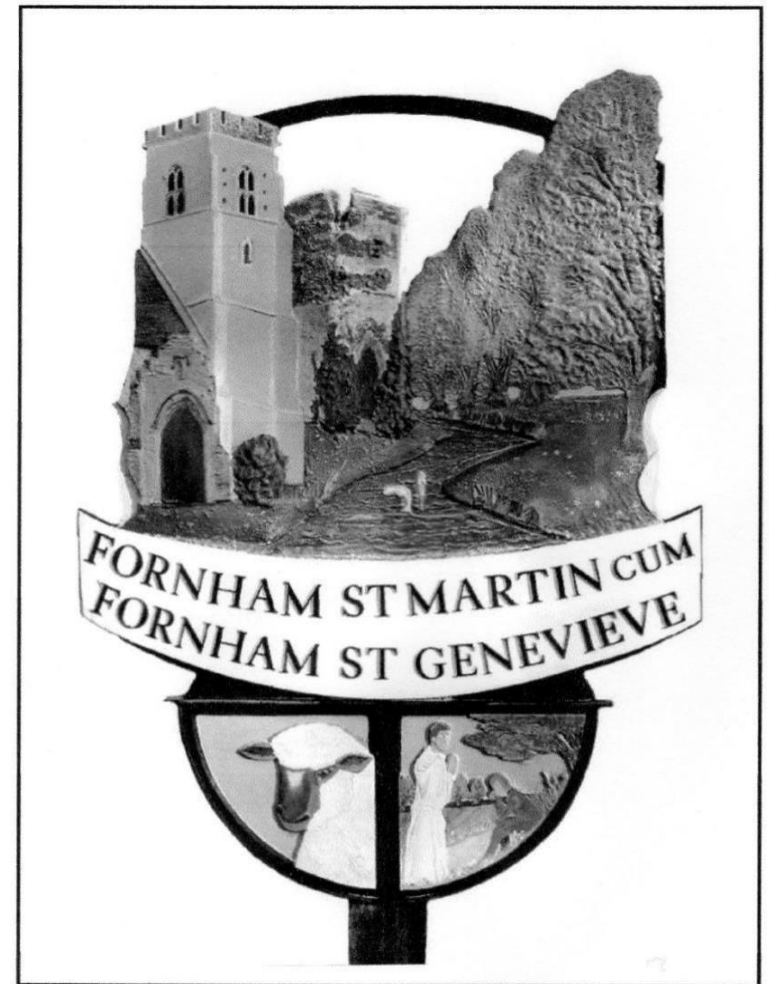


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Birds and Bees

We often overlook the little things that we share the world with and we're often annoyed when we do notice them... Those little black thrips in our picture frames come to mind, greenfly disfiguring our plants, spiders lurking in corners and, probably the most annoying of all, wasps interrupting our outdoor feasting. You'll often hear people ask: "What's the point of wasps?" Well, they've been around for a lot longer than us so they must be doing something right compared to us humans, therefore they really do deserve our curiosity and respect. During their short lives worker wasps catch flies, aphids, caterpillars and other invertebrates in order to feed their larvae, making them a very important insect-controlling predator. Wasps are important pollinators, too, but without the kudos that bees get. It's only later in the summer, when the last of the wasp larvae develop into adults, that the workers have the time to annoy us with their craving for sweet food. But, besides the familiar yellow-jacket, there are 9,000 species of UK wasps! Most are solitary. They range from the microscopic to the impressively large. Many have amazingly ingenious life-cycles. Yet most of them go largely unnoticed as they go about their lives alongside us.

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fuel tanks in order to go a few miles, yet a fly trapped in a room buzzes around for days. Where does it store all its energy? Butterflies like the Red Admiral and Painted Lady migrate for hundreds of miles, crossing oceans and mountains. Many species of tiny spiders fly, too! When the breeze is right they spin a fine silken thread and let it out like a kite string. They can be carried high up into the sky and land hundreds of miles from where they started. And all this from creatures so fuel-efficient that they only have to eat a couple of times a month. And we think we're clever!

