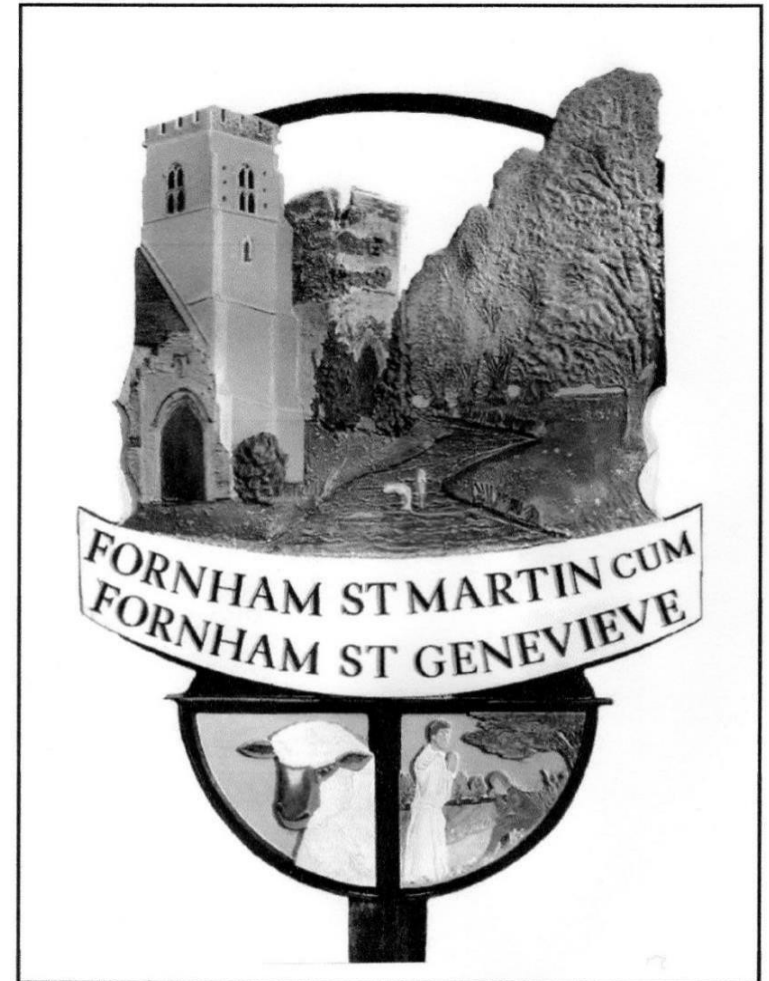


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SUMMARY DRAFT APRIL 2023 Minutes of the Meeting of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council

Councillors present: Cllr. J. Borrett (Chair), Cllr. M. Collier (Vice Chair), Cllr. P. Borrett, Cllr. S. Eley & Cllr. P. Forster.

Also present: Vicky Bright, Clerk. Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger WSC/SCC.

Public Forum:

2 members of public.

David Randall was present and raised the subject of moving the planter at Barton Hill, as discussed and agreed at the October 2022 Parish Council meeting, it was agreed that this would be carried out by David Randall and Cllr. Borrett (JBo) after the polyanthus plants are removed and before re-planting. David Randall is to source and purchase the weed killer ready for the next spray.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting:

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 9th March 2023 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the chairman (JBo).

Planning (For consideration):

DC/23/0424/HH - a. dropped kerb b. removal of boundary wall and fence c. hard standing to form driveway.

Location: Trisco, The Street, Fornham St Martin Resolved 23/04/5.01

No objections to application DC/23/0424/HH.

DC/23/0290/VAR - variation of condition 2 (approved plans)

of DC/22/0483/FUL to enable use of amended plans to include Infill of lower ground floor level link between new and existing bedroom wings. Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve

Resolved 23/04/5.02

No objections to application DC/23/0290/VAR.

DC/23/0494/FUL - one commercial building for storage of equipment. Location: Hollow Road Farm, Steve Lumley Planning Ltd, Hollow Road, Fornham St Martin

Resolved 23/04/5.03

No objections to application DC/23/0494/FUL.

DC/23/0346/HH - a. two storey rear extension to house b. first floor garage extension and link to main house c. four dormer windows and six replacement dormer windows d. bifold doors to replace windows. Location: Tollbridge House, Thetford Road, Fornham St Martin

Resolved 23/04/5.04

No objections to application DC/23/0346/HH.

(For Information Only):

DC/22/1378/FUL - Re-Consultation outdoor gymnasium including open sided exercise shelter, moveable exercise equipment and equipment storage container. Location: All

Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve = DCC 5th April 2023

The application went to DCC and was refused. Cllr. Hopfensperger attended the DCC panel meeting and represented the village and raised concerns over; the application being retrospective and whether proper building regulations had been adhered to, the removal of trees and the ongoing enforcement and lack of action taken by the LPA regarding this and the noise impact upon neighbouring residents. As a result, the DCC panel asked Rachel Almond to explain why no action had been taken regarding the trees removal, they stressed that this was unacceptable practice and put pressure on the enforcement team to rectify and properly address the issue. Cllr. Hopfensperger has approached Planning Enforcement and requested a STOP Notice be issued to ensure the gym is not open or being used during the 6 months appeal period.

AP/23/0020/STAND - Planning application - a. reconfiguration of second floor roof to existing bedroom wing b. four storey linked extension creating 37 bedrooms and three residential dwellings on the second floor (DC/21/1426/FUL). Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve – Pending Decision!

DC/23/0051/FUL - construction of two outdoor tennis courts. Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve – Pending Decision!

DC/22/1294/FUL- animal feed mill and associated development including ancillary offices, silos, warehouse, improved access route and parking. Location: Land of Compiègne Way, Bury St Edmunds (British Sugar) – Pending Decision, the Officer updated Cllr. Hopfensperger that he is still awaiting the Environmental Impact Assessment and when received the application will be re-consulted on.

DC/22/1887/FUL - create access into All Saints Golf and



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Country Club. Location: Land off the Street, Fornham All Saints – Pending Decision!

DC/20/0496/FUL - 68 lodges with parking, landscaping, waste and recycling areas and construction compound/ maintenance area. Location: St Genevieve Lakes, Road from Bury Road to B1106, Timworth – Pending Decision!

AP/22/0048/STAND – DC/21/2166/VAR Variation of condition nine of DC/16/2792/FUL to enable the site covering phase two to be occupied for holiday accommodation without a restriction on the length of stay for the change of use of park land to land for siting of 26 additional holiday lodges with access from B1106 - extension to previously approved application SE/05/02293; construction of access road, parking spaces and hardstanding bases and associated landscape planting and infrastructure. Location: The Dream Lodge Group, Fornham Park, Fornham St Genevieve – Refused 13th March 2023.

AP/22/0049/STAND – DC/21/2164/VAR- variation of condition five of DC/15/0662/VAR to enable the site covering phase one to be occupied for holiday accommodation without a restriction on the length of stay for a. change of use of land to nine hole pay and play golf course with changing room facilities and associated landscaping b. 26 timber lodges, manager's lodge and associated landscaping. Location: The Dream Lodge Group, Fornham Park, Fornham St Genevieve – Refused 13th March 2023.

