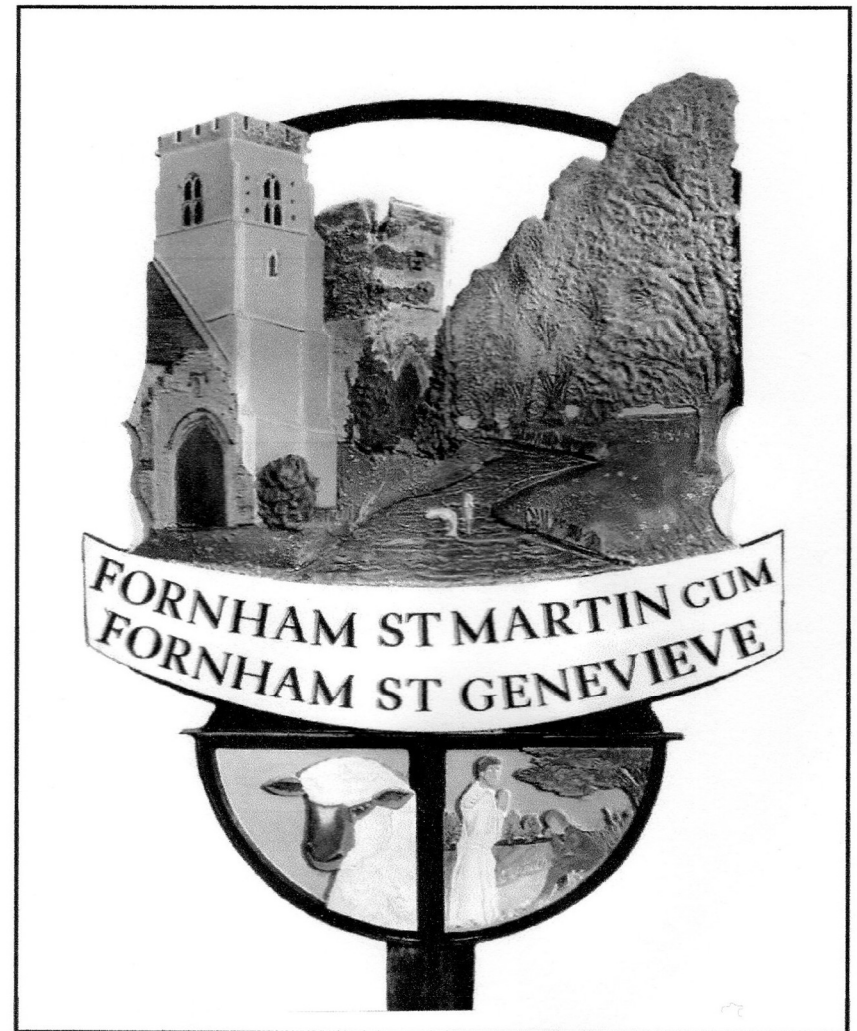
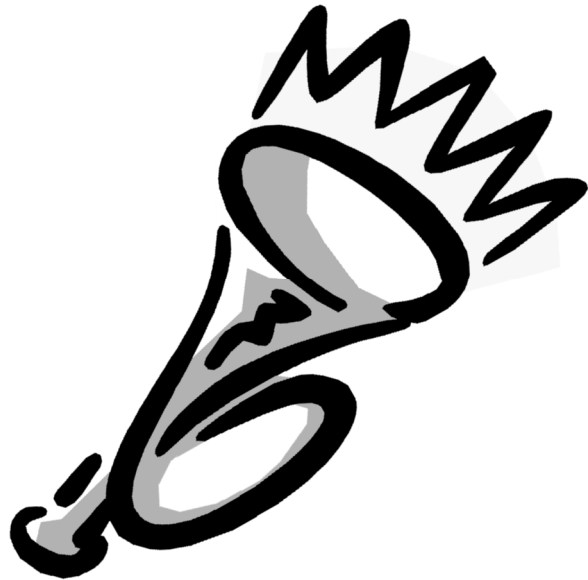


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## What's on in Fornham St Martin Village Hall

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Monday	5:30 pm & 7:30 pm	Slimming World
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Friday	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Whist Drive in aid of St Nicholas Hospice

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1st Thurs		
1st Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	s and Weavers
2nd Tues	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	arden Club (not January)
2nd Wed		
3rd Mon	10:00 to 12 noon	Probus Ladies
3rd Wed	10:00 to 12 noon	Card Making (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov)
3rd Wed	7:15 pm to 9:30 pm	Ladies Club
3rd Fri	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
3rd Sun		
4th Wed	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Mary's Quilters
4th Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Card Making (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov)

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## CHURCH NEWS

**Happy** New Year everyone, which at the time of writing has just arrived, to welcome in 2021, and say goodbye to 2020 and good riddance, with all its trials and tribulations caused by the Pandemic.

At least it rounded off with Brexit being finally signed off, and whatever the changes, at least its job done.

**Now** we can look forward to The Jab, and its great to hear the 'rollout' has started with some having already received it, some even getting their second, with both the approved vaccines being available in Bury. Hopefully we can look forward to safer and more settled times, with some form of 'normality' after all the disruptive restrictions to our daily and spiritual lives.