Sadly, many of these little creatures are in real trouble. Many of you will remember having to clean windscreens, headlamps and unreadable number-plates after a long car journey but that is a rare occurrence now. The huge reduction in the numbers of flying insects has hit the birds, bats and others that feed on them very hard. Nature's out of balance. Not so long ago you may recall the Fornhams teeming with swifts, swallows and martins - but not now. The handful that visit us in recent years desperately need all the help they can get. Maybe you could put up a nest box or two? Perhaps you can make sure you have a variety of flower shapes in your garden for most of the year - and don't be too tidy in autumn so the insects have lots of nooks and crannies to hibernate in. And most of all, do think twice before you buy that bug-killing spray. You may be killing more than you bargained for. Alan

What's on in Fornham St Martin Village Hall

Weekly

Tuesday 10:00 am to 12 noon Mums & Toddlers**

**Term Time Only

Monthly

1st Mon	10:00am to 1.00pm	Chain Reaction
1st Tues	2:00am to 4:00pm	Jazz
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

Occasional meetings

Parish Council, Village Hall Committees

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FORNHAM ST MARTIN LADIES GROUP

By Janet Petch

The Fornham Ladies Group visited Fullers Mill, West Stow in June. In 2013 the Garden was gifted to Perennial, a charity that helps people in horticulture build and live better lives. The garden was created by the late Bernard Tickner MBE who moved to Fullers Mill in 1958 and spent over 50 years creating the gardens from rough scrub and woodland.

On arriving we were given a pamphlet explaining the outlay of the garden and directions to find various aspects of the garden. It is a very long walk round but luckily there are wooden benches to sit on and admire the views. During a quiet moment it was even possible to hear a cuckoo in the distance. The gardens are absolutely beautiful with such a variety of trees, shrubs and flowers and really warrant a visit at different times of the year.

sweets being provided by the committee. The quiz, split into different categories, music, geography, history, sport, general knowledge made us very aware of what we did and didn't know, but was thoroughly enjoyed. Many thanks to Freddie for doing this as it must have taken some time to compile. Maureen Hoggett and her team won by 1 point.

A raffle was held and £125 was raised, we added a further £25 from club funds to make a total donation of £150 which will be passed to St Nicholas Hospice in memory of Mary Payne.

The club has organised a trip to the End of the Pier Show in Cromer on August 1st, which we are all looking forward to.

There is no meeting in August and the AGM takes place on September 20th at 7.30pm with speakers representing the Street Pastors.

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

**Contact details for the Village Hall
for: a club meeting, exhibition, or
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FORNHAM ST MARTIN LADIES' CLUB

BY JANET PETCH

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Mary Payne. Mary had been a long standing member of the Group, previously known as the Young Wives Group and had acted as Chairperson for many years. She will be sadly missed and our thoughts go to David and their two sons.

We met this time at the Village Hall at the earlier time of 7pm it being a quiz night, hosted and organised by Freddie Chenery, with a fish and chip supper and the

The evening ended at the Bothy Tea Room for a welcome drink and a slice of homemade cake. Thanks were given to the host for making the visit possible as the gardens are not usually open to visitors in the evenings. It was a most enjoyable evening and the weather added to it by being dry and sunny.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Mary Payne, a long time member and Chairperson of the group for many years for which we gave our thanks. Our sympathies go to David and family for their loss.

Our next meeting will be on the 19th July 2023 at 7.30pm for our fish and chip supper and quiz.

New members to the club are very welcome and contact can be made on 01284 767372 or 01284 766098 for further information.

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Mother, and I shall miss her terribly.

My sincere thanks to everyone who came to the funeral service to show their respects to Mary, and me, and for all the cards with condolences "

The funeral service followed by burial of Janet Murdie was on 1 July.

The burial of ashes of Andrew Balfour was on 5 July.

The 100 Club winners in August are 1st £30 Joyce Fulcher no.2; 2nd £20 Martin Barnes-Smith no.43; 3rd £10 Cathy Forge no.47.

And in September will be: 1st Kathleen Blaza no.59; 2nd Cedric Hanson no. 99; 3rd Sue Barnes-Smith no. 88.

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

In August the 10am Services are on Sunday's 13th and 27th, and on Tuesdays 8th and 22nd.

And in September on Sundays 10th and 24th, and on Tuesdays 5th and 19th.

All as on the notice boards. All welcome, young and not so young.