Update Enforcement EN/21/0057 St Johns Plantation Trees

See item DC/22/1378/FUL above for update.

Highways/Footpaths & Trees:

Update on Outstanding Highways Issues Cllr.

Hopfensperger advised that;

- Russell Baron Road – An order has been made for Flowline to come out and cut the roots, awaiting date.
- Old Thetford Road PROW – This is scheduled to be cut this winter, awaiting date.
- The Cul-de-Sac sign at Russell Baron Road has now been replaced and the two street name signs are due to be replaced within the next two weeks.
- The Give Way signs at the roundabout have been cleaned.

The Clerk reported that the damaged bench at the lay-by opposite Parklands Green has now been repaired. The bench at Barton Hill that needs maintenance is scheduled to be carried out by WSC soon.

Update on Street Furniture Licence Application and Highways Gates

The Clerk confirmed the licence has now been approved.

Resolved 23/04/6.01

It was agreed to accept the quote from JACS UK Ltd, for the 1.5m gate in white Oxford style with the 2 gothic finials, including 2 reflective signs for FSM Drive Carefully and FSG Drive Carefully at a cost of £1,487.11.

VAS/SID - Update on Police Enforcement The Street & Barton Hill & Application for an extra post on Barton Hill

The Speed & Safety Team at SCC Highways have proposed

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1st Thurs	10:00am to 4:00pm	Patchwork
2nd Tues	10:00am to 4:00pm	Textiles
3rd Mon	10:00am to 12 noon	Probus Ladies
3rd Wed	7:30pm to 9:30 pm	Ladies Club 3rd
Thurs	10:00am to 4:00pm	Patchwork
3rd Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
4th Wed	10:00am to 4:00 pm	Quilters
4th Fri	10:00am to 4:00pm	Textile

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a location for an extra post on Barton Hill to monitor traffic going up the hill, opposite No. 15 on the current 30mph repeater sign, they have suggested installing a taller post and siting the VAS there.

Resolved 23/04/6.02

The new VAS post location was agreed and the cost to install the post at £275 was agreed.

Parish Matters.

Playing Field Barrier Installation Update

The barrier has now been installed. The LPA Planning Enforcement Team have confirmed that no breach of planning law/control had been made, as the installation (Development by Local Authorities) of the Town and Country Planning GPDO.

It was discussed and agreed that the church could continue to use the field for overflow car parking, but if the field is left unmanned then the barrier must not be raised and must be kept locked.

Quotes for replacement glass pane for Bus Shelter at Barton Hill

Resolved 23/04/7.01

A quote to replace the second broken pane of glass on the bus shelter was agreed at a cost of £344.64 Inc. VAT. from Moreton Hall Glass.

Finance & Policies:

Parish Council Bank Reconciliation from list of payments/ receipts

Resolved 23/04/9.01

The bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts were received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman. The bank account balance as of the 1st March 2023 is £20,387.42.

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

Resolved 23/04/9.02

It was agreed to approve payments of outstanding invoices as below and cheques were signed by Cllr. M. Collier & Cllr. P. Forster.

Mrs V Bright	Mileage, expenses & overtime	£101.93
SALC	Membership 23/24	£463.16
Meral Ahmed	Bugle Compiler Invoice 002	£227.59
First Impressions	Bugle printing	£434.71
Mrs D Pott	Litter Picker Invoice 0003/23	£132.12
M&TJ's	Hege cutting	£225.00
Mr D Randall	Village planting	£53.95
Moreton Hall Glass Ltd	Bus shelter glass	£301.20
M F Everitt Engineering Ltd	Playing Field barrier	£2,342.66
SCC	Highways Licensing Street Furniture	£150.00
Mr P Forster	Bugle distribution expenses	£20.70

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The Wedding

“So Mr Fred was there any inclinations that Miss Polly was distressed in any way prior to the INCIDENT?” Asked Sophia looking intently at Mr Fred. I was sure he was her number one suspect.

“No. She was happy and excited when I saw her last night after the bachelorette. I hadn’t seen her today.” Mr Fred said avoiding Sophia’s eyes.

“Okay. Who was at her bachelorette? What were they doing?” Sophia asked to test him, I’d been there and filled her in accordingly.

“How is that relevant?! Ask one of the bridesmaids! For God’s Sake leave me alone! My fiance is dead!” Exploded Mr Fred.

“If you insist. Come Alice.” Sophia said sweetly to Mr Fred calling me after her.

“Poor man!” I exclaimed when we were out of earshot.

“Pfft. He’s our number one suspect.” Sophia sighed shaking her head at me.

“Oh my god who would have wanted to kill Polly. She was the sweetest soul.” The reality had hit me slowly, hanging around Sophia was going to make me cold-hearted too.

“Oh look at this. The officer on guard duty of the body has wandered off. Let’s go have a look shall we.”
 Sophia said slipping under the police tape.
 Taking a deep breath I followed her cautiously.

“Look Alice a note! ‘Miss me or miss me not?’ a riddle? A clue? A farewell? I wonder what could it be?” Sophia mused evidently excited “Thank you Alice for making me come to the wedding. Why I love this!”

“Sophia! She’s dead! Don’t be so disrespectful. Give that note here.” I said only half-heartedly scolding her.
 “Sophia that’s Mr Fred’s handwriting. Why I’m sure it is! I saw it on his notepad.”

“My Alice you are a genius!” Sophia exclaimed.

“Let’s go confront him!” I said anxious to have this over with.

“Not yet Alice. Not yet. We need a motive and a weapon. Look here her neck is all swollen- but from the inside. Her lips are green. Why she was poisoned!”
 Sophia said the fire of the case leading her forward.

“Right we only need a motive. Money- no they weren’t married yet. Revenge- But what? Love- of course. He cheated she found out.....”
 But then Sophia was cut up by a crash.

“Now what do we have here!” Mr Fred said pointing a gun at our heads.

Nicholsons who works in Bridport, Dorset, for tuning and refurbishment, whilst the old oak bellframe is removed and replaced with a new stronger steel one. A promotional event is planned on 15 July with a new publicity leaflet covering the project and sponsorship opportunities.

The 100 Club winners in June are: 1st £30 Stuart Scarfe no.68 ; 2nd £20 Margaret Woolmore no.75 ; 3rd £10 Catherine Buxton no.47

And in July will be: 1st £30 Wendy Flack no.26; 2nd £20 Alan Groves no.42 3rd £10 Richard Catton no.66

Thanks again to everyone in the 100 Club supporting the church in this way.

In June the 10am services are on Sunday’s 11th and 25th and Tuesdays 6th and 20th.

And in July on Sundays 9th and 23rd, and Tuesdays 4th and 18th, all as on the notice boards.

All welcome: young, not so young, male, female etc.

The next Book Sale Coffee and Cakes is now on Saturday 17 June, 10am - 3pm, with lots of books and tasty refreshments, a bit later than originally planned, due to staff shortages.!