**Here** at FSM we have reluctantly cancelled services for the time being, due to the dire and exceptionally high rates of infections and deaths. As little outside personal contact as possible is permitted, it has to be the most responsible way to protect ourselves and others, so we can come back safe, healthy and even refreshed. Maybe even with a new Dykes Ditty to celebrate !

**The 100 Club winners in January were :**

**1st** £30 Margaret Yates ; **2nd** £20 Janet Groom ; **3rd** £10 Matt Killick

**We** have not drawn the winning numbers for February and beyond, due to the current tight restrictions on socialising, but don't worry, we haven't forgotten, and the winners of the increased £30, £20 and £10 prizes will be on their way as soon as we can start again. Thanks to everyone who has paid their annual £15 sub, and David looks forward to receiving the last few. It is the only fund raiser we can manage at the moment.

**At** least we were able to decorate the church for Christmas, like all the others, to bring some cheer and uplift to the limited services possible. After all, services were actually held for some 9 months of last year in total. So thanks to everyone who helped with that. Our holly tree in the churchyard had the best crop of berries ever, to cover all the window sills, which together with the candles, gave a lovely festive atmosphere. Its just a great big shame we couldn't welcome all the families, especially those with young children, to fill the church to overflowing as usual, for the traditional Crib Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve.

**We** also take the opportunity to thank everyone who has helped run the church last year, including organists, cleaners, flower ladies, readers and sidesmen and women, as we are sure you will manage again this year. This continuity is a benefit both to our community, as well as supporting the rest of the benefice with regular, well managed services, and especially Revd Sylvia Bareham, who is

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**Thanks** also to all those who have joined the Planned Giving Scheme, and those who have increased their giving recently. It has helped a lot, especially in view of losing a few members last year. If anyone can help with a suitable regular giving, by say a standing order or monthly envelopes, do please get in touch. Bishop Martin has made a specific appeal for support, with Reforms soon to be published on the horizon over future viability of churches, both in Suffolk and nationally. There is unfortunately still a large shortfall in the Benefice, and Diocese, towards the Parish Share requested for 2021, which is so serious it could affect the Diocese finding a new Rector. It would be nice if we could find a wealthy sponsor, like other charities.

**Work** has now started on repairs to the 50 tower steps, part of the Bells and Tower Project, rather badly worn down, after some 550 years use, and necessary to ensure safe access for the Bell Hangers to remove and replace the bells. The tower is a later addition to the church, thanks to a benefactor's generosity, some 100 years after it was originally built in 1330, the size of a small chapel. Thanks to all those who have donated to make this possible. Its a start!

**The** Jams and Chutney Sale at the Gate finally took place on Saturday 12th December, with queues starting early, fortunately as it turned a bit wet at lunchtime! Beryl has made some more apple chutney, so if you missed out, or want more, contact Beryl. Only £2.50 a jar, and its delicious, David's on to his fifth jar of marmalade! Thanks to Heather and Beryl for making so much, assisted by Sarah Cooledge and Judith Eley manning the table later, to give them a 'warm up' break. £360 was raised for the Bells and Tower Project.

**Just** finally, we hope to start up again soon with our regular Sunday and Tuesday alternate weekly services, as well as some events, like the Book Sales (with or without the Coffee and Cakes) that we know well many are desperate to see! Please watch the notice board and church gate for posters announcing these, as well as an 'A' display board on the verge.

Beryl Dykes [ 704109, Oak Rise, The Street ]  
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Churchwardens



## WEST SUFFOLK LOCAL PLAN

Residents will have had the opportunity to read some information regarding the West Suffolk Local Plan in the Oct/Nov and Dec/Jan editions of the Bugle. More information was to be seen in the Bury Free Press a week or so ago. Residents were encouraged to respond with their comments on a web site as part of the consultation process. [westsuffolk.exhibition.app](http://westsuffolk.exhibition.app)

As a Parish Council we responded (*see page 9*) with our submission to the consultation, and we feel that residents should be fully aware of our thoughts and concerns.

The predominant issue for us is the potential change in designation of our Village from an "INFILL" village to a "TYPE A" village.

Villages under the TYPE A would NOT enjoy the INFILL metric of "only a maximum of 5 houses per plot" effectively meaning that larger developments could take place in our village .

We have, together with other Villages with similar concerns, challenged this with West Suffolk and a copy of our submission is printed below for your interest and information. This was sent to the consultation in December and before the response deadline.

The next part of the Consultation is due to be completed by September 2021 and the whole process could take a further 2 years before a final Local Plan emerges.

On top of all this Residents may be aware that the Government has promised a number of planning initiatives and changes for the future, to speed up house building, and stream line planning procedures, which can slow up the development processes. This will focus on Social Housing to meet the obvious high demand.

Any future decisions the Government make will of course mean that some Local Plan decisions may well have to be "adjusted".

Going forward the Parish Council believes that residents should be as fully informed as possible concerning future issues, and developments around the West Suffolk Local Plan, so that inevitable rumours and potential Fake News is kept to a minimum in our Village to avoid unnecessary concerns for Residents. Your Parish Council will stay as close as possible to all changing circumstances, and will be ready to challenge any issues and make sure our cherished Village is protected going forward.

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### West Suffolk Local Plan (Regulation 18) Issues and Options Consultation - October 2020

#### Response from Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council December 2020

The Parish Council on behalf of the residents of Fornham St Martin and Fornham St Genevieve villages have the following comments.