David Yates, still the sole surviving Churchwarden, at present.

as a Churchwarden for many years, even trying once to generate interest in restoring the bells. She also joined and participated in many clubs and activities such as the Fornham Ladies until very recently, the Garden Club, U3A travel and theatre trips and was in the choir and was a member of the West Suffolk Fine Wine Society particularly enjoying the visits to vineyards in France and Spain. She was the 'driving force' in organising our Silver, Ruby and Golden Wedding Anniversaries. Family holidays in the UK and abroad in France, Italy and Spain, were the best of our many shared experiences, often by car involving long journeys, with Mary being an excellent navigator, but with the prospect of a warm pool with the villa at the end. Mary always remembered special dates, like our engagement, birthdays, Valentines and Mothering Sunday, usually with a party.

I had a beard in our early days, but shaved it off for the engagement party, which she objected to, so I grew it back as quickly as I could so she could recognise me properly again! Mary was always the prime mover in bringing up the boys, as I was sometimes away with a busy demanding, but fulfilling job, but the house was always tidy and cleared of toys on my return.

Mary was the dearest, loving and caring Wife and

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- ✓ You can also satisfy the criteria to be elected

In the flesh so to speak, having seen all the diagrams on display.

Thanks to everyone who came along and supported us, as we get closer and closer to the next step of taking down the bells. £575 was raised, whilst enjoying some tea and cakes, thanks to our busy bakers!

It is with great sadness I must report the recent death of Mary Payne. Mary was a resident, with husband David, in Fornham St Genevieve, for about 39 years, and was a Churchwarden in FSM for many years. Her funeral was on 18th July, with the church full and many standing at the back, such was Mary's longstanding life and involvement in the village over such a long period. Our sincere condolences go to David and family.

David has offered the following, as part of his and all the tributes to Mary at the funeral.

"Mary and I moved into Fornham St Genevieve, with young sons James and John, in 1975, and found it a superb and delightful location in a quiet grassed closed road, in a friendly and welcoming village near Bury.

Mary was a teacher at two of the Horringer Primary schools, retiring in 2000. She was a regular and steadfast parishioner at FSM Church, and of great support in the running of services, maintenance and funding on the PCC (Parochial Church Council) and

2017, in view of all the delays and changes due to the Covid Pandemic and other factors. Thanks go to Neal Dodge and friends in the Suffolk Guild of Ringers for helping to organise this, and the power point presentations over the bells, their history and future, both nationally and in FSM. Part of the publicity and promotions was to offer various items like a bell, wheel or bell rope for people to individually sponsor, with inscribed plaques to be attached. It is still planned for 6 bells to be taken down in October and transport them to Nicholson Bell Hangers in Dorset.

After removing the old oak defective supporting bellframe, and installing the new steel frame, we can bring back the 6 bells plus 2 additional ones generously donated by Keltek Trust from redundant churches, as there is space, after their tuning and cleaning etc. It is good too, to be a part of a recycling programme to keep all these bells in circulation and active use.

Hopefully by mid-2024 we will have raised the final amount to welcome them back and celebrate the traditional sound of bells ringing over the village again.

Many people enjoyed their trips up the tower to see the bells and all their associated fixtures and fittings.

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CHURCH NEWS

The Book Sale Coffee and Cakes on Saturday 17th June went very well with lots of books sold, and tasty pastries and cakes enjoyed over a cup of tea with friends. £600 was raised for the Bells Project. Our next one is on Saturday 2nd September 10 – 3pm.

The Annual Archdeacons Visitation was held on 22 June at All Saints, Bury, with Archdeacon David Jenkins accepting the Declarations to Serve by the recently elected Churchwardens for another year, or the Swearing In as we call it, to complete the legalities. His 'Charge' Sermon if you like, was as usual encouraging and inspiring to boost our spirits for another year, giving us all thanks for our wide and varying efforts throughout the last year. I joined the other Churchwardens from the Benefice, although fewer than last year.

The recently announced national collection for the Christian Aid Week in May is £2.3m, which is fantastic considering all the changes in procedures etc. Its nice to be a part of that with our £607 contribution, so thanks again to everyone who donated via the red envelopes delivered throughout the village.

