

Minutes of the Meeting of Farndon Parish Council held on Monday, 24th February 2020 at 6.30pm in the Parish Room, Memorial Hall, Farndon

Present: Councillor M Baker, in the Chair
Councillor Mrs Bayne
Councillor Duckmanton
Councillor Mrs Kingston
Councillor Parker

Also in attendance: District Cllrs I Walker & K Walker, County Cllr Mrs Saddington (L), Mr J Dodson (FREG) and 3 members of the public

FPC19-113 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Teixeira-Gomes and District Councillor N Mison.

FPC19-114 Declarations of Interest

It was AGREED that any declarations of interest would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.

FPC19-115 Minutes of the Parish Council held on 27th January 2020

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th January 2020 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

FPC19-116 **County Councillor Session**

This item would be taken if and when Cllr Mrs Saddington arrived.

FPC19-117 **Nottinghamshire County Council**

(a) Local Improvement Scheme – Application Update

The Clerk circulated the final pattern from the designer for approval. It was noted that the colours of the wax and clay did not represent the colours that will be used on the final sign. When it is hand painted, the colours from the artwork will be used.

This was noted and AGREED.

(b) Notice of Submission of Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan

Members noted information regarding the current position with the production of a new Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.

(c) Highways Issues

The Clerk was asked to report the following issues:

- Pothole on the pavement adjacent to the Londis, Marsh Lane
- Drain on Long Lane, opposite Brockton Avenue

The Chair drew Members' attention to the PA Freight entrance on Farndon Road, which had now closed. Vehicles were now using the new entrance from the A46 roundabout. It was hoped that this meant Highways England were now closer to removing the cones and signs and completing the roundabout. The Clerk was asked to contact seek clarification from Highways England.

(d) Advance Notice of Public Consultation on Nottinghamshire & Nottingham Waste Local Plan Issues & Options Document

The Clerk referred to advance notice of public consultation on the Waste Local Plan, which would be open for comments between 27th February and 9th April 2020.

FPC19-118 District Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.38pm to allow District Councillors to present their report.

Councillor I Walker referred to the refusal of planning permission for a bungalow on land off California Road. If the application were to go to appeal, in his opinion, it would be permitted. Councillor K Walker disputed this and would continue to oppose any development on this land due to highway issues.

County Councillor Mrs Saddington asked for details of the application number to liaise direct with Highways, should it go to appeal or be resubmitted in an amended form.

Councillor I Walker advised that the Parish Council should expect an application to develop the garages off The Meadows. Plans were currently in the design phase.

The Clerk referred to what appeared to be a 'land grab' where boundaries had extended into the Parish Council's land behind The Meadows. It was suggested that the Legal Department at Newark & Sherwood District Council be notified.

(a) Open Space Strategy – Notification of Site Visits

The Clerk advised that the District Council was currently updating its evidence base regarding open space provision across the District. Researchers will be undertaking site visit assessments to some areas.

FPC19-116 County Councillor Session

With the arrival of County Councillor Mrs Saddington, the Chair suspended the meeting at 6.48pm for her report.

Cllr Mrs Saddington referred to correspondence relating to the Village Green. The County Council were sympathetic to the situation but there were legal problems that needed to be addressed. The matter would continue to be reviewed.

The Clerk referred to recent closure of Footpath 3 (to the rear of Sandhill Road) due to flooding and the loss of a 100 year old Oak tree. The closure had been agreed with

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the Rights of Way team and would run for 21 days from 24th February.

The Chair thanked Cllr Mrs Saddington for her report and reconvened the meeting at 6.53pm.

FPC19-119 Farndon Residents Environment Group

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.54pm to allow Mr Dodson to present his report.

FREG had undertaken litter picks in both January and February. The riverside litter pick will take place in March, weather permitting.

Mr Dodson asked if a firm response could be given regarding the proposal for permanent Christmas Lights at the green. The Clerk to review correspondence with Via and liaise with Mr Dodson.

The Chair queried an item in the minutes relating to the potential donation of lights for the green on Marsh Lane opposite the Londis store. Mr Dodson confirmed this was not being considered at the moment, connectivity would be an issue.

The Chair thanked Mr Dodson for his report and reconvened the meeting at 6.58pm.

(a) January Minutes

A copy had been circulated to Members for information.

FPC19-120 Public 10 Minute Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.59pm for questions from the public.

A resident asked if anything could be done regarding the floodlights at Hardys, that were very bright at night.

The Chair advised that there was currently an appeal with the Planning Inspectorate against Enforcement Notice served on the site.

The meeting was reconvened at 7pm.

FPC19-121 Parish Council Matters

(a) VE Day Celebrations – 8th May 2020

The Clerk confirmed that a poll had been posted on the Farndon Resident's page which had demonstrated villagers would like to see a community picnic/event.

With the permission of the Chair, Mr Moyses from the Sea Scouts, outlined an idea the Scouts had for a flotilla down the River Trent.

After discussion, it was AGREED that the Clerk liaise with the different organisations in the village to co-ordinate an event for the whole village on Friday, 8th May 2020.

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Cllr Mrs Bayne was nominated to represent the Parish Council and report back on any arrangements made.

(b) Farndon Village Green

This item had been covered under agenda item FPC19-116.

(c) Best Kept Village Competition

Members AGREED that this competition would again be supported in 2020. The Clerk would report details once they were received.

(d) Great British Spring Clean

The Clerk referred to a suggestion from FREG regarding cleaning the white bridge at Farndon Marina as part of the Great British Spring Clean project. It tied in with the Parish Council as it had been opened by the late Councillor Clark.

It was AGREED that, subject to permission from Farndon Marina, this would be a good project to undertake. The Clerk to liaise with FREG to confirm arrangements.

