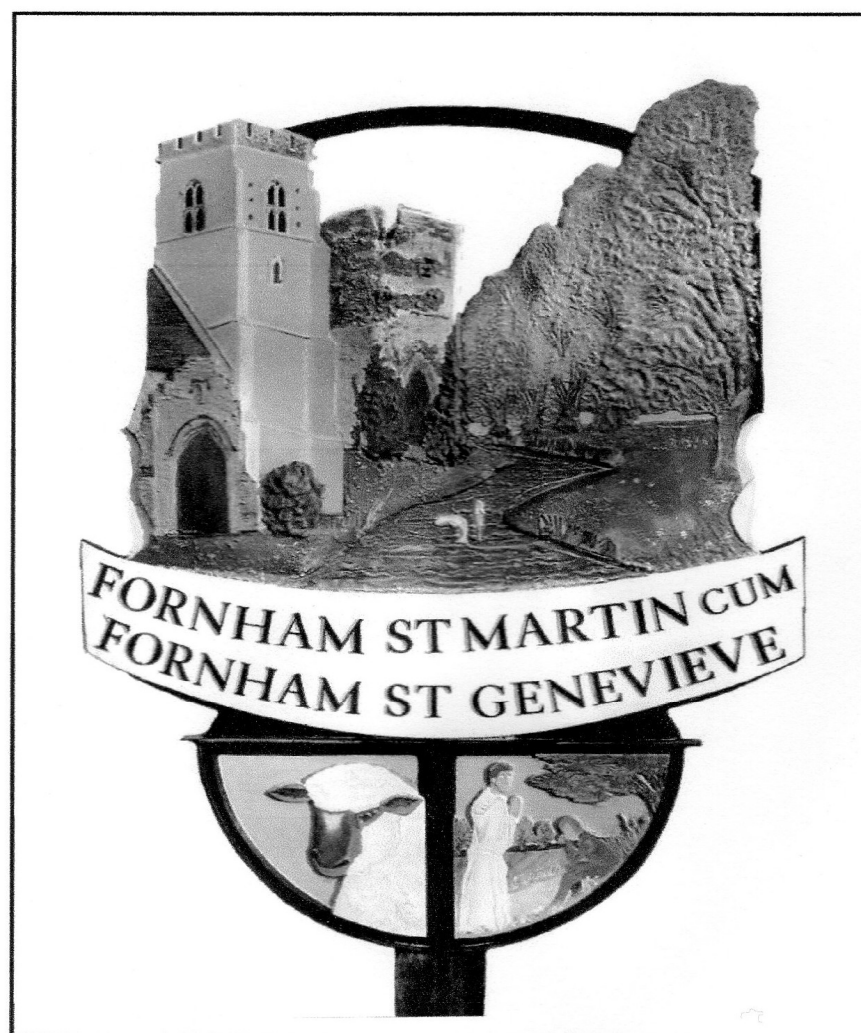


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The Parish Council on behalf of all parishioners would like to acknowledge with thanks and appreciation, the work carried out by the volunteers who organise and distribute the Bugle.

What's on in Fornham St Martin Village Hall

Weekly

Monday	7:30 pm	YOGA
Tuesday	10:00 am to 12 noon	Mums & Toddlers**
Thursday	10:00 am to 3:30 pm	Patchwork
Friday	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Whist Drive in aid of St Nicholas Hospice

**Term Time Only

Monthly

1st Wed	10:00 to 4:00 pm	Sewing Craft
1st Wed	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Military Whist Drive in aid of Air Ambulance
1st Thurs	7:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Jazz Club
1st Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
2nd Tues	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Garden Club
2nd Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Card Making
3rd Mon	10:00 to 12 noon	Probus Ladies
3rd Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Ladies Club
3rd Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
3rd Sun	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Whist Drive in aid of St Nicholas Hospice
4th Wed	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Mary's Quilters
4th Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Card Making

Occasional meetings

Parish Council, Village Hall Committees

*If you would like to book the Village Hall for a club meeting, exhibition, or private party, please contact **Colleen Leach** on **01284 756507**.*

Dear Fornham Residents

I am writing to you with regard to our Village Hall.

I am sure you will have noticed that a lot of work and resource has recently gone into improving the fabric of the building and its facilities. It is a much loved building and provides a great meeting place for many local clubs and societies at very reasonable rates. In the care of the committee, Maureen Hockett (Chair) Phil Hockett (Treasurer), Colleen Leach (Hall Manager), Jean Cook and John Somerville, it is a vital part of village life – but it runs on very tight margins.