We held an Open Day on Saturday 15 July to relaunch our Bells Restoration Project, after its initial launch in

Cheques for Approval Signed between meeting

Resolved 23/07/10.03

It was agreed to approve cheques signed between meetings, which were signed by Cllr. M. Collier & Cllr. P. Butler

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Meeting closed 9:05pm.

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VOLUNTEER NEEDED – Bugle distribution and delivery

Following retirement of Peter Forster, who has overseen the distributors and delivery of the Bugle newsletter for many years, our thanks and appreciation to him, we are currently looking for a volunteer to oversee the distribution and delivery of the Bugles 6 editions annually. The role will involve taking delivery of the newsletters from the printers, liaising with the present team of volunteer distributors, ensuring each distributor has enough copies and dealing with any delivery enquiries.

If you are interested, please contact the Clerk on fsmgpc@gmail.co or telephone 07712 232920.

UPDATE ON THE PLAYING FIELD GATES & BARRIER

The Parish Council has recently been informed that some residents have raised concerns regarding the

installation of the new gates and overhead barrier at the King George Playing Field. Many of you will recall that the field was taken over by an illegal encampment in July of last year, fortunately the Travellers moved on quickly, following the Parish Council issuing eviction notices in-line with the Suffolk Protocol.

As a result of this illegal encampment, residents at the time attended parish council meetings raising concerns over possible further encampments in the future and the council was asked to ensure this could not happen. After much guidance being sought from the Gipsy, Traveller Liaison Officer and the Families and Communities Team at West Suffolk Council, the Parish Council proposed several options regarding better secure gates and prevention of HGV and high vehicles gaining access. It was advised that better gates were needed, to ensure that access, if gained, could then be proven as Criminal Damage and Unlawful Entry. Hence why the second set of gates was installed.

The decision to install the gates behind the existing wooden Jubilee Gates was taken after the idea of removing the original gates and replacing with the more secure metal gates, was met with opposition,

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

Resolved 23/07/10.02

It was agreed to approve payments of outstanding invoices and cheques were signed by Cllr. M. Collier, the Clerk is to get a second signatory from Cllr. Butler after the meeting.

Mrs V Bright	Mileage & postage	002374
M&TJ's	Grass cutting June	002375
Mrs D Pott	Litter pickers	002376
Mr J Borrett	Adobe software monthly subscription Sept 22-May 23 (Bugle)	002377

- We need to improve road markings/linings and road studs (cat's eyes) by bringing them up to a consistent standard, between J36 and J43 - required for improved safety on a 4-year cycle.
- We will install new road signs for increased visibility between J42 and 43.
- Upgrading the message signs.
Change of Diversion route;
We are changing the diversion route because:
- The agreed shorter diversion route on the A1302 (through Bury St Edmund) is no longer viable due to the bad road condition (sunken iron works, pavement is poor condition)

We have been asked by Suffolk Highways to return to the previously agreed diversion route – A134-Thetford – A11

Finance & Policies:

Parish Council Bank Reconciliation from list of payments/receipts

Resolved 23/07/10.01

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 June 2023 is £40,621.19.

residents and Councillors wanted to keep the old gates for better aesthetic reasons.

The decision to also install an overhead barrier was taken after it was deemed necessary to prevent high vehicles (caravan etc) and HGV's gaining access, while the gates are left open when the field is being used for sporting activities or as overflow car parking for the church services. The Council had no option but to find a solution to this, after the Church advised that it could not 'man the gates' when using the field for car parking, due to staff shortage.

The process of discussing, proposing, considering and agreeing the installation of the gates, keeping the old Jubilee gates, issues with gates being manned and the installation of the overhead barrier were all fully discussed at Parish Council meetings over the last year, all are welcome to attend the meetings and Minutes are always available on the Parish Council website <https://fornhamstmarton.onesuffolk.net> and are in summary format in the Bugle.

SUMMARY APPROVED JUNE 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.

Also present: Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger WSC/SCC.

Apologies: Cllr. Paul Butler and the Clerk, Vicky Bright.

Public Forum:

1 members of public was present. No issues raised.

Local Authority Reports:

County & District Councillors:

Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger gave updates to Councillors on various matters, including; the outside gym and tree removals at The All-Saints Hotel, plus new warning signage proposed for the crossing over the A134 from/to Barton Hill and efforts to control/reduce the massive light pollution at the Hub.