We are very pleased to welcome Margaret Woolmore to join our Flower Ladies.

Sole Surviving Churchwarden , at present, David Yates 705157

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At our Annual PCC (Parochial Church Council) Meeting on 17 May, elections were held for the coming 12 months, with David Yates being re-elected as Churchwarden, and Sylvia Hilton, Heather Long, Matt Killick, Sarah Coledge and Joan Webb elected as PCC Members. David Yates was then appointed as Treasurer, and Anna-Marie Scarfe as Secretary.

We are very pleased to have Martin Richmond from Westley as our new gardener, to cut and trim the grass in the churchyard, so important to be kept neat and tidy, especially for visitors who may be tending graves. We are grateful to those who donate regularly towards its upkeep, as well as the Parish Council for their recent annual grant.

Neal Dodge from Culford, Public Relations Officer of the Suffolk Guild of Bell Ringers, is assisting the Bells Project with arrangements with Nicholson Bellhangers, and grant applications, with his invaluable experience with similar projects in other churches. He is suggesting a sponsorship scheme where parts of the bells and their fittings can be sponsored in a donor's name. Such as £5000 for a bell with the donors inscribed plaque, £1000 for a wheel with donors inscribed plaque that the bell swings from, to £500 - £50 for clappers, bell rope, and pulley box to a stay. Further details available in the church. Funds raised, with grants, are on target to be able to have the existing 6 bells taken down in October, and taken to

“But before we could react, the police officer came from behind him and put a gun to him. Sophia explained the situation to the police officer: who happened to be Mariah a good associate of ours. She thanked us cuffed Mr Fred and hastened him away.

Fornham House

We would be interested in hosting any event, activity or talk at the house especially regarding nature and wildlife. You don't need to be an expert but enthusiasm to share your interest with the residents would be welcome.

The residents would love to be more involved in the village and feel it would be easiest if someone could come to them as it is difficult for them to go out much.

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CHURCH NEWS

The highlight of May was of course the coronation of King Charles III on 6th May.

What a glorious occasion, for him especially after having waited for so long, and now with the support of all his family. It lifted the spirits of the nation, with all the magnificence, pomp, coach, horses and military procession to musical accompaniment by the massed bands.

The crowds who came to see it all certainly appreciated it as the monarchy moves in to its next stage in the nation's life.

There were, and will be, some street parties in FSM, with many of us comparing notes over the TV presentation, and those that can remember Queen Elizabeth's coronation in 1953, often commenting about lots of people in their streets gathered around the single TV to watch it, in black and white. We held a prayer vigil in the church the previous evening.

Our Quiz 'n Chips (with fish), on Friday 21st April, in church, was a very enjoyable evening, thanks to Freddie Chenery as our new Quiz Master, setting a wide range of interesting questions to get us all thinking hard. Thanks to everyone who supported this, and especially Heather Long for organising it, with Peyton Plaice providing the fish and chips. £235 was raised for the Bells Project.

The annual Christian Aid Week has just started, 14 – 20th May, the biggest fund raiser of the year for them, as the official relief agency representing 41 sponsoring churches in Britain and Ireland, and as the envelope returns are starting to arrive in at the time of writing.

FORNHAM ST MARTIN LADIES' CLUB

By Janet Petch

Our meeting for May took place in the afternoon at 2pm on Wednesday 17th May 2023, instead of the usual time of 7.30pm.

Apologies were received from S. Hardy, V. Axford and W. Potts.

It was an afternoon tea in celebration of the Coronation. The hall was decorated with bunting and flowers, carried out by Heather Long and the Committee. The sandwiches, scones and cakes were provided again by the Committee. Some members were wearing red, white and blue in support of the occasion. It was a most enjoyable afternoon with much chat going on.

A quiz took place, the main questions concerning Coronations and there was much hilarity at various answers being given.

Heather and the Committee were warmly thanked for the work they had put in, in organising the afternoon. A toast to the King was made at the end of the meal.

Future events: A trip to Fuller's Mill has been arranged for the 21st June 2023.

A summer supper plus a quiz on the 19th July 2023 and a day visit to Cromer on the 1st August 2023 including attending the End of the Pier Show.

New members are very welcome. Please contact 01284 767372 or 01284 766098 for further information.

FORNHAM ST MARTIN LADIES'S CLUB

By Janet Petch

The Ladies' Club met on Wednesday 19th April 2023 at the Village Hall. Apologies were received from S. Hardy, S. Hilton, M. Hockett and S. Bell.

Details for the upcoming trips to the Cambridge Arts Theatre in April and to Fullers Mill in June were announced.

The next meeting on 17th May will be in the afternoon, when we will be celebrating the Coronation with an afternoon tea from 2pm. The ladies were asked that, if they wished, they could wear red, white and blue.

The guest speaker on the night was Freddie Chenery, who spoke to us about his experience of running the London Marathon back in 1983, 40 years ago.

Freddie gave us an insight of how the marathon evolved when back in 490 AD a Greek messenger named Pheidippides ran the 25 miles from the battlefields of Marathon to Athens to announce to the assembly that the Persians had been defeated in the battle. After making his announcement, he collapsed and died.

Freddie then spoke about the birth of the modern day Olympics in 1896 and then onto the 1908 London Olympics and how in that year the marathon distance

increased from 25 miles to the 26 miles and 385 yards still used today.

He then spoke of his own reasons for wanting to compete in the 1983 London Marathon, his training routine and the gradual build up to the big day.

Freddie also spoke of other competitive runs before the big day, such as a 10 mile run and two half- marathons, including a half-marathon in which he raised enough money to fully fund a Christmas party for the Stowmarket Gateway Club. He also brought with him a selection of souvenirs from 1983, including his medal, certificate and foil blanket (which was still neatly folded) His fondest memory of the day was running for half a mile alongside Kenny Lynch.

We all shared his enthusiasm of his experience and everyone enjoyed his talk.

New members are very welcome. For more information please contact

01284 766098 or 0128476737

Relaunch- Saturday 15th July

Come enjoy afternoon tea and hear about the latest on the exciting project to restore our church bells, their history, and how you can help to ensure they can ring out over our village once more.

**At Fornham St Martin Church,
Presentation given at 10am and 2:30pm with
refreshments served all day**

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**FORNHAM ST MARTIN CUM ST GENEVIEVE PARISH
COUNCIL**

S.137 DONATIONS FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Parish Council has a pot of funds that allows them to give donations to Community Groups and Organisations, to assist them with their running costs etc. We will be considering donations at our Annual Meeting in May.

Due to the Pandemic, we realise that many groups have been unable to meet for some time, therefore if your group is now in a position to meet again and you need assistance with any running costs associated with this, please contact the Clerk;
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**Annual Parish Meeting of Fornham St
Martin cum St Genevieve
Held in the Village Hall, at 7pm on
THURSDAY 11th MAY 2023**

Minutes

Present Parish Council: Cllr. J. Borrett, Cllr. P. Borrett, Cllr. M. Collier, Cllr. P. Butler & Clerk, Vicky Bright.