The un-adopted road which runs alongside the Hall had been in poor repair for a number of years. From time to time the holes are filled in with stones but this has only been a temporary and unsatisfactory solution. We really need a more permanent answer and this must be to provide a substantial base topped with tarmac.

Do you have influence? Could you help? Is there a company – such as Lafarge or Tarmac – who would do the work as a charitable donation? I know it is asking a great deal but it would be a lasting testament to any generous or civil-minded company. It would also help us to keep the hire fees at a community, rather than a commercial rate.

The alternative, if this is not possible, would be to try to raise money from benefactors or to hold fund-raising events. In the past Rebecca Hopfensperger, our local councillor, has been

generous in her support, and the Parish Council have made contributions to the upkeep and, on an ad hoc basis, to special projects - but in increasingly difficult times these resources are stretched. Importantly this should not be a project which drags on for ever and ever.

If you can help in any way please ring me, **Paul Butler (Parish Councillor)**, on **01284 760119** or drop a note through my letter box at 6 Gleneagles Close, FSM.

Thank you

FORNHAM St MARTIN cum FORNHAM St GENEVIEVE
Village Hall Management Committee
Annual General Meeting to be held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday 21 April 2015 at 19:30.



FORNHAM GARDEN CLUB

On his latest visit to the club on February 10th, Rodney Tibbs gave us his talk entitled Vegetables for Value, which he accompanied with a digital slide show. An interesting and experienced speaker he devised the talk following a request from a Garden Club near London who were having great difficulty in finding a speaker whose subject matter was growing vegetables. This was not a particularly easy task as he knew he would have to pitch its content to encourage novice gardeners, yet try not to preach to the converted experienced gardeners who have had many years to perfect their craft and found their own ways and tips in growing the many vegetables available, from seeds or plants. Using slides featuring his own garden and greenhouse, Rodney took us through preparation of the soil, seed selection, sowing, watering etc and most relevant, protection from pigeons and pests such as caterpillars, plus the whole point of the exercise that of harvesting the crop, taking questions both during and following the talk.

Richard Ayres who used to be Head Gardener at Anglesey Abbey the popular National Trust property in the small village of Lode near Cambridge was our speaker on March 10th. A topical talk entitled Snowdrops and Winter interest plants, delivered by such an enthusiast and accompanied by a professional slide show, could not fail to hold our interest. Basing his talk and slides on Anglesey Abbey's grounds Richard ran through a brief history of the property, many of its statues and the involvement of the grounds and gardens to their present design attracting a record number of visitors. During his time there vast numbers of snowdrops and many varieties, were found leading Richard to develop a keen interest in them and he was honoured to have a variety named after him. There can be few people who don't look forward to the first spring flowers with aconites, crocus and snowdrops leading the field and hellebores etc. In hot pursuit and these are delivered in their thousand in the woodland and garden of the Abbey.

Details of our programme for the coming months are as follows:-

Apr 14th AGM
 Followed by talk and demonstration by Leon Petterson of Ceramic Craft.

FORNHAM ST MARTIN CUM ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL

There was a meeting of the Parish Council on 19th February 2015, in the Village Hall, Fornham St Martin

MINUTES

PRESENT

Councillor M Collier (Chairman)
Councillor P Forster
Councillor Mrs J Hubbard
Councillor N Owen
Councillor P Butler
Councillor G Hubbard

IN ATTENDANCE

Borough/County Councillor Mrs R Hopfensperger
The Clerk
5 Members of the public

AGENDA ITEM

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Mrs C Buxton

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15th JANUARY 2015

The minutes were signed as being a true record.

The Council adjourned for:

3. BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Hopfensperger spoke first about the proposed West Suffolk Operational Hub, which if approved by cabinet, following consultation, would be sited in Hollow Road, just off the Sugar Beet factory roundabout. She had offered to arrange a briefing for Councillors and was able to suggest some dates which were after the public consultation.

After some consideration, it was agreed that Councillors should let the Clerk have their preferred date, preferably in the first week of March and he would arrange the meeting with Councillor Hopfensperger. The Chairman of All Saints had indicated to the Clerk that he would like to have a joint briefing with All Saints as both councils have similar concerns and interests.

The Operational Hub had other implications which tied in with changes at the depot in Western Way, whereby there was the possibility that certain operations would move to Hollow Road, freeing up space for other activities. It was hoped that all these changes and implications would be made clear at the briefing. Councillors wondered how the information regarding the Hub had been disseminated to the public. Councillor Hopfensperger said that letters were being sent out and it had been published in the Bury Free Press.

