

Great Finborough Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Great Finborough Annual Parish Meeting held on 10th May 2023 **Held in Pettiward Hall**

14 members of public present

Chairman – Cllr Simon Tarabella, Clerk – Paula Gladwell,

Apologies – June Nathan, Rev Sarah Jenkins, Judith Cameron, Mary Smyth, PC Stefan Henriksen

1. The minutes of previous meeting of 18th May 2022 were approved and signed.
2. Cllr Otton gave her report, which is attached to these minutes. Thanks were extended to Cllr Otton for her commitment to Great Finborough over the 4 year term of the outgoing council, not only monetary but in her time and efforts.
3. Cllr Matthissen gave his report, which is attached. Thanks were extended to Cllr Matthissen for his commitment to Great Finborough over the 4 year term of the outgoing council, for his generosity with his locality grants and his time.
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 - a. Cllr Tarabella gave his report from the Parish Council which is attached to these minutes and thanked the Parish Councillors for their commitment over the past year. The clerk gave a brief overview of the financial position of the Parish Council, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
 - b. Peter Turner read the report from Rev Sarah Jenkins, St Andrew's Church which is attached.
 - c. David Preece gave a report for the Pettiward Hall Management Committee which is attached.
 - d. Judith Cameron's report from the Garden Club was read by Peter Turner and is attached to these minutes.
 - e. There was no report from Great Finborough Primary School
 - f. The clerk read a report from June Nathan from the Woodpecker Hill Volunteer Group a copy of which is attached. Thanks were extended to the volunteer group at the wood for the excellent work that they carry out, it was noted that without their dedication the costs for maintenance of this public asset would be untenable.
 - g. Cathy Croome read the report from Mary Smyth for the Allotments Association which is attached. Thanks were extended to all members of the GFAA for keeping the site looking so good and for entertaining the children when they visit.
 - h. Simon Tarabella gave a report from the editorial team for the Newsletter which is attached.
 - i. Simon also gave a report from the Community Speedwatch team which is attached.
 - j. Delia Prior gave a report from Great Finborough & Buxhall Under 5's a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
 - k. There was no report from PCSO Stefan Henrikson
 - l. There were no further parish reports.
5. Any other matters – Simon Tarabella as outgoing chairman of the Parish Council thanked all who attended tonight. Grateful thanks were extended to all those people who give their time and

commitment to the village. Simon complimented the fantastic community spirit and expressed the hope that residents will continue to support the new Parish Council.

Thanks very extended to Mary Williams for her commitment to the role of History Recorder and to Cathy Morgan who has now taken over this very important position.

A question was asked regarding the availability of grants for the building of a lake to help alleviate the flooding issues experienced in the Burford Bridge area. Cllr Matthissen confirmed that when he had asked for landowners to come forward if they were interested in helping with a project such as this no one replied. He also confirmed that there may well be grants available for environmental benefits/improvements and a lake such as this would probably fit the criteria. It was agreed that further investigation of the possibilities of a project be tasked to the Parish Council and an item will be added to a future agenda. Cllr Matthissen confirmed that he would source the tributary and river maps and target landowners again.

Concerns were expressed regarding a path over a ditch in Woodpecker Hill wood with the suggestion that a railing be installed to make it safer for children. Consideration of this will be added to a future Parish Council agenda.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.