Also Present: Rebecca Hopfensperger – WSC/SCC. Sarah Broughton – WSC. David Yates & Revd. Dr. Andrew Miller – St Martin's Church.

3 Members of Public were in attendance.

1. Cllr. John Borrett is to preside as Chair of the meeting.
2. **Approve the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 26th May 2022**

Resolved APM23/05/2.01

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26th May 2022 were adopted as a true statement and signed by Cllr.

John Borrett.

ANNUAL REPORTS

3. **Report from the Parish Council Chairman (Cllr. John Borrett)**

This Annual Parish Assembly is for parish residents and is not for the parish council, the annual parish council meeting follows this Assembly. We start with a report from the current Parish Council Chairman.

The Parish Council has had a fairly busy year with a number of matters to deal with again and I offer personal thanks to my fellow councillors for their valued contributions and well considered opinions on all PC business undertaken, and for their help and support.

We are losing three Councillors for the coming year as Simon Eley, Frank Stennett and Peter Forster are all standing down, for different reasons. Whereas Frank and Simon have been on the PC for a relatively short while, Peter has been a Councillor for some 20 years, somehow it seems much longer, and his contributions to the PC are too numerous to mention; he will be sadly missed.

I would like to say many thanks to our Clerk, Vicky Bright, for all her hard work and dedication throughout the year, we do rely on her for helpful and knowledgeable advice, delivered with her confident enthusiasm, that's code for 'necessary bullying'.

I am pleased to be able to congratulate our two district councillors, Sarah Broughton and Rebecca Hopfensperger on their re-election. We are grateful to them both for their help through the past year – particularly Rebecca for her welcome advice and support and for her assistance in finally getting drainage works done to reduce flooding in Thetford Road, for example, and many other things she has helped us with.

As Trustees the PC has responsibility for the King George's Playing Field, and this year we have renewed 40 cubic metres of play-grade chippings to the relevant exercise areas. When I say we did this, I literally mean that Parish Councillors, and David Randall, of course, physically carried out exhausting work. We know further work is needed in the children's area, Trim Trail and playing field generally and we will be looking to do some of that this year. Following the arrival of 'travellers', who occupied the field for a few days in July 2022, the Parish Council have installed a further metal gate and an overhead barrier to hopefully ensure we don't have a repeat of the mayhem caused. Most of the fruit trees seem to be doing well, despite some damage, I think mainly caused by miss-kicked footballs, but some vandalism too.

The PC has purchased a further VAS machine, with more generous financial assistance from both district councillors. We are now able to

have all three machines installed in separate fixed locations in the

breeding jackdaws leave their rook chums and look for a nesting hole, maybe in your chimney! Jackdaws do you a favour by probing your lawn for the leather-jackets and cockchafer grubs that chomp away at your grass's roots. Intelligent, resourceful birds with an amusing jaunty walk, they are well worth watching.

We have several pairs of magpies in FSM. These birds are the traditional one for sorrow, two for joy fortune-tellers or baddies in folklore but modern research says otherwise. Magpies collect all sort of suitable things to weave their impressive nests so perhaps that once included a gold chain - but there's no evidence to say they actively seek out shiny things. Though it's received wisdom that they kill songbirds, according to the RSPB 'research indicates that magpies do not pose a conservation problem to garden birds.' In fact studies show that these intelligent birds are happy to have neighbouring garden birds nesting nearby, perhaps because the greater number of birds 'nests, the more eyes and voices to raise the alarm when danger threatens. Magpies nesting in our hornbeam last year did not stop several other species raising young in and around the same tree. There's one old magpie belief I still follow, though; I confess I give Mr Magpie a courteous greeting, as demanded by my grandad, for the sake of good luck.

Finally if you have trees nearby you may be lucky enough to see the colourful, acorn-planting jay. Despite their loud, raucous call, jays are shy, solitary birds, They're pinky-brown, trimmed with black and white and sport an electric blue patch on the wing. These vivid blue jewels can often be found on the ground after moulting so if you come across one it's something to take back to your own nest to treasure.

No space to talk about bird feeding. Maybe next time...

Alan

Stone the Crows?

Well, I hope you don't! The corvids (the crow family) include some of the most intelligent and characterful birds in the world and the village is lucky to have all but two of the British members.

Around sunrise you'll see the sociable rooks and their smaller flock-buddies, the jackdaws, leaving their roosts and heading out to work the fields. They have a definite preference for pig farms, as I once discovered by following them on my bike. They tend to take the same route every day following human roads up the Street and along the B1106. Whoever coined "as the crow flies" should have said: 'as the rook flies'. They evidently didn't know their corvids. It wasn't a crow because carrion crows rarely fly in straight lines. So how do you tell these similar-sized birds apart? The rook's beak is grey with bare grey skin underneath the eyes, whereas the carrion crow is all black with a big shiny aerodynamic bill (all-black here but further north there's a closely related pinky-grey and black bodied version, known as the hooded crow or 'hoodie'). Also, rooks have ragged 'trousers' whilst crows go for the bare-legged look. In flight, if there are lots together, then they are rooks, because it's rare to see more than two or three crows together. Rooks return to the rookery with their jackdaw escort just before sunset via the same flight lines over the village, chatting about their day as they fly - an impressive sound and sight experience.

Smaller than rooks and crows but bigger than blackbirds are the neat-looking jackdaws. They have a beautiful grey hood on the back of the head, with a pale beady eye and a shorter beak. During the summer many

village, meaning they won't have to be relocated periodically. Without doubt they definitely help reduce traffic speeds. Matthew Kemsley has taken over the charging and care of the three VAS machines from Mike Collier and Peter Forster. Matthew is also our village Historian and we offer our thanks to him for volunteering to take all this on. We are hoping to have a further post installed on the North side of Barton Hill, a little way up from Thetford Road, with the intention of moving one of the VAS machines there occasionally and hopefully purchasing another if funds allow.

We have a new compiler for the Bugle who is starting to try and improve and expand it and we are grateful to Meral Ahmed for all her hard work so far. We also express our gratitude to Peter Forster, who continues to collect and sort the Bugle's ready for distribution, and the team of volunteers who deliver them to all the homes in the village; Barbara & Anna Scarfe, Hanna Currey, Mike Clark, Francis Harpley, Mrs. Collard, Mike Collier, J Fulcher, Dawn Butler, T. Rockett and Colin Hilder.

We have successful clubs and societies based in the villages and we owe a debt of gratitude to all volunteers who contribute their time.

The village hall has again been well managed and maintained with the smart new windows and blinds helping to make the old place much cosier; our thanks go to those on the management committee for their efforts.

Also, I would like to offer gratitude to the residents who take the time and make an effort to get involved in matters by writing letters of objection or support for various planning applications or TPO abuses or who attend PC meetings or planning meetings or appeals, to have their voices heard. The old adage of 'if you don't ask you don't get'...it is important that as Parish Councillors we get to see and hear those voices to help guide us in our deliberations.

Looking forward to the coming year...no doubt there will be more controversial planning applications and TPO problems to deal with, and we look forward to seeing new village gateway signs installed and, who knows, miracles happen, more attention will be given to flowing and footpath widths and we may even get a pothole filled in, temporarily of course.