The villages have always felt strongly protective of their independence and cherished separate identity as rural infill villages. The separation between the two villages and Bury St Edmunds Town has always been extremely important and there has always been fierce resistance to any coalescence between the town and the surrounding Villages.

We understand that the villages will be re classified from “infill” villages to “Type A” villages under the new joint West Suffolk Council plan. The declassification of the villages to “Type A” means that there is the distinct possibility of unwanted new development being allowed within the villages and their boundaries, thus bringing the villages even closer to the town of Bury St Edmunds.

Two sites on the plan WS570 and WS081 are shown on the plan as being available for any developments. Development in any form on these sites would have a catastrophic effect on the village scene and would also have a detrimental effect encompassing the entire village which has been relatively unchanged for over 100 years. The WS216 is also shown as available and a major development here would cause havoc on the local infrastructure which is under pressure now.

We understand the new classification “Type A” has been based upon the fact that the villages are within two kilometres of local services, however the local services in question are actually those within the town of Bury St Edmunds. There are in fact no schools, GP’s, shops or even a post office in the actual villages.

The fact that the villages independence and separation from the town of Bury St Edmunds is of vital importance to the residents means that this is just a further incidence of coalescence, which must be avoided and prevented at all costs. It is imperative that the feelings of the residents are taken into consideration. It is also felt that this declassification to “Type A” is yet another stepping stone to the villages losing their infill/rural status and will be setting a precedent for future unwanted development.

We understand that the previous infill village metric of “5 properties maximum per plot” is not in the “type A” definition so as a Parish Council we would want to campaign vehemently to try and get this reinstated. This would provide a measure of protection that is vital for residents piece of mind.



The fact that West Suffolk are targeting for a further 2500 extra houses in west Suffolk by 2040 is a frightening prospect for the villages and their residents, especially as in the last 2 years the villages have already been effected by several major developments in the area, namely The West Suffolk Operational Hub, Marham Park and Fornham Park (now ASPEN). All of which have had their own impact on the infrastructure and environment within the villages. We feel that the two villages and the surrounding area have already made a significant contribution to large scale development and housing provision. Supporting infrastructure (roads, schools, healthcare provision) should all be taken into account and considered fully before the plans are finalised and agreed.

The Parish Council would like to reiterate that we strongly object to the declassification of our villages to "Type A" status and we are opposed to the following sites being made available for development, due to the risk of further coalescence with the town of Bury St Edmunds. The sites are WS570, WS081, WS216, WS552, WS543 and WS035.

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Some of the things we spent the precept on last year were:

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Stocking of village planters

Maintenance of village field, grass cutting, benches and picnic furniture.

Maintenance of play equipment and the trim trail on the village playing field.

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Printing of our village magazine, "The Bugle."

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Salary for our excellent and experienced Parish Clerk, who administers most of what we do and is our link to the town and West Suffolk Council.

We also give grants toward such things as upkeep of the churchyard and energy costs for the village hall, together with local societies.

The Parish Councillors themselves however are volunteers.

The Parish Council proposes the following:-

As agreed at the last meeting, the increase we must make on the Precept without dipping into our reserves is £3.86 per household for the year or 32p per month.

Your Parish Council believes that it is prudent to always have a healthy reserve for unforeseen emergencies, and there are potentially special reasons this year. I am sure that you will have read in The Bugle that West Suffolk Council may re designate our village from an "Infill Village" - which severely restricts the size of any building development to a "Type A" village which would mean we have no such protection and any green space in the village would be vulnerable to developers. Having a healthy reserve would allow your Parish Council to challenge such activity and seek professional advice.

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**Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve**  
**Parish Council**

**Held via Zoom on Thursday 12th November 2020 at 7:30pm**

**Councillors present:** Cllr. M. Collier, Chair (MC), Cllr. Gary Hubbard, VC (GH), Cllr. Frank Stennett (FS), Cllr. P. Forster (PF), Cllr. P. Borrett (PBo), Cllr. P. Butler (PBU) & Cllr. J. Borrett (JBo).

**Present:** Clerk – Vicky Bright. Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger – SCC/WSC. Mr. David Roach – WSC.

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**Chairman's Welcome & Acceptance of Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)):**

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

**Apologies:** Cllr. F. Stennett had internet issues and couldn't get sound. Cllr. P. Forster had internet issues and lost video.

**Absent:** None.

20/11/2

**Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:**

Cllr. Frank Stennett declared an interest in Item 5 (xi).

20/11/3

**Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 - LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para 41(2):**

**Resolved 20/11/3.01**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman (MC).

20/11/4

**Local Authority Reports:**  
**County & Borough Councillor**

Cllr. Hopfensperger gave the following report and update on Parish Matters;

The Home but Not Alone scheme is contactable from 9am-5:30pm, Monday to Friday.

There is also a Hardship Fund, that are able to give advice & support.

Tree Nurseries, at least 10 (100,000 trees), are being planted as Recovery Woodland Areas, to be areas for people suffering with loss, mental health issues etc. to come and reflect and be with nature.