(e) Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

The Clerk reminded Members that an initial meeting had been arranged for Wednesday, 26th February at 6.30pm in the Memorial Hall. A reminder had been put on the Farndon Resident's page.

FPC19-122 Update Reports from Chairs

(a) Chairman's Report

Mel Oldham

The Chair advised Members of the sad loss of former Parish Councillor, Mel Oldham. It was AGREED that, should the family wish interment in Farndon Cemetery, fees would be waived.

Survey on Toilet Tax

The Chair referred to a survey recently circulated by NALC which he had completed on behalf of the Parish Council.

Rural Partnership Working Group

The Chair advised he had been appointed as a member of the above group.

Training Event

The Chair referred to a training seminar arranged for Wednesday, 1st April 2020 which Members would be welcome to attend. The Clerk would circulate details.

(b) Planning

Planning Enforcement – Hedgerows

The Clerk referred to correspondence with Planning Enforcement regarding the recent cutting of hedges on Hawton Lane and Honies Lane. Action can not be taken

if hedges have been poorly cut back.

Decision Notice – 19/02207/FUL – 46 Marsh Lane – Householder application to amend the height of the end fence panels (part resubmission)

Members noted the decision notice granting planning permission for the householder application.

Decision Notice – 19/01946/FUL – Land Off California Road, Farndon – 1 No one bed bungalow and associated tree works, removal of T1 and T2 and remedial pruning of crown up to 1.5 metres to T3

Members noted the decision notice which refused planning permission for the development.

Decision Notice – 19/02248/LBC – 8 West End, Farndon – Erection of bespoke conservatory

Members noted the decision notice granting Listed Building Consent for a bespoke conservatory.

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Members noted the decision notice granting planning permission for a bespoke conservatory.

Notification of Appeal Against Enforcement Notices – 18/00051/ENF – Corner House Farm, Hawton Lane, Farndon

The Clerk referred to correspondence received from Newark & Sherwood District Council confirming that appeals had been lodged against the Enforcement Notices at the above property.

(c) General Purposes

Duck Pond – Main Street/Fosse Road

The Clerk circulated plans that had been drawn up for the proposed Duck Pond on the verge at Main Street/Fosse Road. These would now be forwarded to Nottinghamshire County Council for consideration.

(d) Playing Field

Bowls Club

The Clerk referred to a letter received from a resident outlining an interest in establishing a new club on a short-term lease basis. Members had previously stated that a robust business plan demonstrating that a new club could be financially independent as no subsidy would be provided.

(Councillor Duckmanton left the meeting to accompany a resident to the final Bowls Club meeting).

(e) Cemetery

Severe Weather Closure

Given the recent storms, Councillor Mrs Bayne queries if the Cemetery should be closed to the public at such times.

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After discussion it was AGREED that the Clerk seek advice from the Council's insurers.

(d) cont. Playing Field

Bowls Club

Councillor Duckmanton reported that the Bowls Club had been wound up and a decision taken on how to distribute funds.

It was AGREED that Councillor Duckmanton would speak to the resident interested in re-establishing the club following the final meeting.

Play Area

The Clerk confirmed that the rubber mulch had now been completed.

New Goalposts

Councillor Duckmanton was disappointed to report that the new goalposts had been damaged, possibly by a hammer. It was AGREED that the Clerk write to the two teams to express disappointment and any further damage noted would be charged back to the clubs.

(f) Ponds & Riverside

Pond Inspection

The Clerk advised that, accompanied by the Sexton and Mr Dodson of FREG, the Ponds had recently been inspected. Councillor Parker to join the Clerk and Sexton on 23rd June 2020 when Notts Wildlife Trust visit through FREG.

Flood Bank – Picnic Area

Councillor Parker referred to the flood bank in the picnic area which appeared to be lower than it was, especially in the dip where the concrete path crossed it. It was AGREED that the Clerk contact the Environment Agency to report.

FPC19-123 Financial Matters

- (a) To consider accounts for payments in accordance with the circulated schedule
Members received and noted the accounts for payments as outlined in the circulated schedule.
- (b) To note any receipts in accordance with the circulated schedule
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- (c) To note the Council's financial position as at 31st January 2020
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FPC19-124 Correspondence

- (a) Newark & Sherwood Parish Councils – Armed Forces Covenant
To be circulated to Members and considered at a future meeting of the Parish Council.

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- (b) Invitation to Fernwood VE Day Community Celebration – 10th May 2020
Members noted the invitation from Fernwood Parish Council to join their VE Day Community Celebration on Sunday, 10th May 2020.
- (c) Nottingham Roosevelt Memorial Travelling Scholarship
Members noted correspondence outlining the scholarship. Details to be posted on Farndon Residents page.

FPC19-125 Items for Notification

- (a) Basketball Hoops
The Clerk to forward prices to Councillor Parker.
- (b) Fly Tipping
Both Councillor Duckmanton and Councillor Mrs Kingston referred to recent fly tipping, some of which had been asbestos. The Clerk was asked to obtain written costs for a CCTV camera.
- (c) Verges on Wyke Lane
Councillor Mrs Bayne referred to the poor condition of the verges on Wyke Lane. The Clerk to log on the County Council's portal.
- (d) Vehicle on Verge – Sandhill Road
Councillor Parker asked if a letter had been sent to the resident on Sandhill Road regarding the parking on the verge and damage that had been caused. The Clerk apologised it had not been sent and would redress the matter.
- (e) PWLB Loan
The Chair referred to information received from NALC regarding PWLB loans.

FPC19-126 Date of Next Meeting
Monday, 23rd March 2020

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.