Since our last APM we have had the Queens Jubilee, celebrated by the PC with a new picnic table in King Georges field, and of course her sad passing and the Coronation of a new King – long may he reign.

4. Report from County and District Councillor, (Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger)

Suffolk County Council

***See attached Annual Town & Parish Report 2023**

(Appendix 1)

West Suffolk Council

I think we can safely say that this past year has been fairly busy with planning applications dominating our time and agendas. Whilst we were successful in preventing lodges being placed at the All-Saints golf club, unfortunately the applicant was successful in getting the planning authorities recommendation overturned by the planning inspectorate. This was indeed disappointing and now we must ensure that there are adequate conditions in place to protect the community and lessen the effects of the placement on the lodges on the area.

Retrospective planning application – Outside Gym

Again, we were hugely disappointed that an outside gym was built and the adverse impact this had on the environment and neighbouring community. We were successful in getting the retrospective planning application refused in April and are now taking advice on any stop notices to prevent the activities continuing to adversely impact neighbours, plus where we stand with regards to enforcement.

Highways

The drainage work at the bottom of Barton Hill appears to have been successful and I am pleased that this work has been.

Drain – Russell Baron Road

An order has been put in to cut the roots and we are waiting for the contractors to programme the work.

ROW Signs

I've chased ROW for replacement signs and am awaiting dates for their replacement.

Speeding

I know there are still some concerns over this, I do feel that the additional VASs are having an impact. But what we need to know do is look at the data from the signs to look how we can use this data to gauge how effective they are with a possibility to use the data as evidence to have further improvements made.



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THE PARISH COUNCIL NOW MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

(EXCEPT AUGUST AND
DECEMBER OF COURSE).



Licence – New Entry Gates

I know the parish council has applied for a street furniture licence this will assist in getting replacement gates along the street and will assist in the placement of new gates, new measures to assist with speed mitigation.

Manner's Road Resurfacing

I've managed to get Manners Road onto the re-surfacing programme but it is still not a priority so I will let you know when I have a date. In the interim I've ensured it's on a regular inspection programme to enable work to be carried out when the deterioration of the road surface meets the intervention criteria.

Potholes

I know this is the bane of everyone's lives including myself and the state of the roads is not acceptable. We now have the perfect opportunity with the change in the highways contract to look at how we can better deal with the potholes by firstly doing a better first-time fix and also doing all potholes in one area irrespective of whether they meet the intervention criteria.

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We need to continue to report them and I can continue to escalate. The reason temporary repairs are completed is because of the road management needed for permanent repairs may take longer to organise and also depends on how much material the truck can carry.

We have had a particular hard winter for the road with lots of salting that has affected the roads, to put the number of defects (potholes) into context there are around 1,800 in the system with 125 being added on a daily basis. The government recognised that potholes are a national issue which is why SCC got nearly £5million for pothole repairs, this is why first-time fixes are important to ensure that the money is spent in the most efficient way.

Benches

I had an update of the bench on Russell Baron Road to say that the budget has been agreed and I should get an update tomorrow on the date for work to be done.

Report from District Councillor, (Cllr. Sarah Broughton)

West Suffolk Council

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5. Report from St Martin's Church (David Yates)

We are pleased to say normal services resumed during 2022, after all the Covid Pandemic restrictions, with the fortnightly Sunday services, alternating with Tuesday services. Also, the Thursday Services at Fornham House have resumed on the first Thursday of the month, as they are popular and appreciated by the residents, their families and staff, especially the carol service last November when it was packed.

Two wedding services were held, always a joyous occasion, as well as 2 baptisms and 4 funerals. All these combined services were attended by 1308 people, including 56 children, an increase of 413, 46%, over the previous year 2021, which is very pleasing.

We were pleased to see the Parish Council at the Remembrance Service, held outside at the War Memorial, and hope this will encourage others to come to this important service in the nation's heritage, and remember the 15 fallen from FSM in the Great War of 1914-1918. The two ceramic poppies from the Tower of London exhibition a few years ago, from the families of Cecil and William Feakes; whose names appear on the War Memorial, remain a central focal item in the displays on the day.

N.B.

Pay Attention

Listen Up

Pin them Back

Read This... ..

The Parish Council no longer meets on the second Thursday of the month.

No, not anymore... ..

Finance & Policies:**Cheques for signing and approval and to authorise payment of outstanding invoices****Resolved 23/05/20.01**

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

Mr M collier	Leaving gift for P Forster	002359	£75.00
Mrs V Bright	Mileage & expenses	002360	£24.70
Mrs D Pott	Litter pickers	002361	£132.12
Herringswell PC	Clerks Printer ink contribution	002362	£124.82
FSM Village Hall	Annual donation	002363	£500.00
FSM Village Hall	Electric contribution 23/24	002364	£750.00
St Martin's Church	Annual donation	002365	£650.00
FSM Ladies Club	Annual donation	002366	£200.00

Next Meeting to be held on Monday 12th June 2023 at 7:30pm, in the Village Hall, followed by the King George Playing Field Trustee Meeting.

Meeting closed at 9:44pm

Signed:

Chair, FSMSGPC

Date:

Revd Dr Andrew Miller our Team Rector, with his wife Revd Alison as Team Vicar, for nearly 2 years now, since the end of August 2021, form the principal ministry team, with part-time Team Vicar Revd Val Gagen at St Georges, for our enlarged Lark Valley and North Bury Benefice Group of 10 parishes. Andrew and Alison live in the Rectory at West Stow and regularly take services here at FSM, as well as our resident priest Revd Sylvia Bareham.

As you know Andrew has updated the church section of the Village Welcome Guide, which I regularly distribute to new residents. These continue to be very well received.

Beryl Dykes, our joint churchwarden with me for the last 5 years, left FSM at the beginning of this year to live nearer her family in Surrey.

During 2022 we had many visitors, both local and from UK and abroad, including Bedford, Oxford, Edinburgh, London, Stornoway, Brighton, Cardiff, France and Holland, to mention only a few. Already this year we have welcomed the great, great, great grand-daughter of former parishioner Alfred Bullen whose memorial plaque hangs next to the organ as the Organ Blower and Ringer 1888-1924. So, the church remains a strong focal and historic place for many former residents and parishioners who supported the church, with all its historic heritage of nearly 700 years.

The church continues to be well cared for thanks to a small team of cleaners and handymen and women, with favourable comments often heard by visitors from near and far, but we would always like a few more to lighten the load. We also have a small fabric group who arrange to maintain the building and make improvements where feasible, practical and viable, under the strict guidance of the Diocese Authority, whose appointed Architect carries out detailed inspections every 5 years, the next in 2024, and whose report makes recommendations for regular maintenance and repairs, which we have to pay for.