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20/11/5  
i)

### **Planning Applications:**

#### **West Suffolk Local Plan (Regulation 18) Issues and Options Consultation (Guest Attendance from David Roach, WSC)**

The classification of the villages will be changed from an 'Infill Village' to a Class A, which can allow for new development outside of the village boundaries, thus bringing the villages closer to Bury St Edmunds resulting in the loss of our separate identity. The reason for this declassification is that West Suffolk are classing us as a Class A, under the criteria that the villages are 2km away from local services and amenities; of course the amenities they are referring to is Bury St Edmunds Town Centre, from which we have always been separate. The villages themselves do not have any shops, schools, GP's, libraries or a Post Office. As such, the Parish Council will be submitting our objections to this declassification and would suggest that residents take the time to look at the consultation documents and submit their own objections. For further information, feel free to contact the Clerk [fmsgpc@gmail.com](mailto:fmsgpc@gmail.com). The options consultation will run for 10 weeks from Tuesday 13 October (9am) to Tuesday 22 December (5pm) 2020 at <https://westsuffolk.inconsult.uk/>.

ii)

#### **DC/20/1832/RM - Reserved matters application - Submission of details under DC/18/0829/OUT - for the means of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for one dwelling Location: Land Adjacent to The Old Parsonage, The Street, Fornham St Martin Resolved 20/11/5.01**

It was agreed to object to the application, with the following comments:

The initial outline application was for a smaller dwelling, and was meant for the purpose of housing the previous owners elderly parents, closer by [JDMPD DM23]. Subsequently the site has now been sold off and the new owners have submitted a much larger development, with some very extravagant fixtures, such as a 60sqm Gym, which it is felt is totally out of scale, for what is essentially meant to be a family home.

The new proposed dwelling's increase in size, means there would be quite clear over development of the site [JDMPD DM27]. Along with the new proposed dwelling having a significant effect on neighbouring properties and their visual amenity, the proposed design is not at all in keeping with the current street scene.

We have been informed by neighbours that they object to the proposal on the above grounds, and that they have grave concerns that the larger size is going to impact on their properties, causing overlooking, especially with the applicant also looking at significantly reducing the height of the trees on site, which offers some screening for the neighbours.

- iii) **DC/20/1197/FUL – AMENDED - Lambing Unit Location: Fornham Farm, Thetford Road, Fornham St Martin, Resolved 20/11/5.02**  
It was agreed to object to the application, see *Appendix 1* attached.
- iv) **DC/20/1763/HH - Single storey front extension Location: 14 Manners Road, Fornham St Martin Resolved 20/11/5.03**  
It was agreed to object to the application, with the following comments:  
The single storey front extension is outside of the building line and will affect the visual appearance of the street scene/view. This is contravention of JDMDP Policy DM2 and JDMDP Policy DM 22.
- v) **DC/20/1807/TPO - TPO 290 (1973) Tree preservation order - two Yew (red on plan within G9 on order) overall crown reduction by up to five metres Location: The Old Parsonage, The Street, Fornham St Martin Resolved 20/11/5.04**  
It was agreed to object to the application, with the following comments:  
We do not support the application in its current request and we believe that the request to reduce up to 5 metres all over, seems excessive for two reasonably small trees, that have no disease or pose any risk. It seems that the sole purpose of reducing the tree's size is to allow access for scaffolding for application DC/20/1832/RM, should it be approved.
- vi) **DC/20/1667/TPO – Formal Resolution of No Objections submitted 27/10/2020 Resolved 20/11/5.05**  
No objections to application DC/20/1667/TPO
- vii) **DC/20/1503/TPO – Formal Resolution of Objections & Support of Arborists Report submitted 14/10/2020 Resolved 20/11/5.06**  
Objection agreed to application DC/20/1503/TPO.
- viii) **DC/20/1458/TPO – Formal Resolution of No Comments submitted 09/10/2020 Resolved 20/11/5.07**  
No comments submitted for application DC/20/1458/TPO
- ix) **DC/20/1422/TPO - Formal Resolution of No Comments submitted 10/09/2020 Resolved 20/11/5.08**  
No comments submitted on application DC/20/1422/TPO
- x) **For information):**  
Planning enforcement EN/20/0302 - Fornham House, The Street, The Clerk had reported the issue with the signage at Fornham House to the Enforcement Planning Team on 30 September, they have since



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This Census will be digital first but paper copies and support will be available for those that need it. Security is strict, both in handling your data and in making sure the process is COVID-19 safe. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) which runs the census in England and Wales, is independent from Government. Your details are protected by law and information published is always anonymous. The full record is held in a vault for 100 years before it is made available for genealogists. You will be sent an access code in the post and can fill your return in online as soon as it arrives, in early March. If your household circumstances change on Census Day you can let ONS know. Guidance on completing the survey will be released in due course and you can find more information at **Census 2021**

xi)

replied with the following, after agreeing with the owners of Fornham House;  
**1.** The 2 banners attached to the listed flint wall will be removed immediately  
**2.** The main signage is temporary and will be removed by the end of November, with any subsequent signage which requires Advertisement Consent being applied for.

**DC/20/0496/FUL - 68 lodges with parking, landscaping, waste and recycling areas and construction compound/maintenance area. St Genevieve Lakes, Road from Bury Road to B1106** Holding Objection is still in place and the applicant has until the end of the month to provide the additional information that has been requested.