Councillor Hopfensperger said she had received objections from two residents of Carnoustie Drive regarding the removal of trees and one resident asking for two more trees to be removed.

With regard to the widening of the footpath, Councillor Hopfensperger said that she had been assured by Guy Smith that the plans would be available next week but the work would not commence before April 2015. She said that she had been advised that the Barton Hill sign would be replaced in two weeks' time and the footpath opposite Flint Cottages will be done – end of February, beginning of March.

On the issue of the vegetation impeding vision when exiting Mill Road, Councillor Hopfensperger said she had reported this.

On finance, Councillor Hopfensperger said that St Edmundsbury had approved savings of £4.5 million and SCC £38.2m savings. Last year the savings were £25 million. Councillor Butler pointed out that with all the new builds in the pipeline, this will greatly enhance Council Tax revenues. He wished to have it minuted that the recommendation that there should be spaces for 1 ½ cars per household was utterly ridiculous. Councillor Hopfensperger did not disagree with this sentiment. Councillor Hopfensperger suggested that it may be a good idea if she could arrange a talk by a representative of Countryside Properties which would give councillors a better understanding of the situation relating to the Tollgate Interchange. Councillors were still concerned about whether there would be 900 or 1200 units on the site. The Clerk to send Councillor Hopfensperger an email as a reminder.

On flashing signs, Councillor Hopfensperger said she confirmed that she would fund this from her budget. Councillors thanked her for this offer. The Chairman asked Councillor Hopfensperger for her opinion on Neighbourhood Plans. Whilst she felt that they are possibly useful, there is a lot of hard work in producing one and she suggested that in the first instance we should consult with Chris Rand and Ian Poole for their advice. She said that Great Barton is thinking about having one, as are Lavenham.

There is funding available from the Borough and from DEFRA. It was agreed to put this matter on hold until we have the talk by Ann-Marie Howell, Principal Planning Officer on 16th April.

Councillor Forster drew attention to the state of the bus shelter at the top of Barton Hill which he said was turning green. Councillor Hopfensperger said she would report this to the Borough.

From the floor, a parishioner drew Councillor Hopfensperger's attention to the situation of fly tipping and how he had been able to trace the culprit by going through the rubbish. He was also concerned about the rubbish on the dual carriageway and along West Stow road. Councillor Hopfensperger said she would bring these matters to the attention of the Borough. This parishioner drew attention to restored settlement land and to open spaces which do appear in the Vision 2031 document. He felt that it was necessary to have the roads in and around Cedar Lodge and the road from the Tarmac pit into Culford designated as "quiet lanes". Councillor Hopfensperger said she would look into this. This parishioner said that in his opinion, the Planning Department at the Borough were lazy and lackadaisical. He gave instances of where, there appeared to be little or no liaison with the Traffic Commissioner.

From the floor, Councillors were told of domestic oil being stolen from two properties in Mill Road, this was following both tanks being very recently filled.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Hopfensperger for attending and for her report.

4. POLICE REPORT

There was no current report to hand but in a previous report, the matter of the theft from the two oil tanks was mentioned.

5. AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC

The Chairman and Councillor Butler reported on the recent visit to the Larkspool site. They were shown round by Mr Leslie Short, the owner's planning consultant. They were told that there had been no change in vehicle movements, no new buildings have been created and very shortly there would be a planning application for an established use and others which do not come under that category. The Clerk said that he had been advised that in regard to alleged non-payment of business rates, this had now been referred back to the Borough. However, the owners of Larkspool said that all business rates had been paid and in some cases there had been a reduction.

From the floor a parishioner said that residents of Mill Road should be given the opportunity to see the plans and make their comments.

He mentioned the environmental issues, such as the River Lark, Breckland and public footpaths, where clear policies have been laid down. He asked if Councillors would agree to meet residents.

The Chairman said that when the plans are to hand, residents are welcome to attend the meeting when the plans are discussed. The owners of Larkspool confirmed that they have not felled any trees since they first occupied the site.

The Council reconvened

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Owen declared an interest in Planning Application DC/15/0241/HH as his property had a view of the back of Burwell House. Councillor Owen took no part in the decision process.

7. MATTERS ARISING

a. Plans for widening the footpath

This was covered under Item 3 Borough/County Councillor's Report.

b. Flashing Sign

Councillors fully discussed this and agreed to go ahead with it. Councillors, Collier, Owen, Forster and Mr Robinson volunteered to undertake the necessary training and to move the sign as and when required.