As part of the Bells Project, to refurbish and tune the 6 bells, to be supplemented by 2 more which have been donated, and replace the old defective oak supporting bell frame with a new steel one, steel lifting beams have been installed above the bells to facilitate their lowering, and the 50 stone steps in the tower have been repaired and made level due to being considerably worn after some 560 years use, it being a later addition to the original building. Nearly £52,000 has now been raised for the Project from fund raising, personal donations and some grants, including Suffolk County Council and West Suffolk Council thanks to Beccy Hopfensperger and Sarah Broughton. We are now on target, after 6 years, to take down the 6 bells in October, to go to specialist Bell Hangers, Nicholson Engineering, in Bridport, Dorset. Grant applications are progressing to raise the remainder of the budgeted cost of some £93,000, with help and support from the Suffolk Guild of Bell Ringers, particularly Neal Dodge, Public Relations Officer, in Culford as well as fund raising from events like the regular Book Sales and concerts.

Four of our regular Book Sales Coffee and Cakes were held during 2022, providing valuable and essential funds for maintenance of the church and churchyard, as well as very sociable and enjoyable events for people to meet over refreshments.

New gardener Martin Richmond has taken over from Sunshine Gardens after their 22 years maintaining the high standards of cutting and strimming the grass around the church and graves, keeping the churchyard neat and tidy and respectful, greatly appreciated by relatives tending family graves.

We also held a quiz with fish and chips in April, which was popular. There was a concert by Yalda Davis in May, renowned local cellist, a Wedding Festival in July, a concert by Tudor Rose Singers in October, so another busy year, almost back to normal. Following advice from the Diocese about remaining graves capacity in the churchyard, I need to formally notify the Parish Council that it will eventually be full, and then declared legally as "CLOSED". Its future maintenance would then be transferred to the Parish Council.

v) Damaged/Missing Signage Footpaths Update (Footpath at Sheepwash Bridge & Footpaths 8 & 9) Cllr. Hopfensperger confirmed that the damaged/missing signage is to be replaced by ROW. The Clerk advised that she was yet to receive a response from PROW regarding the concerns over the footpath that crosses the Bypass.

23/05/18. Parish Matters:

i) Weekly Play Area Inspection Reports & Agree rota

No new issues raised or highlighted. Cllr. J. Borrett is to continue with the weekly inspections until the next meeting.

ii) Benches Quotes (Playing Field)

Deferred to the next agenda.

iii) Formal Resolution of Quote for replacement of second glass pane for Bus Shelter at Barton Hill

Resolved 23/05/18.01

It was agreed to accept the quote to replace a second pane of glass at a cost of £344.64 including VAT.

iv) Update on Notice Board Repairs – Lark Valley Drive

Cllr. Borrett (JBo) and Cllr. Collier repaired the door on the notice board at Lark Valley. The Clerk is to contact the supplier to ask for advice on what to do to solve the issue of leaking and condensation, or to get quotes for replacement notice boards.

23/05/19 Correspondence:

The Clerk advised she had received correspondence from the Hotel asking Council members to visit for a tour of the recent improvements. The Chair (JBo), Cllr. Collier and Cllr. Butler is to attend and the Clerk is to RSVP and arrange a date/time.

The reason temporary repairs are completed is because of the road management needed for permanent repairs may take longer to organise and also depends on how much material the truck can carry. We have had a particular hard winter for the road with lots of salting that has affected the roads, to put the number of defects (potholes) into context there are around 1,800 in the system with 125 being added on a daily basis. The government recognised that potholes are a national issue which is why SCC got nearly £5million for pothole repairs, this is why first-time fixes are important to ensure that the money is spent in the most efficient way”.

ii) Update on Street Furniture Licence & Highways Gate Installation

The Clerk confirmed that SCC have now issued the Street Furniture Licence. The Clerk has instructed JACS UK Ltd to manufacture the gate and there is a 4–5-week lead-time.

Resolved 23/05/17.01

It was agreed to accept the installation quote for the Highway gate from Ford Fencing at a cost of £280.

iii) VAS Application for an extra post on Barton Hill Update

The Clerk confirmed that Speed & Safety Team at SCC have agreed the location, but before they can finalise the application and install the new post, the Clerk has to consult with the residents adjacent to the new post location, to ensure they have no objections to a taller post.

iv) Update on Speed Enforcement and discuss traffic calming options

The Clerk reported the following update from the Police;

“The Road Safety Camera Team have confirmed that the areas by the Church and the BMW garage are already enforcement sites for the team and they aim to try and make a visit once every 6 weeks, however as previously mentioned they are a County wide resource and have limited members of staff. The last visit to the two sites were 17th and 29th March and they will continue to visit the sites as and when they have availability”. It was agreed that without VAS data or accident data there was little evidence to support traffic calming measures, such as pinch points and that at this time it was not financially viable for the Parish Council to spend possibly thousands of pounds on speed surveys, traffic surveys and designs, TRO’s etc.

The legal formalities of this process are shown in The Ministry of Justice Guidance Notes on Churchyard Closures. Our PCC would make an application to The Privy Council who would make an Order in Council to close the churchyard for burials, at the request of the Secretary of State for the Environment, under the Burial Act 1853. When granted, our PCC would then serve a written request to the Parish Council to take over churchyard maintenance, under the Local Government Act 1972, typically giving 1 year’s notice. But don’t worry it’s not full yet.!

Currently there are available some 29 full grave coffin plots, and 70 burial of ashes plots. The main body of the churchyard could become completely full in maybe 8 – 10 years, similarly with ashes burials as these are now more frequent. This situation is arising throughout the country, and some Councils are anticipating a need for burials within their parish, by obtaining land for use as a cemetery. Fornham All Saints did this many years ago.

Our Annual Meeting to elect a Parochial Church Council (PCC) for 2023, meeting 4 times a year, will be held on 17 May 2023.

Finally grateful thanks to the Parish Council for the annual grant of £500 last year, towards the £2000 annual cost of the churchyard maintenance of grass cutting, hedge, trees & yews trimming, which maintains the churchyard in very good condition and appearance, and is often commented on such by many visitors, certainly compared to many other churches where funds are just not available.

6. Report from the Village Hall Committee (Paul Butler)

Our exciting news is that the old wooden and metal windows have now been replaced with double glazed units throughout the building. A huge thank you to BEK for their hard work in installing these, especially during a very cold spell in December, and fitting in with our bookings. We are hoping that this will contribute to keeping our electricity costs down as well as making our groups feel a little warmer. The Committee would like to thank Councillors Rebecca Hopfensperger and Sarah Broughton for a contribution to the costs of the windows from their Locality Budget. This is very much appreciated.

We have also replaced all our lights with LED ones in order to help reduce the cost of running the hall. Groups have reported that this has made a huge difference to the light levels, especially for the craft groups. Following our required 5 yearly electrical inspection by AB Electricals we asked if they could quote for the replacement of the lights with LEDs and this they did, also fitting them within a month. An excellent job and very much appreciated.

A smart meter has been fitted by Eon. This enables our Hall Manager, Lynne Quelch, to keep an eye on the electricity usage in the hall. We have also been able to negotiate a better rate from our energy supplier. We remain extremely concerned about the high level of the bills and the percentage of our income that this represents. The Committee would like to thank the Parish Council for their contribution to the costs.

