



FINSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

Ref: 4/22 P. 1253

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING of FINSTALL PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 7.30 p.m at Finstall Village Hall.

A ten minute period was set aside before the meeting commenced for Public Participation. No members of the public attended.

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Those present were:

Chairman Cllr Will Taylor, Cllr Christine Orr-Cooper, Cllr Spencer, Cllr Ryan, Cllr W Molloy, Cllr M. Molloy and Cllr Hewer.

Also in attendance:

Sarah Whittaker, the Clerk. Kit Taylor, County Councillor

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

2. MINUTES REFERENCE 03/22 P.1249-1252

Minutes recording the meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2022 as circulated were taken as read, approved and signed subject to amendment of those attending, no members of the neighbourhood policing team were in attendance.

Resolved. All members present, were in favour.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

4. UPDATE FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM

No members of the neighbourhood police team were present.

5. PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

b.) Despite the Clerk contacting several local councils, only one had responded who had not worked with the Community Payback scheme, no other councils responded. It was agreed to halt the potential funding at present.

6. CORRESPONDENCE.

There was some discussion regarding the route of the upcoming charity Blood Run. It was agreed that the race had always been a success in the past with no issues so there were no grounds to object. All other correspondence reports were noted.

7. CLERKS APPRAISAL

The appraisal had taken place between the Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chair. The findings of the meeting were circulated to all councillors who were in agreement with the report and agreed with the new NALC recommended salary increase.

Proposed by Cllr C. Spencer, Seconded by Cllr R.Ryan.

8. DRAFT RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Agreed that councillors will go through the document and send any additions and amendments directly to the Clerk who will collate all the information at the next meeting.

9. ANNUAL LENGTHSMAN CONTRACT

The annual contract was signed and the council agreed to continue with the Lengthsman scheme despite some councils choosing to opt out of the scheme and have services provided by Bromsgrove County Council.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Applications:

Application Ref – 22/00283/FUL

Location – 23 Alcester Road, Finstall

Proposal – Single Storey side extension with flat roof.

No Objections

Planning Approvals: None to date

Planning Refusals: None to date

11. FINANCE

a.) Receipts

Interest Money Manager Account

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	S. Whittaker –March Salary Including new agreed salary point & backpay	
	275.60	
	Three Counties Payroll (DD)	
14.04		
	S. Skeys March invoice	
	317.25	
	Monthly Bank Charge	8.00
	Cheque Fee	1.00
	IDG Garden Services – Mowing	
	50.00	
	IDG Garden Services – Bin Emptying	396
	IDG Garden Services – Maintenance of Planters	360

£1421.89

- b.) It was proposed by Cllr W. Molloy and seconded by Cllr C. Spencer to make the above payments:
- c.) The bank reconciliation for February 2022 was noted.
- d.) The Clerks NALC recommended salary was approved Cllr Spencer and seconded by Cllr Ryan at the new rate of 11.28 per hour.
- e.) Agreed that the Clerk research printers and send details to the council before purchase, taking into consideration the ongoing cost of cartridges.

IDG Garden Services had sent a quote for providing mowing, bin collection and planting of flower boxes with prices remaining the same as last year. The Clerk highlighted to the council that in the draft internal audit report the auditor had recommended obtaining three quotes. Cllr W. Molloy would ask two local contractors for a quote and report back to the Clerk.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: The next meeting will be the Annual Assembly of Finstall Parish Council to commence at 7:00pm, followed by the ordinary meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 in the Village Hall.

17. OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY -

Cllr Hewer mentioned Community Speedwatch which seemed a big priority for neighbourhood police teams at present. It was agreed to readvertise the initiative and a request for volunteers in the next Finstall Focus. A current bungalow restoration on Finstall Road, had left the grass verge at the bottom in a poor state. County Cllr Kit Taylor agreed to look into the issue. Cllr Spencer noted the use of new drain machinery used locally and it was hoped this may be used on the Finstall Road by the Rugby Club as it was believed

there was a collapsed Culvert in that area. Cllr Ryan queried the legalities of the mirror on the highway after receiving a complaint, but it was felt that as it had been placed there to safely leave their drive and was not causing any issues it would be best to leave it in situ.

The meeting closed at 8:16pm.

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