The sign could not stay in the same location for more than four weeks. The Clerk to check with our insurers to establish that Councillors would be fully covered and also to check on whether anyone who is not a member of the Council is covered.

The Chairman thanked Mr Robinson for volunteering.

c. Flooding issues opposite Carrs

From the floor, a parishioner said that he understood the problem to be with a blocked ditch. There seemed to be an improvement at the Culford Road roundabout, following the work having taken place there.

d. School Hall Lane

From the floor, Mr Robinson had established, through looking at deeds that every property in the lane is liable for the maintenance. There was much discussion and it was agreed that Councillor Butler, the Parish Council's representative on the Hall Committee should make the Trustees aware of the situation and their part of the responsibility with regard to maintenance. Councillor Owen . . .

. . . gave details of the Old Hall Lane Resident's Association and how they funded the recent resurfacing of their road. He would pass on details of the contractor they used. It was generally felt that the Village Hall should lead on this important issue.

e. Barton Hill sign

This had been covered in the County/Borough Councillor's report.

f. Neighbourhood Plan

This had been covered in the County/Borough Councillor's report.

g. Chairman's Meeting with The Rev Hawarth

The Chairman reported on his recent meeting with the Rev Hawarth.

h. Notice Board – Barton Hill

The Clerk had received three letters pressing for payment of the notice board. He had written to say that no payment would be made until the board was repaired to the satisfaction of Councillor Forster. They have been asked to make an appointment with Councillor Forster on site so that he can tell them how to rectify the fault.

i. Community Speed Watch

Councillors having thought about this, decided unanimously not to proceed.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. SALC

The documents relating to Councillor Travel Expenses and Electronic Summons had been circulated.

b. Tree Warden

It was agreed to obtain two quotes for cutting the basal growths on the limes as it was now evident that SCC would not be undertaking this job. Councillor Owen asked the Clerk to obtain a map of TPOs.

c. Playing Field

Councillors agreed to accept the quotation from Mr Paul Bird for cutting the playing field for the coming season in the sum of £596.39 plus VAT which will give an estimated 14 cuts during the year and to cut the trim trail and children's area when necessary for the sum of £31.29 plus VAT per cut.

d. Rights of Way

M & T J's quote for grass cutting in the sum of £135.00 plus VAT per cut was accepted.

Councillor Forster reported that the Barton Hill sign at the bottom of the hill had been demolished. The Clerk would report this.

e. Village Hall

Councillors had been given emails from the Hall Committee regarding the on-going problem with parking.

It was agreed to place this on the March agenda where other parking issues throughout the Village will be discussed.

f. Planning

The following applications were considered by Councillors:

DC/15/0241/HH Mr and Mrs Clarke, Burwell House, The Street. First floor rear dormer window. NO OBJECTION

DC/15/0020/FUL Carrs of Bury St Edmunds Ltd. Provision of white cladding panel fascia with parapet over showroom and white render panel to frontage. New glazing to showroom and internal alterations. NO OBJECTION

DC/15/02/0021/ HH Carrs of Bury St Edmunds Ltd. Provision of one internally illuminated fascia signs and 3 number flags. NO OBJECTION

The following application had been considered at a planning meeting on 28th January 2015

DC/15/0079/FUL Mr and Mrs Tillet, 1 Russell Baron Road. One single storey dwelling (following the demolition of existing boat house) OBJECT AS BEING AN OVER DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE AND BEING OUT OF CONTEXT WITH OTHER PROPERTIES

In respect of TPO applications, Councillor Owen felt that we should look at them more closely rather than respond to the Borough that we will leave it to the experts. Councillors agreed with this.

The issue of setting up a planning committee was discussed and it was agreed that Councillors Owen, Butler and Mrs Hubbard would form the committee. They would consider the applications and would make their recommendations to the full Council.



9. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillors had seen the emails from Mr Zarattini and these would be answered by the Clerk.

A letter of thanks had been received from the editors of the Bugle for the Parish Council's contribution towards their computer parts.

Various other correspondences had been circulated which did not require a response.

Councillor Owen brought up the issue of the rooks which had now grown to epidemic proportions. The Chairman said that we had tried to tackle this problem a couple of years ago and had made contact with a registered pest controller who specialised in rooks but following a couple of protests from nature lovers, the matter was dropped. As the matter was now much worse, it was agreed to place this item on the March agenda.

Councillor Butler said rather than being concerned about grass verges, we should be pressing the Borough/SCC to provide cycle paths

The Clerk said that Councillor Howard Quale (Chairman of All Saints) would like to meet to discuss the proposed changes to the Tollgate interchange system. The Clerk would contact him to see if he had any dates in mind.

10. ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment

D Hoggett	Litter picking/playing field	229.50
P & S Brooklyn	Bugle Editors	286.46
Realise Futures	Bugle Printing	156.74
S Rodwell	Path and Leaf clearance	630.00
Denny Bros	Toner and Paper	230.60
The Borough	Dog Bin Emptying	172.25
SALC	Councillor Training	117.60
Revenue & Customs	PAYE	89.00
N Pitcher	Postages / Expenses	21.44

The Clerk reported that the Village Hall Committee had repaid £538.88 being the amount of the electricity costs for the year which exceeded the £1k limit.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 26th MARCH 2015 COMMENCING 7:30PM

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

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FORNHAM ST MARTIN CUM ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL

There was a meeting of the Parish Council on 26th March 2015 in the Village Hall, Fornham St Martin

MINUTES

PRESENT

- Councillor M Collier (Chairman)
- Councillor Mrs J Hubbard
- Councillor Mrs C Buxton
- Councillor P Forster
- Councillor P Butler
- Councillor G Hubbard
- Councillor N Owen

IN ATTENDANCE

- Borough/County Councillor Mrs R Hopfensperger
- PCSO McDaid & PC deJongh
- The Clerk
- 35 Members of the Public

The Chairman opened the meeting and explained to those present that somebody had posted notices of this meeting through letter boxes, showing a starting time of 7:30.
It was agreed to commence normal business at 7:30.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - None

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th February 2015

The minutes were signed as being a true record, following an amendment to Member's Interest

The Council adjourned

3. POLICE REPORT

The Clerk had received a report which indicated there had been two crimes since the February meeting. **(1)** Criminal damage – The Street on 28 Feb. Damage was caused to a vehicle whilst it was parked secure and unattended in the street outside a terraced house. Damage had been caused by scratching all four panels on the passenger side. No further enquiries, crime finalised. **(2)** a burglary at Ord Road on 2nd/3rd March. Offender entered the rear garden of a residential property via a rear fence, entering an unlocked shed and entry was gained to the rear of the garage. A small window had glass removed which allowed access to a larger window through which the offender entered the garage, stealing two motor cycles. No further enquiries, crime finalised. The Officers joined the meeting and they spoke about general issues. Councillor Owen understood there had been incidents relating to car tyres being slashed and eggs thrown at a vehicle and wondered why these matters were not shown on the report. PCSO McDaid said it must be assumed that these incidents went unreported. Councillor Owen asked, in relation to domestic oil thefts, did the Police speak to oil delivery drivers. The PCSO said that this was not usually done.

The Chairman thanked the officers for attending the meeting.

The Council reconvened

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – None

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING

a. Plans for widening the footpath

Councillor Hopfensperger had assured the Chairman that the money had been earmarked for the project but unfortunately the contractors had placed this job at the bottom of their planning list. They have been instructed to give it priority.

b. Flashing signs

Councillor Hopfensperger would chase Mr Mitson on this matter and ask him to let the Clerk have the necessary forms. She did confirm that the poles which had been erected by SCC for their signs could be used as they were in a position agreed by SCC. Councillor Hopfensperger confirmed that she would be funding the purchase of one sign.

c. Surface issue School Lane.

Councillor Butler said the Hall Committee would be placing a letter in the Bugle to see if anyone would be interested in helping financially with the repair costs. Councillor Hopfensperger said she would let Councillor Butler have details of a contractor.

d. Barton Hill Sign

This was still in need of attention. Councillor Hopfensperger said she would chase this up.

e. Notice Board

Whilst the man had been out to look at the notice board (with Councillor Forster in attendance), nothing has been done. It was agreed to continue withholding payment, pending a satisfactory outcome.

f. Proposed talk by Countryside Properties – Tollgate Interchange

Councillor Hopfensperger said she had emailed the Clerk with details of a proposal for an alternative scheme which had been drawn up by Chris Rand. The Countryside proposal costing £245k was considered to be unsatisfactory and the one proposed and backed by Councillor Hopfensperger would cost a further £125k. It was, she said, a far more practical option and would be better able to cope with the extra traffic and the existing gyratory system would be removed. The road would also be widened. This plan had been tested by SCC and outside people. It was felt that the proposed talk by Countryside Properties would not be necessary.

g. Barton Hill Bus Shelter

Councillor Hopfensperger said she would chase the matter of cleaning the glass.

h. Maps relating to TPO's

The Clerk reported he had received a reply from the Borough stating they would not provide a map of the trees subject to a TPO order.

