

FINMERE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 9th of July 2013 in Fimmere Village Hall

Present:- Councillors, Mike Kerford-Byrnes (MKB) (Chairman), Barbara Cunningham (BC), Anna Wood (ANNW), Dr Adrian Wood (AW), Katherine Grimston (KG) and Kevin Ochel (KO)

In attendance:- No members of the public

1. Apologies:-Apologies were received from Councillor Mike Kirby (MK), County Councillor Catherine Fulljames (CF) and Parish Clerk and RFO Sharron Chalcraft (SC)

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of 4th of June were approved with corrections

3. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report tabled.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- 4.01 **APM May Minutes** The minutes of the APM are now on the website
- 4.02 **Village Notice Boards** The village Hall notice boards were repaired and relocated by KO and MKB.
- 4.03 **Drain Cover Land** c/f
- 4.04 **Greensleeves Development Waste** MKB has had some initial conversations with Mr Slater, but there is nothing concrete to report at present.
- 4.05 **Moss on pavements** c/f
- 4.06 **Spring Clean (Dog fouling issues)** No volunteers willing to stock dog waste bags for dispersal around the village have been found.
- 4.07 **Car valuables signs** c/f
- 4.08 **VAS Signs** MKB is still to meet with Philip Ogawary of OCC. c/f
- 4.09 **Bench request** CF has submitted our request for allocation of the funds.
- 4.10 **Banbury Road Signage** BC has visited the owner of No.2 who is happy for the sign, but is anxious that the road name remains 'Banbury Road' and is not changed. The PC agree that this should be so, and MKB will bring this up when he contacts OCC. c/f

- 4.11 **List of assets (the pond)** c/f
- 4.12 **Salt bins** c/f
- 4.13 **Stiles** . c/f
- 4.14 **Cold Calling Signs** . MKB to chase up. c/f
- 4.15 **Communications issues** c/f
- 4.16 **Parking on verge** c/f
- 4.17 **Meeting dates for 2013/14** MKB has learnt that all elections (EU, District and (where required) Parish Council) will be held on Thursday 22 May. This will necessitate a revision of PC meeting dates for May and June of next year.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Carried forward

6. S19/S137

No requests have been received.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

Banbury Road signage is covered under 4.10

8. FINMERE LANDFILL SITE UPDATE

A Liaison meeting was held on 18th June 2013 at the OPES offices.

Those in attendance were: Richard Lucas, Ben Wragg & Helen Bever from OPES, Bill Stewart-Jones from OCC, Louise Greenwood from EA & Barbara Cunningham & Mike Kerford-Byrnes from PC.

Matters arising: The fluctuations in the nitrogen levels have remained stable for the last 3 months. This will be measured quarterly.

OPES report: There is still no firm date for capping though, dependent upon weather, it is hoped to complete this year. BW confirmed that after capping there would be a 3 year wait for settlement before faults rectified & browned again before top soil applied & final restoration with greening & trees planted. B SJ asked how late in the year before capping could commence - September? However, this is all very dependent on finance. It will cost £1.6 million to cap & prospective investors want to ring fence any potential investment. This means we are no further forward regarding finance than at the meeting in March. It was explained that without capping there would be more leachate. Currently 3 lorry loads a day

are taken from cell 1. Originally it was 1 or 2 loads per week. This is expensive, costing £150,000 a year, & OPES are looking at short rotation coppicing as a carbon friendly way of “cleaning” leachate. There are only a few other sites in the UK which use this method & the nearest is a site in Lincolnshire.

Power generation is fully operational & cell 7 north was finished the day before & ready to receive waste. This cell will rectify the problem of leachate seeping from cell 1.

Complaints: There was an ammonia leak in ground water on the perimeter. This is a breach but the EA believe this could be external. There was an odour complaint on 16th March. It was confirmed that the site cannot accept asbestos.

EA report: Inspected on a monthly basis. There was a warning in April when a well was disconnected but not sealed. There is ongoing monitoring of groundwater following the breach, previously mentioned.

OCC report: All matters had been covered previously. Routine monitoring continues & nothing outstanding.

PC report: Again all matters previously covered.

Date of next quarry liaison meeting is 4th September 2013.

9. PLAYING FIELD PROGRESS

MKB wrote to David Endicott (DE) on 2 July requesting a progress update. DE was away until 8 July and no reply has been forthcoming. MKB to pursue.

MKB has spoken to OALC regarding the proposed approach to the organisation and governance of the present and future charitable status of the Playing Field/Village hall. OALC do not see any issues arising from the proposal

10. PLAYING FIELD CONDITION

The field has been walked and checked this month by BC and AW and all is well.

11. VEHICLE LICENCE PLATE MONITORING EQUIPMENT REPORT

The PC discussed the matter following consideration of the information presented at the previous meeting. MKB added that he had been in touch with the chairman of Tingewick PC (Mr. Peter Smith) who had no knowledge of the incident mentioned at the last meeting. The PC concluded that, at present, this should be left in abeyance, and reconsidered if further relevant information came to light.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence for meeting: None

Emails printed: None

Emails forwarded: c/f

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

MW.0079/13 – Opes Industries, Finmere Quarry – Continuation of development without complying with conditions 1,3,7,16,19,21-25,33,34,36 of Planning Permission 11/00026/CM (to vary the order of landfilling and to extend the timescales for capping Cells 4, 5 and 8 at the non-hazardous waste landfill.

There was a comprehensive discussion on this topic. The PC were disappointed that they had not been made aware of the imminence of the breach of the condition prior to its expiry last December. The PC were also concerned that the promised “capping” to which the condition had applied had not materialised, despite repeated assurances over the previous year and beyond that the finance was going to be available “very soon”. The PC agreed that it should respond to the Application detailing these concerns and seeking assurance from OCC that, if an extension were granted, any further breach would be addressed by Enforcement action. The Application is scheduled to be considered no earlier than the Planning and regulation Committee Meeting of 9 September.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Carol Service BC raised the date of the Carol Service and the switch-on of Christmas lights. This has been scheduled for Friday 6 December at 7:15p.m. and therefore the lights should be hung in the tree on the weekend of 30 November – 1 December.

Ivy BC asked about the proliferation of ivy and suckers at the base of the Queen Victoria Jubilee tree situated at the junction of Mere Road and Valley Road. AW volunteered to inspect it and report to the PC as to what action would be needed.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 3rd of September.

The meeting closed at 9.24 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED

None.