20/11/6  
i)

#### Highways/Footpaths/Trees:

#### **Flooding (BMW Garage) Barton Hill & Russell Baron Road Update**

Cllr, Hopfensperger advised that the Capital Works had been approved and a date was to be confirmed for the drainage works at Barton Hill (BMW Garage). The works for Russell Baron Road has also been approved and funding has been secured, a date is to be confirmed for works to start.

ii)

#### **30mph Roundel Works – Barton Hill & Traffic Calming Feasibility Update**

The Clerk confirmed the works had been scheduled, but a date for works to start was yet to be confirmed. Cllr. Hopfensperger was asked to push to get a date.

iii)

#### **Discuss possible routes to be put forward for the SCC 5year Cycle Plan**

Cllr. Hopfensperger has sent information regarding the Cycle & Walking Infrastructure 5-year plan. It was agreed that the suggestion be put forward for the plan to include a cycleway from the Roundabout/West Stow (fronts Fornham Park); this is the route previously proposed by the SCC Transport Planner following a site visit with Parish Councillors in February 2019 – See **Appendix 2** attached. The possibility of a second cycleway was also discussed through the High Street. The Clerk is to formally request support from our County Councillor, Cllr. Hopfensperger.

iv)

#### **Discuss Declaring an interest in the Quiet Lanes Scheme**

The Clerk presented a report on the SCC & Quiet Lanes Scheme. There was suggestion for the rural lanes adjacent to Fornham Park and St Genevieve Lakes being put forward as candidates for registration as Quiet Lanes;

- U6235 Mill Road from Hengrave to Culford - circa 3m wide country lane.
- U6236 Hengrave Road from crossroads passing Cedar Lodge residential care home and Culford Equestrian to Culford B1106 crossroad - circa 3m wide country lane
- U6237 Lane passing Timworth Carr adjacent to passing St Genevieve Lakes from Culford crossroad to A134 towards Timworth - circa 3m wide country lane

The Clerk is to Register an interest by 30 November 2020

20/11/7  
i)

**Parish Matters:**

**Play Area Inspections Report / Agree Weekly Inspection Rota**

The Clerk confirmed that the play area could remain open during Lockdown, due to the current Government guidelines.

The inspection report had highlighted that the swing chains were beginning to wear and would need to be monitored. There was also report of rotten wood within the Trim Trail hurdles, but after inspection by Cllr. Collier and Cllr. Forster, no rot could be found. The Clerk was asked to contact the Inspector, Tim McGhee and arrange a site visit to establish the problem. The bark also needs topping up on the Trim Trail sections, it was agreed to look at quotes for Spring 2021.

Cllr. P. Borrett and Cllr. J. Borrett volunteered to do the next period of weekly checks to the play area.

ii)

**Planters in the Village Update**

Thanks were given to David Randall for the wonderful job of planting and maintaining the planters in the village, which always look so beautiful.

20/11/8  
i)

**Correspondence:**

**Sunnica Energy Farm – Statutory Consultation.**

Proposals for Sunnica Energy Farm, a new solar energy farm and battery storage facility connecting to the Burwell National Grid Substation in Cambridgeshire, the Scheme is now located across four sites, these are:

- Sunnica East Site A, near Isleham • Sunnica East Site B, near Freckenham and Worlington • Sunnica West Site A, near Chippenham and Kennett
- Sunnica West Site B, near Snailwell.

We are now holding a statutory consultation between **22 September 2020** and **2 December 2020**.

<https://sunnica.co.uk/public-consultation/>

20/11/9  
i)

**Finance & Policies:**

**Parish Council Bank Reconciliation from List of Payments/Receipts Resolved 20/11/9.01.**

That the bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts be received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman (MC). The bank account balance as of 3 October 2020 is £20,633.44.

ii)

**Cheques for signing and approval and to authorise payment of outstanding invoices**

**Resolved 20/11/9.02**

It was agreed to approve the payments of the following outstanding invoices and the cheques were approved and signed by Cllr. M. Collier and Cllr. P. Forster.

## LOCKDOWN LEMON DRIZZLE TRAY BAKE

225 g (8 oz) butter, softened

225 g (8 oz) caster sugar

275 g (10 oz) self-raising flour

2 tsp baking powder

4 eggs

4 tbsp milk

finely grated zest of 2 lemons

For the crunchy topping:

175 g (6 oz) granulated sugar

juice of 2 lemons

You will need a tray bake or roasting tin, 30 x 23 x 4 cm (12 x 9 x 1½ in).

**Preparation time:**

15 minutes

**Cooking time:**

35–40 minutes

**Cuts into**

**30 squares**

**1.** Cut a rectangle of non-stick baking parchment to fit the tin. Grease the tin and then line with the paper, pushing it neatly into the corners. Preheat the oven to 160°C/ 325°F/Gas Mark 3. Measure all the ingredients for the traybake into a large bowl and beat well for about 2 minutes, until well blended; an electric mixer is best for this but of course you can also beat by hand with a wooden spoon. Turn the mixture into the prepared tin, scraping the sides of the bowl with a plastic spatula to remove all of the mixture. Level the top gently with the back of the spatula.