There is Wi-Fi in the hall and some groups have been able to make use of this to help them research information for their hobby/interest. We have also fitted a post box beside the front door, this is to comply with the requirement by BT to have our postcode recognised by Royal Mail so that we could have the Wi-Fi installed.

The garden has been spruced up and the bench, storeroom doors and fencing have been painted. Now we're looking forward to warmer days when groups can sit out in this space.

A huge thank you to Lynne, our Hall Manager, for all her continued hard work.

We are pleased to welcome the return of the Whist Group on a weekly basis on Friday evenings from the beginning of March. Their numbers have increased since then and they are happy to be back. We will also be welcoming a new weekly Yoga group on a Tuesday evening. The organiser will be running two sessions, between 1800 and 2015, from 9 May 2023.

with regards to enforcement for the illegally removed trees and suggested re-planting schemes. It is vital that residents report to Environmental Health any incidents of noise, as this evidence is needed to secure a Stop Notice.

23/05/17.i) Highways/Footpaths & Trees: Update on Outstanding issues on Highways (RH) Cllr. Hopfensperger gave the following update on outstanding highways issues;

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- ix) **iDC/23/0051/FUL - construction of two outdoor tennis courts. Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve – Pending Decision!**
- x) **DC/22/1294/FUL- animal feed mill and associated development including ancillary offices, silos, warehouse, improved access route and parking. Location: Land of Compiègne Way, Bury St Edmunds (British Sugar) – Pending Decision!**
- xi) **DC/22/1887/FUL - create access into All Saints Golf and Country Club. Location: Land off the Street, Fornham All Saints – Pending Decision!**
- xii) **DC/20/0496/FUL - 68 lodges with parking, landscaping, waste and recycling areas and construction compound/maintenance area. Location: St Genevieve Lakes, Road from Bury Road to B1106, Timworth – Pending Decision!** The Planning Officer gave the following update via email; “The application is still undetermined. Given that the applicant is now an elected District Councillor, I anticipate this will have to be a committee decision now. The applicant has failed to overcome the concerns previously set out by officers so as it stands, I could not recommend approval”.
- xiii) **Update on Refused Application DC/22/1378/FUL Outdoor Gymnasium & Enforcement EN/21/0057 St Johns Plantation Trees**
Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger reported; Again, we were hugely disappointed that an outside gym was built and the adverse impact this had on the environment and neighbouring community. We were successful in getting the retrospective planning application refused in April and are now taking advice on any stop notices to prevent the activities continuing to adversely impact neighbours, plus following up where we stand

Sadly, we had an incident at the hall when one of the groups had an unwelcome visitor. The person stormed into their session, used abusive language, then went outside and spat on a car which they considered was blocking them in. The fact that they, of course, should not have been parking there themselves in the first place seemed to elude them. Our Hall Manager has informed the Police Community Engagement Officer, who has had a conversation with her and will be taking this matter further. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend our recent meeting, but we hope to arrange a time and date which is suitable to him to discuss the next steps. We have suggested to the groups that they may wish to lock the front door when they are in their session, but of course leave the key in the lock for a quick exit to comply with fire safety. It is a sad reflection that we may have to do this but we are hopeful that this has been a rare incident.

At the beginning of August, we are planning our maintenance week, when our Hall Manager and members of the Committee don their old clothes and pick up a paintbrush. We have been fortunate in being able to obtain a tower to help us reach the upper part of the walls. The only real problem area is a small hall, to the left of the main window, where we continue to have a problem with mould. Our Hall Manager monitors this and has dealt with it recently. The warmer weather will help as we cannot afford to put any heating on in that room.

We were really pleased to welcome Nicki Warwick to the Committee, Nicki presently runs the Mother & Toddler group at the hall, but she has agreed to stay on the Committee once her tenure with her group finishes.

The Committee continues with its present members, but we would really like to recruit some ‘new blood’.

7. Reports from Local Clubs & Societies:

- The Clerk read out a report on behalf of Heather Long; 'The Ladies Club was nearly disbanded last summer with Beryl moving out of the area and a few of the community feeling they were unable to commit any more because of various reasons. One or two of the committee approached other members and a new committee was formed last summer.

We have had a busy and interesting year so far starting in October 2022, Julie Rose who did a facial on one of our members.

November, we had a 'Crafty Craft' evening with Louise making Christmas baubles to decorate our Christmas trees.

December, Christmas Lunch at The Manger Bradfield. 18 members enjoying the Christmas festivities.

January, we welcomed Ian Robertson from the Elveden Estate. Talking on the history of the Estate and the day to day running of the farm.

February, Paige Pope from 'The Dogs Trust' talked about her work with the trust and gave a detailed talk on re- homing of the dogs

March, Enid talked to us about her work with 'St John's Ambulance' this included a demonstration on how to use a defibrillator.

April, 'My London Marathon Experience' Freddie Chenery gave an inspiring account of running the marathon in the early 1980s and running alongside various celebrities.

May, we will be holding 'A Coronation Tea Party' to commemorate the new King Charles 3rd.

June, 'Outing to Fullers Mill'

July, 'Summer Supper '

August, an outing to Cromer to see the 'End of the Pier Show'. September, will be a talk by Jo Copsey on 'The Street Pastors' We also had a trip to Cambridge to The Arts Theatre to see 'Fisherman's Friends'.
- A new Calendar starts in October for 2023 /2024

We have booked so far;

History Matters - Kevin Boardman

- iv) **(For Information)**
DC/23/0424/HH - a. dropped kerb b. removal of boundary wall and fence c. hard standing to form driveway. Location: Trisco, The Street, Fornham St Martin – Pending Decision!
- v) **DC/23/0290/VAR - variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of DC/22/0483/FUL to enable use of amended plans to include Infill of lower ground floor level link between new and existing bedroom wings. Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve – Pending Decision!**
- vi) **DC/23/0494/FUL - one commercial building for storage of equipment. Location: Hollow Road Farm, Steve Lumley Planing Ltd, Hollow Road, Fornham St Martin – Pending Decision!**
- vii) **DC/23/0346/HH - a. two storey rear extension to house b. first floor garage extension and link to main house c. four dormer windows and six replacement dormer windows d. bifold doors to replace windows. Location: Tollbridge House, Thetford Road, Fornham St Martin – Approved 5th May 2023.**
- viii) **AP/23/0020/STAND - Planning application - a. reconfiguration of second floor roof to existing bedroom wing b. four storey linked extension creating 37 bedrooms and three residential dwellings on the second floor (DC/21/1426/FUL). Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve – Pending Decision!**

23/05/16 Planning Applications (For consideration):

- i) **DC/23/0571/HH - single storey front extension to garage. Location: 24 Wentworth Close, Fornham St Martin**
Resolved 23/05/16.01
No objections to application DC/23/0571/HH.
- ii) **DC/23/0622/VAR - variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of DC/21/1142/FUL (allowed on appeal) to allow alternative lodges. Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve**
Resolved 23/05/16.02
It was agreed to submit objections to application DC/23/0622/VAR; based on the fact that this is a different design which was won on appeal and approved by the Inspector, it was felt that as it is a different design; which makes the lodges larger and is therefore a bigger impact on the environment and visual amenity than our previous objections raised, the applicant should have to submit a new application in full to the LPA.
- iii) **AP/23/0023/STAND - Planning application DC/21/2245/FUL - a. one dwelling (following demolition of existing dwelling) b. new vehicular access c. 2 metre close boarded acoustic fence. Location: Rathkeltair Lodge Barton Hill Fornham St Martin**
Resolved 23/05/16.03
It was agreed to submit comments in reference to our previous concerns over fencing and refer to the threat in the application by the applicant that they will proceed with the development anyway, under permitted development, with none of the changes advised, if the application is refused.