The Council adjourned

The Chairman informed the meeting that Councillor Hopfensperger had agreed to attend this meeting and was prepared to take questions. She was unable to bring officers as they were engaged elsewhere.

Councillor Hopfensperger said she was standing back from the matter of the proposed Hub and had handed the portfolio to her deputy and whilst she was in favour of a Hub, she was against the proposed site at Hollow Road Farm and considered that there were far more suitable alternatives. She was pleased to say that she had been able to have the consultation period extended by a further two weeks, making the deadline 20th April. She urged parishioners to make their feelings known, either by email or by letter and pointed them in the direction of the "ACT NOW" document . . .

. . . and in particular, citing the three policies which conflict with the Borough's 2031 Document, The Green Infrastructure Strategy and the Core Strategy Policy CS11. Councillor Hopfensperger said she had requested that the site near the Calor Gas operation be looked at again. Other sites which had been turned down were between the Golf Club and Tut Hill, close to the A14 and the Business Retail Park.

The Chairman said that there was a Parish Council Conference taking place this evening and he had spoken with the Chairman of Great Barton, who would include Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve's grave concerns and opposition to the Hub.

There followed an hour of questions and answers – far too many to minute. Many issues were aired including, light pollution, noise, smells, vermin, increased traffic, too close to properties in Barton Hill, with the obvious detrimental effect on house values. Councillor Butler said it was obvious that infrastructure implications had not been taken into account. Councillor Hopfensperger agreed this was the case.

There was general concern that there must be a conflict of interest in that the Borough who are involved with the Hub, will handle the planning application and it will be the Control Development Committee (consisting of Council members) who will have the final say. Councillor Hopfensperger said that following the consultation, the planning application would be lodged in June/July. When this happens, the Parish Council and other interested parties will be able to make their formal objections. If this fails, there is the "long stop" of a Judicial Review.

The Chairman addressed the meeting, thanking everyone for maintaining an orderly questions and answer session. He said it was of vital importance that anyone wishing to object must do so as the more individuals who either write or email their objections the more the Council will have to take notice. He pointed out that those who signed the petition must not leave it at that, they must also register their objection. The Chairman told the meeting that the Parish Council would be carrying out a leaflet drop to all households with the "ACT NOW" leaflet and he once again emphasized the importance of this leaflet and to use it to good effect.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Hopfensperger for her time and for answering parishioner's questions and for her support in trying to have the hub sited at a more suitable location.

The Council reconvened

6. PARKING ISSUES

Councillors had a meaningful discussion on this issue.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

SALC - Nothing

Playing field

Councillor Forster said he was concerned about the mole infestation. The Clerk reported that AIDA had carried out treatment, as they had done at the bottom of Barton Hill. Councillor Forster had carried out work on the playing field, including some weed killing, repairs to the ramp and cutting back some long grass.

Tree Warden

Two quotes had been received in respect of the basal growth of the limes. One was for £400 and one was £450. The former would be accepted.

Rights of Way

The email from Kerry Warn regarding the resurfacing of Russell Baron Road would be forwarded to Guy Smith for his comments.

Village Hall - Nothing

Planning

The following result was to hand

DC/15/0079/FUL 1 Russell Baron Road. 1 single storey dwelling following demolition of existing boat house. REFUSED

The Clerk said he had emailed the planning helpdesk asking if there was any further information regarding the Fornham Farm, Thetford Road. No reply forthcoming. The Clerk will try again

The planning Committee comprising Councillors Owen, Butler and Mrs Hubbard was confirmed.

Applications would be directed to Councillor Owen who would then liaise with his colleagues who would then give their recommendations to the full Council.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been circulated to Councillors, some of which requiring no action.

A letter from a parishioner wishing to hold a children's party in July on the playing field was discussed. It was agreed that this could be allowed providing the weather was suitable for cars to be parked on the field and that they did not hold a B.B.Q.

9. ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment

Village Hall	Hire of hall for PC meetings	220.00
AIDA Pest Control	Mole Issues	252.00
BT	Telephone/fax/email	129.57
D Hoggett	Playing Field/Litter Picking	229.50
P Forster	Maintenance playing field	73.89
Revenue & Customs	PAYE	89.00
N Pitcher	Postages / expenses	17.89
M Collier	Travelling to SALC	22.50

The issue of the rooks was raised as they were now getting out of control. The Clerk would make enquiries into how and who we get to tackle this problem

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 16th APRIL 2015 COMMENCING 7:30PM

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked Councillors

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FORNHAM ST MARTIN WEBSITE

A reminder that there is a website for Fornham St Martin the web address is:<http://www.fornhamstmartin.onesuffolk.net/>

Calling all Club Secretaries:

If you would like a notice posted on the website of any forthcoming Club events or your Club programme for the year, please send it to the website administrator Valerie Seaman at val.seaman1@btinternet.com [contact Tel. 01284 750226].