The Clerk was asked to get a quote to re-treat the bench at the Village Green, once the tree works have been carried out.

Quotes for repair to wooden bus shelter roof

The Clerk presented two quotes for replacing the roof, at a cost of £1,181.00 + VAT (M&TJ's) and £1020.00 Including VAT. The Clerk advised that the boards/cladding on the outside of the shelter will also need replacing before the next winter, at an approximate cost of £1,500.00. It was agreed to defer the item to the next agenda, whilst the Clerk looks at options and funding available to replace the shelter with a new one.

Correspondence:

- **National Highways** - A14 J36 (West of Newmarket) to J43 Bury St Edmunds Meeting - Traffic management changes
We are carrying out maintenance and improvement works along the A14 between J36 (West of Newmarket) and J43 (Bury St Edmunds). The work includes the following:
 - Improving the road surface eastbound and westbound from J42 to J43 through urban area at Bury St Edmunds. The new road will be quieter than current road surface.

The Landscape Supervisor will be surveying the trees against the approved landscapes plan this summer with a view to re-planting in the autumn”.

VAS/SID / Discuss New Batteries Quote / Update on application for an extra post on Barton Hill.

The residents of the dwelling, that the new VAS post is planned to be sited next to have agreed with the installation of the taller post (2.8m), but requested that the post be moved back to the boundary line, when being installed, this has been agreed by the Speed & Safety Team, the post is due to be installed in October 2023.

Resolved 23/07/7.01

It was agreed to purchase two lead acid batteries, to replace the batteries in the old VAS Unit, at a cost of £133.50 + VAT (including delivery).

Parish Matters.

Update on Grass Cutting and agree Weed Spraying Quote / Discuss Tree Works in the Playing Field

Cllr. Borrett (JBo) is to meet on site with tree contractors to get quotes for the works, he will also get a quote to cut back the Oak tree overhanging the Village Sign on the village green. WSC are still to schedule the works to flail the boundaries and to cut back and spray the pernicious weed and brambles.

Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meetings:

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 11th May 2023 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman (JBo).

Planning (For consideration):

DC/23/0811/HH - single storey side extension. Location:1 Gilstrap Road, Fornham St Martin IP31 1TD

Resolved 23/06/5.01

Discussed and agreed to submit No Objections.

DC/23/0686/FUL - Installation of raised timber decking and balustrades to holiday lodges.

Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve IP28 6JQ

Resolved 23/06/5.02

Discussed and agreed to submit Objections on points of disagreement raised and summarised, based on the original Application (Approved on Appeal) and the objection we previously submitted to that Application plus the comments of the Parish Councillors who agreed this should have been treated as a whole new Application rather than a kind of variation as there would seem to be a dramatic change in the proposed numbers of

bedrooms for holidaymakers without yet more parking spaces being made available.

(For Information Only):

DC/23/0571/HH - single storey front extension to garage. Location: 24 Wentworth Close, Fornham St Martin – Pending Decision!

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 – Pending Decision!

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 – Pending Decision!

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!

Highways/Footpaths & Trees:

Update on Outstanding Highways Issues/Footpaths (Thetford Rd/Parklands Green/Barton Hill to A134) & Trees WSOH

Cllr. Hopfensperger gave the following updates;

- Cllr. Hopfensperger is to chase Mark Walsh regarding works to the footways in Parklands Green.
- There is no further update on the Manners Road resurfacing, footway surfacing on Barton Hill to A134, the bench repairs at Barton Hill, the gully works by Flowline on Russell Baron Road, the vegetation cut and signage on the Old Thetford Road footpath.
- The signage on Russell Baron Road has now been replaced.

The Clerk is to compile a list of outstanding and new issues and email Cllr. Hopfensperger for action and update. The Clerk is to place a notice in the Bugle for volunteers for the PC Self Help Scheme, before the PC has it on the next agenda to consider.

Cllr. Sarah Broughton emailed the following update regarding the dead trees at the WSOH;

“Trees on the site have been replaced, but some of these have also died. Drier summers have made the situation difficult and last summer’s heatwave put younger trees under some particular stress.”