**2.** Bake in the middle of the oven for 35–40 minutes, until the traybake springs back when pressed lightly with a finger in the centre and is beginning to shrink away from the sides of the tin. Allow to cool in the tin for a few minutes, then lift the cake out of the tin still in the lining paper. Carefully remove the paper and put the cake on to a wire rack placed over a tray (to catch drips of the topping).

**3.** To make the crunchy topping, mix the granulated sugar and lemon juice in a small bowl to give a runny consistency. Spoon this mixture evenly over the tray-bake while it is still just warm. Cut into 30 squares when cold.

**Minutes of the King George's Field Charity Meeting  
held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Charity No: 1084144

**Councillors present:** M. Collier, G. Hubbard, P. Butler, P. Forster, F. Stennett, P. Borrett & J. Borrett.

Item	Meeting opened at 8:38pm
21/01/1	<b><u>Acceptance of Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972, Section 85(1) &amp; (2)):</u></b> Absent: None.
21/01/2	<b><u>Approve the Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020:</u></b> <b><u>Resolved:</u></b> It was agreed to adopt the minutes of the King Georges Field Trustee Meeting, held on 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2020, and they were duly signed as a true statement by the Chair, M Collier.
21/01/3	<b><u>Update on Eco Initiatives Project (Greener Growth):</u></b> All work has now been completed and, although it was noted that the wildflower planting was from seed rather than turf, confidence was expressed in the eventual result.
21/01/4	<b><u>Update on re-Staining the benches in the Playing Field/Play Area:</u></b> Having accepted the quote from Forster Building to treat and re-stain the 4 benches at the last meeting, it was agreed to postpone the work until the spring.
21/01/5	<b><u>King Georges Field Charity Annual Return and Accounts for Year End 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020: Deadline 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021.</u></b>
21/01/6	<b><u>Items for the next Agenda:</u></b> No matters were raised.
	<b>The Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 after the Parish Council Meeting, venue to be confirmed.</b>
	Meeting Closed 8:47pm.

Mrs V Bright	Backdated payrise	002167	£130.56
Mrs V Bright	Mileage & expenses	002168	£107.41
Mrs D Pott	Litter Picker	002169	£216.66
Mr & Mrs P Brooklyn	Bugle Editor	002170	£185.83
First Impressions	Bugle Printing	002171	£517.50
M&TJ's	Grass cutting	002172	£720.00
CHT	Annual support fee	002173	£151.20
Mr M Collier	Remembrance Wreath	002174	£20.00
Mr A Horne	Mole catcher	002175	£25.00
CAS One Suffolk	Annual website fee	002176	£60.00

**Approval of cheques signed between meetings**

**Resolved 20/11/9.03**

Approved cheque payments since the last meeting. Signed by Cllr. M. Collier and Cllr. P. Forster.

Mr P Forster	Bin play area	002162	£80.40
Mr & Mrs P Brooklyn	Bugle Editor	002163	£185.83
SALC	Payroll	002165	£54.00
Mrs D Pott	Litter Picker	002166	£108.33

iii) **To Agree the Clerk's Pay Increase In-line with NJC Pay Scale Increase 2020/21**

**Resolved 20/11/9.03**

It was agreed to increase the Clerks pay in-line with the 2020/21 increase in the NJC pay scales. Increasing the Clerks salary from £12.39 per hour to £12.73 per hour, with effect from 1 April 2020.

iv) **Asset Risk Assessment & Maintenance Assessment Report**

Cllr. Collier reported that the risk assessment had identified that the Highway gates/Village sign on entering the village needed replacing. The Clerk is going to look into reporting this to Highways and approaching Cllr. Hopfensperger for funding from her Locality Fund.

20/11/10 **Councillors Reports and Meetings Attended / Items for Future Agenda's**

**Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 14 January 2021 at 7:30pm, venue to be confirmed.**

Meeting closed at 9:13pm

**Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve**  
**Parish Council**  
**Held via Zoom on Thursday 14 January 2021 at 7:30pm**

**Councillors present:** Cllr. M. Collier, Chair (MC), Cllr. Gary Hubbard, VC (GH), Cllr. Frank Stennett (FS), Cllr. P. Forster (PF), Cllr. P. Borrett (PBo), Cllr. P. Butler (PBU) & Cllr. J. Borrett (JBo).