Fornham St Martin cum Fornham St Genevieve

Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday May 14th 2015

in the village hall at 7.00 pm

An invitation to all residents to
meet your councillors and

come and have your say

on any issue in Fornham of importance

to you, including, perhaps...

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FORNHAM OVER 60'S CLUB

On 3rd February we had a return visit from Peter Banham who explained the derivation of some popular sayings after challenging us to suggest how they came into our vocabulary. It became apparent that many of us routinely use these sayings without really understanding their possible origins.

Our latest meeting was the AGM on 3rd March. We had the annual reports from the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and these were well received. Previously the committee had asked the membership to suggest venues of interest for future outings. Tom Rowe said that all suggestions had been followed up and we had managed to incorporate some of the into the 2015/16 programme. Of the others Tom explained about some of the obstacles which he had encountered and why we were unable to include them in the forthcoming events. The afternoon was rounded off with refreshments, a good chat and a beetle drive.

The topic for the next meeting (on **7th April**) will be a talk entitled "I spy a spy". Our guest speaker will be John Millward who will tell us of some of his experiences in military intelligence.

In May we will be having the club pub lunch at the Greengage and this will be on a Wednesday (**5th May** at 1.00p.m.)

New members are always welcome and anyone who is interested in joining us should contact **Tom Rowe on 01284 756087.**

FSM CHURCH NEWS

Planning articles for the next two months is always a bit of an effort thinking that far ahead, when some events are not always finalised, but here goes.!



The main item is to try and book the Organ Restorer for May/ June to carry out the restoration works, now becoming more and more essential. A few of our guest organists have commented that it is not playing as it should, and the risk of a break down is increasing. We hope to raise the last £2500 over the next few months, with some grants, book sale and donations. £10,282 has been raised from concerts, book sales, donations, pipe sponsorship and a generous bequest.

The last Book Sale Coffee and Cakes on 14th February went very well with £325 raised, and our next is on **Saturday 18th April, 11 - 3pm** so do come along to browse an extensive and varied collection of some 1500 books. Donations of books are always welcomed to give plenty of variety and new stock. When the organ is stripped down we will not be able to hold any more till September probably, with the pipes etc spread out over the South aisle area.

Three Lent Lunches have been held, of a simple menu of soup, cheese and biscuits and fruit, in respect of the 40 days of lent running up to Easter. Donations of £380 were raised, which are being donated equally to EACH, the children's hospice, and Maninga, a UK Charity supporting and schooling small communities in extreme poverty in Mozambique, run by the daughter of a former Rector.



Easter Sunday on 5th April is a service we all look forward to each year, with its great significance for all Christians, when Jesus was resurrected from his death on the cross.

On **Good Friday** there will be a short service, and then as many children as possible can build an Easter Garden in the porch, from stones, grass, moss etc from the churchyard, followed by hot cross buns and a warm drink.

The **Church's Annual Meeting is on 19th April**, when the churchwardens, officers and Parochial Church Council are elected for the next year.

Christian Aid Week starts on **10th May** with a service at St Mary's Church in Bury and then the house to house collection with the red envelopes. This is a very worthwhile charity, supported by Churches of 40 denominations to help the poorest around the world. By providing tools, equipment and seed to partner local organisations, people are able to help support themselves, their families and communities. Life before Death, something we take for granted, but not always that easy in some countries, much more affected by such things as drought and floods. Please donate what you can when the volunteer collectors call, or if you can help collecting do get in touch.

Our annual inspection check and cleaning of guttering and drain pipes indicates all is well for another year.

Three funerals were held in late January, Marjorie Moore, Margaret Mellor and Joan Tillett.

Holy Week Services at FSM are :-

Tuesday 31st March, 10am, Holy Communion with visiting retired Bishop John Flack.

Tuesday 31st March, 8pm, Compline

Good Friday 3rd April, 10am, Family Service and Easter Garden.

Easter Sunday 5th April, 10am, is at Fornham All Saints this year.

Sunday Services at 10am in April and May are :-

12th and 26th April and 10th and 24th May.