Turn and Burn,
Craft,
and more to be confirmed.

In the past year we paid around £40 per speaker per evening. Some of the speakers donated their fee to a charity. Next year we estimate the fee per evening will be around £50 for a speaker.

We paid £225 last year to hire the Village Hall for the evening.

All outings are funded by our members.

- **the Gardening Club;**
No report submitted, no representative present.
- **the Toddler Group;**
No report submitted, no representative present.
- **the FAS Computer Club;**
No report submitted, no representative present.

PUBLIC FORUM: No issues raised.

Meeting Closed at 7:58pm

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Fornham St Martin
cum St Genevieve Parish Council
Held at the Village Hall on Thursday 11th May 2023

Councillors present: Cllr. J. Borrett (Chair) (JBo), Cllr. M. Collier (MC), Cllr. P. Borrett (PBo) & Cllr. P. Butler (PBU).

Present: Clerk – Vicky Bright. 2 Members of the Public.

Meeting opened at 8pm
ANNUAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

23/05/1

Election of Chairman:

Cllr. M. Collier proposed Cllr. J. Borrett, this was seconded by Cllr. P. Butler. All voted in favour and Cllr. Borrett accepted and signed his Declaration of Acceptance to Office as Chairman.

Resolved 23/05/1.01 To Receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr. J. Borrett signed the declaration of office of Chairman for the year 2023-24 and this was witnessed and countersigned by the Clerk.

23/05/2

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

Apologies: None.

Absent: None.

Mrs V Bright	Clerks Monthly Salary	Local Government Act 1972ss. 101, 111 and 112	S O	P C M	£820.80
WSC	Waste	Litter Act 1983, 5 and 6	D D	P C M	£32.76
WSC	Dog bins emptying	Litter Act 1983, 5 and 6	D D	P C M	£91.52

23/05/14

To Consider any Annual Donations:

Resolved 23/05/14.01

Village Hall Committee = £500 (LGA 1976 (Miscellaneous Provisions) s19). Village Hall Committee Electric Contribution = £750 (LGA 1972, s133). St Martins Church (Churchyard Maintenance) = £650 (LGA 1972, s. 214(6&8)).
Fornham Ladies Club = £200 (S.137).
Remembrance Wreath = £20 (S.137).

23/05/15

ORDINARY COUNCIL BUSINESS Minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2023 - LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para 41(2):

Resolved 23/05/15.01

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2023 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman (JBo).

- ii) **Resolved 23/05/10.02**
Section 2 Accounting Statements (AGAR) 2022-23 were approved and accepted by all Councillor's and signed as such by the Chairman (JBo).

23/05/11 To Review & Adopt the Budget for 2023/2024:
Resolved 23/05/11.01

- i) The Clerk presented an Actual to Budget Report and the budget for 2023-24, with amendments to reflect changes to Audit fees and election costs. It was scrutinised and adopted and signed by the Chairman (JBo).

23/05/12 Review & Adoption of Financial Risk Assessment 2023/24:
Resolved 23/05/12.01

The Financial Risk Assessment for the financial year 2023-24 was reviewed and adopted by the Full Council and signed by the Chairman (JBo).

- 23/05/13 Approve & Authorise Annual Standing Payments & Direct Debits:**
Resolved 23/05/13.01
The following standing payments and direct debits were approved;

23/05/3 Election of Vice Chairman:

Cllr. P. Borrett proposed Cllr. M. Collier, this was seconded by Cllr. P. Butler. All voted in favour. Cllr. Collier accepted and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Vice Chair.

Resolved 23/05/3.01 To Receive the Vice Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office:

Cllr. M. Collier signed the declaration of office of Vice Chairman for the year 2023-24 and this was witnessed and countersigned by the Clerk.

23/05/4 To Receive the Declarations of Office by Members:

All members signed their declaration of office as Councillor for the year 2023-24 and these were witnessed and countersigned by the Clerk.

23/05/5 Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:
None.

- 23/05/6 Appointment of Councillor Responsibilities & Representatives on Outside Bodies:**
Representative on Village Hall Committee – Cllr. Paul Butler.
SALC Liaison – Clerk.
SEBC Parish Forum Liaison – Clerk & Chair (Cllr. J. Borrett).

Councillor's responsible for Planning – Full Council.
 Councillor's responsible for Inspection of Play
 Equipment – Rota to be agreed at each meeting.
 Councillor's responsible for Street Lighting – All
 Councillor's and Clerk responsibility to report.
 Councillor responsible for Trees / Footpaths – Cllr. John
 Borrett.
 Councillor responsible for Asset Risk Assessment –
 Cllr. Mike Collier & Clerk (Back-Up)
 Councillor's Responsible for VAS – (volunteer)
 Defibrillator Volunteers – Brandon Mahon & Simon
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 Village Planting – David Randall

**Appointment of the Responsible Financial Officer:
 Resolved 23/05/7.01**

It was agreed by full Council that the Clerk would
 continue in the role as Responsible Financial Officer for
 the year 2023-24.
 Mike Collier; back-up to Matthew Kemsley (volunteer)
 Defibrillator Volunteers – Brandon Mahon & Simon
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 Village Planting – David Randall

- 23/05/8** **Adoption of the Asset Register**
Resolved 23/05/8.01
 It was agreed to adopt the Asset Register as of 31st
 March 2023, Total = £ 28,230.41
- 23/05/9** **Adoption of the Annual Governance Statement**
(Section 1 AGAR) 2021-22:
Resolved 23/05/9.01
 i) The Annual Return for 2022-23 was scrutinised and the
 Annual Governance Statement Section 1 was adopted
 as a true statement by all Councillor's present and
 signed as such by the Chairman (JBo) and the RFO.
- ii) **Resolved 23/05/9.02**
 The Clerk presented the Internal Audit report; no
 significant issues were highlighted. As such, the
 Internal Audit Report for 2022-23 was adopted.
- 23/05/10** **To Approve the Final Accounts for the Financial Year**
 i) **ended 31st March 2023:**
 The Income for 2022-23 was £33,751.60, the
 Expenditure was £36,767.13. The balance of 2022-23
 carried forward £18,731.59.
Resolved 23/05/10.01
 The final accounts summary and Bank Reconciliation
 for the financial year ended 31st March 2023 were
 scrutinised and approved by all Councillor's. The
 accounts were signed as a true statement by the
 Chairman (JBo) & the RFO.