**Present:** Cllrs. Rebecca Hopfensperger, SCC/WSC, and Sarah Broughton, WSC - both left the meeting at 8pm.

ITEM	
21/01/1	<p><b>Chairman's Welcome &amp; Acceptance of Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972, Section 85(1) &amp; (2)):</b> The Chairman welcomed everyone and outlined the format of the meeting.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> It was noted the Parish Clerk had reported she was too poorly to attend; all present extended their very best wishes for a speedy recovery.</p>
21/01/2	<p><b>Clerk cover procedures, due to long term sickness absence.</b> The possibility of her absence for a long period was discussed and it was agreed the Chair would make contact with SALC to ascertain whether they would provide cover on a temporary basis, should it prove to be necessary. Chair requested ideas from Councillors to reduce the workload we place on the Clerk wherever possible; his telephone number was now replacing the Clerk's for emergency calls. It was agreed that it was a possibility, circumstances permitting, to cancel the scheduled February meeting.</p>
21/01/3	<p><b>Declaration of Members' Interest (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:</b> Cllr. Frank Stennett declared an interest in Item 6.iii., below.</p>
21/01/4	<p><b>Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>PC meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 - LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para 41(2):</b> <b>Resolved 21/01/4.01.</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman (MC).</li> <li><b>Extraordinary Planning Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020:</b> <b>Resolved 21/01/4.02.</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman (MC).</li> </ol>
21/01/5	<p><b>Local Authority Reports:</b></p> <p><b>County &amp; District Councillors</b></p> <p>Cllr. Hopfensperger submitted a detailed report by email to Councillors earlier on the day of the meeting with updates on Parish Matters, for possible inclusion in 'THE BUGLE', and reiterated...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Home but Not Alone scheme is contactable from 9am-5:30pm, Monday to Friday.</li> <li>There is also a Hardship Fund, that are able to give advice &amp; support.</li> <li>Tree Nurseries, at least 10 (100,000 trees), are being planted as Recovery Woodland Areas, to be areas for people suffering with loss, mental health issues etc. to come and reflect and be with nature.</li> </ul> <p>The two Councillors raised the possibility of adding vehicle recognition to the VAS machines we already have, to identify speeding vehicles and prosecution for fines on a 'three strikes' basis; the VAS machines and the vehicle recognition units would be independent of one another. They also informed the meeting that the District Council were issuing many grants to local</p>

*However, after much discussion and comment from Cllrs. and members of the public it was decided to submit OBJECTION to this development mainly due to the infringement on the green open space that effectively protects FAS from coalescing with BSE, and as per the objections submitted by the PC to the earlier proposal on the site. It was agreed by a vote of four 'against' and one 'for', that should the development proceed, in however small a format, the individual character of the area and village would be lost and that is not acceptable.*

*A significant number of residents of the villages, and other 'locals,' have taken the time and trouble to make this point, along with a host of other relevant points.*

*There are a number of persons who have written in support of the proposal and it was of particular note that they are almost all from addresses remote from and thus totally unaffected by the site.*

*Cllr. Hopfensperger commented that if the Application were to be approved there was genuine concern that should the Golf course ultimately prove unviable it would encourage more development of the area also adding further pressure on environmental matters. She also noted there was effectively little change from the earlier Application and nothing to mitigate on this.*

*A member of the public underlined that this green space has become even more important and significant following the construction of Marham Park.*

- iv. DC/20/1929/HH - First floor side extension – Location: 4 Turnberry Drive, Fornham St Martin.

*After a short discussion it was agreed to submit No objections.*

- v. DC/20/1763/HH – Re-Consultation – Amended Single storey front extension Location: 14 Manners Road, Fornham St Martin.

*The Applicant made representations on their proposal which had been revised from an extension to a bay window and they showed a photograph to the meeting of an almost identical addition to another property elsewhere. It was agreed to submit No Objections.*

- vi. Discuss & Agree the Draft Comments in response to the WSC Local Plan Issues & Options.

*A short discussion also involving Cllr. Hopfensperger, who raised many valuable comments on the Local Plan, was curtailed due to a lack of time and it was decided the item should be postponed for further discussion between Cllrs. later this week. Chair noted the Parish Clerk had already drafted a response and discussion would centre around that.*

*(NB. Cllr. Collier subsequently conducted telephone discussions over the ensuing days to agree and finalise the PC's response.)*

4. Items for future agendas.

*No other items were raised.*

## Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council

### Minutes of the Extraordinary Planning Meeting held via video conferencing commencing 7.30pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Councillors Present:** Cllr. Mike Collier Chair, Cllr. Gary Hubbard, Cllr. Paul Butler, Cllr. Frank Stennett, Cllr. Penny Borrett, Cllr. Peter Forster, & Cllr. John Borrett;

County and District Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger joined the meeting at 8.00pm.

Six members of the public were present. Cllr. Collier outlined the procedure for the meeting and advised that two particular members of the public were in attendance to speak in support of items, at the appropriate time, and that they were happy to answer any questions raised.

#### 1. Apologies for absence.

*It was noted the Parish Clerk was too poorly to attend the meeting.*

#### 2. Declarations of members' interest.

*Cllr. Frank Stennett noted his interest regarding item 3.i.*

#### 3. Planning Matters.

- i. DC/20/1907/FUL - One cabin - Location: Ducksluice Farm, Fornham Park, Fornham St Genevieve.

*Concerns were raised regarding the removal of a tree and the encroachment on the root system of another tree and the paucity of the information provided in regard to drainage and other matters, including the Application Form which seems to have missing information as published. It was agreed to request further and fuller information before the PC could reasonably make a decision.*

- ii. DC/20/1919/FUL - First floor extension with external terrace and hipped roof – Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve.

*A representative from the Applicant presented the proposal as a natural progression of the development of the hotel and it was decided to approve the Application as such and comment was made that it would in fact improve the look of the façade.*

- iii. DC/20/1912/FUL - Change of use of part of golf course to 22 caravan lodge holiday homes with construction of a new access road, parking spaces and associated infrastructure – Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve.

*The representative of the Applicant asked the meeting to note that the current proposal was intended to address a lot of the concerns that residents had raised over previous Applications. Chair congratulated the Hotel on improvements that they had made to the premises and Golf Course to date and noted that, along with the extension discussed at item ii. above, he had been made aware of further developments to come over the next few years. Comment was also made of the generally high quality of the works done to date.*

companies and were encouraging Council staff and members of the public to work from home and online wherever possible. They also outlined the arrangement and workings of a Planning Delegation panel, in relation to Planning item 6.iv., below.