Still pending decision, the Clerk has chased the LPA Officer, who responded with “This application is still pending a decision. By way of an update, we have received an amended plan, ecology report and swept path on this application and highways no longer object to this proposal.

I am currently still in the process of considering this application with colleagues and its impact upon the Conservation Area and landscape”.

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 LPA Officer is due to speak with the applicant this week.

Update on Refused Application DC/22/1378/FUL Outdoor Gymnasium & Enforcement EN/21/0057 St Johns Plantation Trees
Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger reported on the situation in her earlier report, at item 4.

Update on the West Suffolk Local Plan timeline
The final consultation will now take place in January 2024.

DC/23/0290/VAR - variation of condition (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!

DC/23/0494/FUL - one commercial building for storage of equipment. Location: Hollow Road Farm, Steve Lumley Planing Ltd, Hollow Road, Fornham St Martin – Approved 16th May 2023!

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!

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 Compiegne Way, Bury St Edmunds (British Sugar) – Pending Decision!

DC/22/1887/FUL - create access into All Saints Golf and Country Club. Location: Land off the Street, Fornham All Saints – Pending Decision!

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DC/23/0051/FUL - construction of two outdoor tennis courts. Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve – Refused 12th June 2023.

DC/22/1294/FUL- animal feed mill and associated development including ancillary offices, silos, warehouse, Improved access route and parking. Location: Land of Compiegne Way, Bury St Edmunds (British Sugar) – Going to DCC 02.08.23, recommended for refusal. Cllr. Hopfensperger to submit a written representation on behalf of PC at the DCC panel.

DC/22/1887/FUL - create access into All

Saints Golf and Country Club. Location: Land off the Street, Fornham All Saints–

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 – Approved 19th June 2023.

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 – Pending Decision!

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 – Approved 12th June 2023.

Highways/Footpaths & Trees:

Update on Highways Outstanding Issues

All outstanding items were listed and discussed and particularly regarding the parlous state of roads and footpaths in the villages as a whole but also in particular the Thetford Road pathways and Parklands Green paths which are, in many places, quite dangerous. The PC agreed the 'no mow May' decision should be rescinded as the state of footpaths worsens each year; weeds and nettles and harmful grass seeds are left to mature and spread. The road/path edges should be cut and the dangerous grass removed from site - before the seeds grow.

Discuss the Footpath from Barton Hill to the A134 Crossing Surfacing

The 'new' footpath from the bus shelter to the crossing over the A134 is beginning to break up through weed growth penetration of the sub-base and surfacing. It seems from inspection there are at least 60 (SIXTY) such places and they will only worsen. The pathway has hardly been subjected to much use and would appear to have been poorly constructed; the old footpath running down Barton

Hill, which has seen heavy usage over a number of years, shows no such damage whatsoever. Given the poor state it is in, it should be remade properly as soon as possible. And this will be taken forward to West Suffolk/SCC.

Discuss the tree planting/screening in front of the fencing to the Waste Hub

A large number of trees which were meant to screen the Recycling Centre from view, are dead or dying and should be replaced as soon as possible. A comment was made that Monitoring of the planting is obviously not taking place and if 'Enforcement' cannot get this done on the West Suffolk Council's own site, what chance is there of getting anything else enforced. Cllr. Sarah Broughton reported via email before the meeting that, "I did ask about replacement trees for those that have failed a few months ago but I will chase again".

Parish Matters.

Update on Grass Cutting and agree Weed Spraying Quote / Discuss Tree Works in the Playing Field

Following a meeting on site with the grass mowing team from WSC they responded with these comments...

Planning (For consideration):

DC/23/0424/HH – AMENDED a. dropped kerb b. removal of boundary wall and fence c. hard standing to form driveway. Location: Trisco, The Street, Fornham St Martin

Resolved 23/07/6.01

Formal Resolution of No Objections submitted to LPA 20th June 2023.

(For Information Only):

DC/23/0811/HH - single storey side extension.

