12/09/2024	SDDC – Monthly operational inspection & maintenance of play area at KGV in August plus agreed repairs	£482.65	£96.53	£579.18
BACS UTB 12/09/2024	Clerk's Expenses for Phone, HWA, Mileage and Zoom subscription	£128.08	£5.20	£133.28

c) Members noted Income received: -

Date of credit	From	Into Account	Amount
25/06/2024	Rent for land at Burton Road	NAT West Current	£1750.00
28/06/2024	Interest on Nat West Reserve Account	NAT West Reserve	£73.06
31/07/2024	Interest on Nat West Reserve Account	NAT West Reserve	£86.20
01/08/2024	Sarah Pritchard / Find Ltd. - Parish Rooms Rent	Unity Trust Bank	£360.00
16/08/2024	VAT Reclaim up to 31 July 2024	Unity Trust Bank	£3381.48
02/09/2024	Sarah Pritchard / Find Ltd. - Parish Rooms Rent	Unity Trust Bank	£360.00

d) Bank Account Reconciliation Report/Budget Monitoring Reports

Members **NOTED** the Bank Account Reconciliation Report/Budget Monitoring Reports up to 31 August 2024 (including Current and Reserve Accounts Balances).

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Correspondence

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

- Willington NDP Consultation – forwarded 30/07
- DALC Newsletter – forwarded 06/08
- Response from Parking Enforcement Officer re. parking on Longlands Lane – this response was given to Council by Councillor T Brown in the meeting.

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Reports from Councillors attending meetings of outside bodies

Councillor Brown had attended an online briefing about the upgrade of the National Grid network She gave the following overview of the briefing: -

National Grid is a privately owned company that moves energy on the transmission network from where it is generated to where it is needed. They are transitioning into cleaner and more secure forms of energy, such as windfarms. NGET (National Grid Electricity Transmission) is developing the plans for Chesterfield to Willington, which are part of the Great Grid Upgrade. Chesterfield to Willington is one of many network reinforcements identified as 'essential' to achieve the Government's net zero targets. The hope is to achieve net zero by 2050. Due to the increased demand for more electricity in the next few years the network requires significant reinforcements to ensure power can be transferred securely in and out of the East Midlands and to strengthen the network.

The section in our area is between Chesterfield to Willington; they propose to build a new high voltage electricity transmission line and associated works between a new substation at Chesterfield and Willington. NGET's Strategic Options Report explains in detail how they considered a range of technical, environmental, community, programme and cost factors to determine the most suitable strategic connection point options. The Emerging preferred corridor is the area within which the proposed infrastructure could be located between the connection substations. They have taken into account - avoiding settlements of various sizes, routing around natural obstacles such as parks, Sites of Special Scientific interest, ancient woodland, nature reserves and following existing infrastructure corridors. They are proposing to build and operate approximately 60 kilometres of new 400 kilovolt overhead electricity line. Connecting to a new 400kv substation at Chesterfield and the existing Willington substation. Making the required changes to the existing network to allow new overhead lines to safely cross existing lower voltage overhead lines. The steel lattice pylons are around 50m high and approximately 3 pylons per km of straight sections of the route, with slightly more needed elsewhere. The emerging preferred corridor is the area where the overhead line could be built, this is split into 6 sections: -

- 1. Chesterfield substation to Stretton*
- 2. Stretton to Ripley*
- 3. Ripley to Morley*
- 4. Morley to Ockbrook*
- 5. Ockbrook to Aston-on Trent*
- 6. Aston-on Trent to Willington substation.*

They are seeking options and local knowledge regarding these areas during the consultation, which ends on the 17 September. The closest it gets to Findern is along the A50, but this can be seen more clearly on the map.

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Date of next meeting(s)

The next Meeting of the Parish Council would be held **at 7pm on Thursday, 10 October 2024** at the Methodist Church, Lower Green, Findern, DE65 6AD.

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Exclusion of press and public

There were no matters requiring exclusion of the public.

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Exempt

None.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.