There is a short Holy Communion Service every Tuesday at 10am.

All other services in the Benefice are shown on the notice board.

Fete planning is underway for **Saturday 4th July at Fornham House.**

If you can help please do contact us, as it takes 50 people to run a good fete, with all the stalls, games, teas etc.

David Yates and Sylvia Hilton, Churchwardens

PARISH CLERK VACANCY

There is a vacancy at the Parish Council for the position of Clerk.

Nigel Pitcher has decided to take a well earned retirement from the role after thirteen years in the village. Nigel has completed some 25 years in the role for other parishes and frankly will be sorely missed by us all as the role is pivotal to the smooth running of the Parish Council.

Anyone who is interested in the vacancy and who has experience in the position should contact the chairman on 01284 704851 for more details.

Michael Collier, Chairman

PROPOSED WEST SUFFOLK HUB AND WASTE TRANSFER SITE.

From the Chairman

Thanks to a great deal of effort from many people in our village the Borough Council has responded to your concerns and has extended the appeal period by two weeks. **The new end date is the 20th April.** A big thank you to all those who have taken the trouble to email, write, or contact the Borough in some way.

Also thank you to fellow councillors and other volunteers who have knocked on doors, conducted petitions and also delivered information 'flyers' to the whole village.

We will see the results of our labours if and when the application for planning consent comes before us, and we will be able to understand if any of our concerns have been met. I together with other councillors recognise the concept and aspirations of any Operational Hub for West Suffolk bringing cost savings, improved productivity and operational synergies but, we passionately believe that this is the **wrong location** and it is totally unacceptable to the village population and in particular to the residents of Barton Hill and the surrounding properties.

We have been made aware that at least three other sites were offered and considered but turned down, and none of these would have caused such major concerns and environmental issues.

If you have not yet responded on the website or have not had time to write you can still do so up to the **new deadline of 20th April** using the links shown below. Please do not under estimate the importance and power of this action as your opinion really counts towards protecting our village environment from this unacceptable and poorly researched intimidating intrusion into our village scene.

We will of course keep everyone appraised of any developments as they materialise going forward.

Thank you

Michael Collier Chairman

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CONTACT	DETAIL	NUMBER
Anglian Water	Emergency (Reporting leaks etc)	0800 771 881
Cinema	Cineworld, Parkway	0871 200 2000
Councils	St Edmundsbury	01284 763233
	Suffolk County	01284 352000
Electricity	EDF Energy (Power cuts)	0800 783 8838
	Customer Enquiry	0800 096 2270
EMERGENCY	POLICE FIRE AMBULANCE	999
NHS	Free-call single non-emergency number medical helpline operating in England and Scotland.	111
Hospital	West Suffolk Hospital	01284 713000
Police	This is the number to call when you want to contact your local police in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland - less urgent than a 999 call.	101
	Crime stoppers	0800 555 111
Samaritans	Bury St Edmunds	0845 790 9090
Transport	National Rail Enquiries	0845 748 4950
	BSE Bus Station	01284 702020
	Taxi	01284 766777

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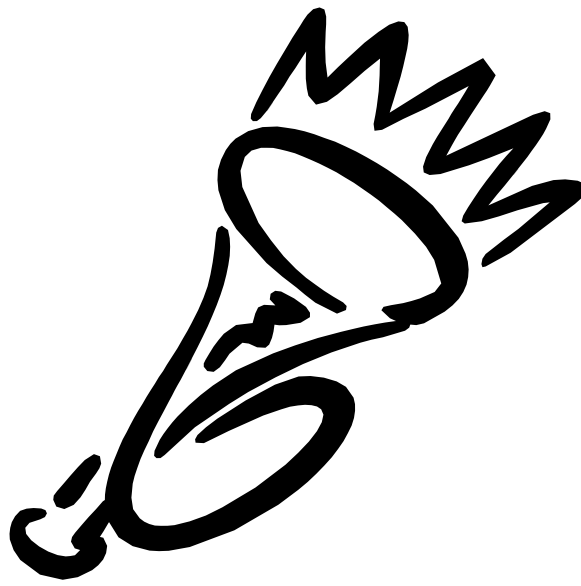
Mon	20th	Deadline for objections ref proposed Hub and Waste Transfer Site.
Sat	18th	11 am to 3 pm Book Sale Fornham St Martin Church

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Thurs	14th	7:00 pm Annual Parish Meeting
Sat	24th	Noon Deadline for articles to be included in the next edition of Bugle (brookfranklin@virginmedia.com)

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