Location: 1 Gilstrap Road, Fornham St Martin IP31 1TD
– *Pending Decision, Officer has recommended refusal.*

DC/23/0686/FUL - Installation of raised timber decking and balustrades to holiday lodges. Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve IP28 6JQ – *Pending Decision!*

DC/23/0571/HH - single storey front extension to garage. Location: 24 Wentworth Close, Fornham St Martin – *Approved 21st June 2023.*

Councillors on various matters, including;

- the pumping station alarm, that has now been resolved and disarmed,
- the Animal Feed Mill (Land of Compiègne Way) planning application and it going to DCC on 02.08.23, it has been recommended for refusal, Cllr. Hopfensperger will make a written representation to the DCC panel.
- the outdoor gym refused application is going to appeal, Rachel Almond has advised that nothing can move forward until after the appeal has been heard, regarding the trees and re-planting, stopping further use of the gym or enforcement regarding the acoustic fencing (which is in contravention of the planning refusal). Cllr. Hopfensperger stressed that any noise complaints must be reported, as this will strengthen the case with Environmental Health to get it stopped. Cllr. Hopfensperger confirmed that no permission had been granted for any further trees on the site to be removed! She stressed that any trees being removed etc. should be reported.

“As stated, we will flail back the boundaries within the next few weeks, however one of the main issues is the overhanging trees along the boundary edge and this is something which the Parish would need to undertake by employing a contractor to crown lift the canopies to 2 to 3 m from ground level as these are not only cutting out light but causing issues for our mowing machines to get underneath.

The other boundary issue is the footpath between the Recreation Ground and the Churchyard which you have told us is owned by Cambridge University which has brambles coming into the Recreation Ground from the footpath. If you wish, we can spray some of the pernicious weed and bramble infestation as we hold chemical herbicides which would control this infestation.

I consider that if the Parish can deal with the crown lifting of the trees (if budgets allow) as soon as possible and we flail the boundaries, we can go somewhere to reclaiming the field which is being gradually encroached upon”.

Resolved 23/06/7.01

The PC accepted the quotation in the sum of £143.80 for treating brambles and pernicious weed, including the Churchyard boundary footpath.

Resolved 23/06/7.02

The quotation for grass cutting for the sum of £1,475.76 was also approved.

Benches Quotes (Playing Field) Resolved 23/06/7.03

It was agreed to accept a quotation from Ford Fencing covering works to two benches for £276.00

Finance & Policies:**Parish Council Bank Reconciliation from list of payments/receipts****Resolved 23/06/9.01**

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 28th April 2023 is £44,288.95.

SUMMARY DRAFT JULY 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. N. Steward

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

Public Forum:

1 members of public was present.

The state of the grass cutting and verge clearance across West Suffolk was raised.

Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th June 2023 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman (JBo).

Local Authority Reports:**County & District Councillors:**

Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger gave updates to

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.

For any further information please contact:

Meral at buglenewsletter@gmail.com

Or

Amanda at 07881 825560
ajrose50@gmail.com

Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda's

By invitation, Councillors M Collier and J Borrett attended a tour of the Hotel with Mr David Harris, including a close look at the new wing currently under construction and the 'outside gym' area. The flower planter at the top of Barton Hill has been relocated, with a great deal of muscle power and expertise from David and Pat Randall plus Cllr. Borrett, to the opposite side of Russell Baron Road - with thanks too to Mark, a resident of Oak Grove, for his able assistance. The move was necessitated by over-shadowing from trees and encroachment of their roots into the planter, hopefully the flowers will flourish in the new location.

Advertising for current Parish Councillor vacancies will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting closed 9:23pm.

Answers for Crossword

1- Sage derby 2- Abut 3- Elan 4- Easily 5- Brahms 6- Maladroit 7-sacrilege 8- Lava 9- Sugarsnap 10- Pair 11- Spadework 12- Slingshot 13-Climb 14- Bosom 15- Paltry 16- Sorrel 17- Dynamo 18- Oyster 19- Loving 20- Bygum 21- Wish 22- Aria 23- Stet 24- Et tu Btute 25- Rook 26-Artyfarty

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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.

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;
fsmgpc@gmail.com to apply for a donation

The dance and music scenes were also greatly enjoyable making an otherwise deep movie more light-hearted and fun. I found it to be well orchestrated and the actors did a great job portraying the character's in a more complex way.

Personally, I found the Barbie Movie enjoyable and a good watch that dares you to laugh and cry. I would greatly recommend it especially since Barbie features so heavily in so many people's childhoods.