21/01/6

i)

#### **Planning Applications:**

**A formal Resolution** to adopt the Parish Council response to the West Suffolk Local Plan (Regulation 18) Issues and Options was agreed and would be published in 'THE BUGLE'.

ii)

**Planning Application DC/20/0496/FUL - 68 lodges with parking, landscaping, waste and recycling areas and construction compound/maintenance area, St Genevieve Lakes.**

No further details or amendments have been submitted and the Application is 'on hold'.

iii)

**Planning Application DC/20/1907/FUL - One cabin: Ducksluice Farm, Fornham St Genevieve.**

Further information was received and forwarded by the Local Authority Planning Department but a number of queries remain. The principal of which is that there is strong doubt as to the proposed use of the building as to whether it is just a 'cabin' for private use or, as it appears to be, a straightforward new dwelling. It was agreed to object, mainly on this basis.

iv)

**Additional item - Update on Planning application DC/20/1912/FUL - Change of use of part of golf course for the siting of 22 caravan lodge holiday homes.**

Councillor Hopfensperger informed the meeting that, as reported to her, the Application was recommended for refusal by a Delegation Panel and the Planning Committee was to accept that recommendation.

21/01/7

i)

#### **Highways/Footpaths/Trees:**

**Flooding (BMW Garage) Barton Hill & Russell Baron Road Update**

Cllr. Hopfensperger advised that the Capital Works had been approved and the drainage works at Barton Hill (near the BMW Garage) were to be undertaken in this financial year. The works for Russell Baron Road has also been approved and funding has been secured, a date is, still, to be confirmed for works to start.

ii)

**30mph Roundel Works to Barton Hill, & Traffic Calming Feasibility Update.**

The Clerk confirmed the works had been scheduled, but a date for works to start was yet to be confirmed; Cllr. Hopfensperger agreed to push to get a date particularly when the Parish Council had paid for the work some months ago.

It was agreed that investigation and any resulting work discovered necessary in regard to 'traffic calming' is to be left 'on the backburner'.

iii)

**Repair/replacement of damaged village sign.**

Cllr. Hopfensperger confirmed the gated sign is the responsibility of the County Council Highways department and the Chair will follow this up.

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i)

#### **Parish Matters:**

**Play Area Inspections Report / Agree Weekly Inspection Rota**

The play area will remain open during current Government guidelines. Cllrs. P. & J. Borrett (PBo & JBo) would continue weekly inspections.

- ii) The inspection report had highlighted that the swing chains were beginning to wear and would need to be monitored. The report of rotten wood within the Trim Trail hurdles was investigated and found to be very minor and of little/no risk. The bark also needs topping up and it was agreed to look at quotes for the Spring.

21/01/9 **Correspondence:**  
Nothing received.

21/01/10 **Finance & Policies:**

- i) **Parish Council Bank Reconciliation from List of Payments/Receipts**  
**Resolved 21/01/10.01.**

The bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts are to be received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman.

- ii) **Cheques for signing and approval and to authorise payment of outstanding invoices**  
**Resolved 21/01/10.02**

It was agreed to approve payments of outstanding invoices and cheques approved and signed by Cllr. M. Collier (MC) and Cllr. P. Forster (PF).

- iii) **2019/2020 External Auditor report.**  
**Resolved 21/01/10.03**

It was agreed to adopt the external Auditor report.

- iv) **Projected Budget 2021/22**  
**Resolved 21/01/10.04**

It was agreed to adopt the Projected Budget figures presented for financial year 2021/22.

- v) **Precept for 2021/22**  
**Resolved 21/01/10.05**

After much discussion It was agreed to opt for a slight increase on the precept of £3.86 per household per annum and to give an explanation in 'THE BUGLE' of the reasoning behind making an increase in such challenging times - as low as it is. The Villages reserves are relatively low and it is important at any time to hold sufficient funds for 'rainy days'. The next few years may bring more challenges what with the impending proposed changes from 'Infill Villages' classification to 'A' grading for example. The meeting considered it important to have a fighting fund to hand.

21/01/11 **Councillors Reports and Meetings Attended / Items for Future Agenda's**

**Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7:30pm to be confirmed.**

Meeting closed at 8:37pm  
Chair, FSMSGPC

## SELF ISOLATING due to Corona Virus

The Fornham's, Ingham, Culford & Hengrave has a **COMMUNITY PHONE** you can ring or text if you need help with:

- Picking basic groceries up
- Collecting medicines (please ensure prescriptions are ordered in advance)
- Posting mail
- Or just a friendly chat!

**Stacy at Stennett's Tel: 07824370892**

We have enough volunteers that it will never be too much to ask – please use this service when you need it. If the phone goes to voicemail, please leave a message and someone will get back to you ASAP.

The Parish Council would like to offer THANKS to Stacy and the Stennett's and all the volunteers involved.

**Home, but not Alone Scheme (Collaborative Communities Board)**



<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-news/show/home-but-not-alone>

West Suffolk Council Coronavirus Advice:

<https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus/index.cfm?aud=resident>

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<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>