By- Meral Ahmed

Barbie Movie Review

With all the hype with Barbie being released I thought it would be only reasonable to see if 'life in plastic is fantastic'. From critics saying 'painfully funny' to 'uneven and disjointed' I thought it was time to make my mind up.

At the screening, it was an amazing atmosphere with people dressed in pink and ready to be dazzled. Despite the 12A age rating I saw many younger girls there - too eager to see the well-known and well-loved Barbie. However it was interesting to see them leave early because of boredom- the movie is definitely aimed at an older audience with adult themes. It is more likely to strike a chord with older viewers than children.

Overall, it was an unexpected pleasure with hilarious scenes. Despite many people saying it is a 'feature length toy commercial' I felt it is a step in the right direction for feminism. However, in some places the movie may have gone into the territory of man-hating.

Barbie suddenly stricken with worries about mortality leaves the matriarchal utopia of Barbie Land in search of self-discovery in the real world along with her companion Ken. I had a positive viewing experience with dazzling visuals, meta humour and unabashed feminist themes.

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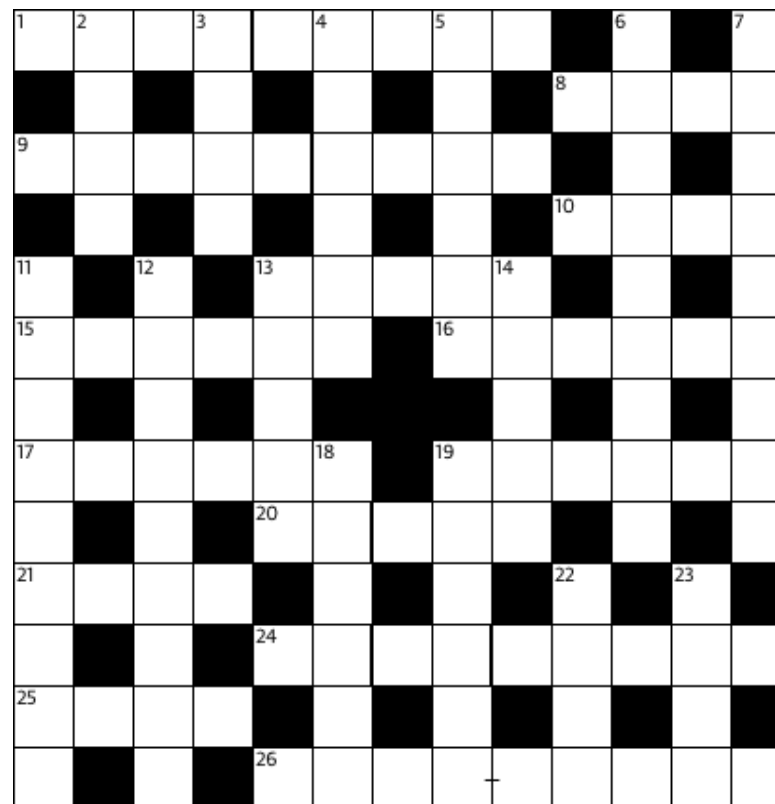


Across

- 1** Green-and-white herby cheese (4,5)
8 Molten rock flowing from a volcano (4)
9 Kind of edible pea (5,4)
10 Duo (4)
13 Scale (5)
15 Trivial (6)
16 Horse of a colour between light brown and brownish orange (6)
17 Electric generator (6)
19 Devoted (6)
20 My word! (2,3)
21 Desire (4)
24 Julius Caesar's last words when being stabbed to death, according to Shakespeare (2,2,5)
25 Deprive of by deceit (4)
26 Derogatory term for someone pretentiously interested in culture (informal) (4-5)

Down

- 2** Tuba (anag) (4)
3 Flair (4)
4 Without breaking sweat (6)
5 German romantic composer, d. 1897 (6)
6 Clumsy (9)
7 Blasphemous behaviour (9)
11 Preliminary preparation (9)
12 Primitive weapon – thin gloss (anag) (9)
13 Little piece (5)
14 Chest (5)
18 Small edible muscle on each side of a fowl's back (6)
19 Opulence (6)
22 Elaborate solo song (4)
23 Editing mark to cancel a correction or deletion (4)



Answers on Page 29