

Minutes of the Meeting of Farndon Parish Council held on Monday, 25th October 2021 at 6.30pm in the Parish Room, Memorial Hall, Marsh Lane, Farndon

Present: **Councillor M Baker, in the Chair**
 Councillor Duckmanton
 Councillor Mrs Kingston
 Councillor Parker
 Councillor Teixeira-Gomes

Also present: District Cllr I Walker and Stephen Swanwick & John Dodson (FREG)

FPC21-67 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Mrs Bayne and County Councillor Mrs Saddington.

FPC21-68 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.

FPC21-69 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 27th September 2021

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th September 2021 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

PC21-70 **Public 10 Minute Session**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.32pm to allow questions from the public. None were raised so the meeting was immediately reconvened.

FPC21-71 **County Councillor Session**

As Councillor Mrs Saddington had given her apologies no report was presented.

(a) Closure of Farndon Road – 1st to 20th November 2021

The Clerk referred to the full closure of Farndon Road for a three week period and advised Members that no bulletin had been received notifying the Parish Council of the closure. Via had been asked to send details which, when received, would need to be highlighted on the Residents page.

(b) Dropped Kerb – Marsh Lane

Councillor Parker referred to the dropped kerb that had been installed to a property on Marsh Lane, adjacent to the Fairfield Avenue junction. A visit had been made to the property and a request made to see the permit to work in the highway but none had been produced.

The matter had been reported to Via at the time and followed up through the portal. A response was awaited.

FPC21-72 District Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.33pm to allow Councillor I Walker to present his report.

Councillor Walker referred to the decision recently made by the District Council regarding the removal of trees at the London Road car park. It was understood discussion was still ongoing.

It was hoped that more information could be obtained regarding the discussions on devolution the County Council were having with Government. Councillor Walker would keep the Parish Council updated where possible.

The Chair thanked Councillor Walker for his report and reconvened the meeting at 6.36pm.

(a) Impact of New Builds on Car Parking Review

The Clerk referred to an update received from the Business Manager for Housing Maintenance and Asset Management, a copy of which had been sent to Members and also forwarded to Councillor I Walker.

Members were extremely disappointed with the response and the dismissive tone of the update. Given that this issue had been raised back in 2018, the Parish Council and, more importantly, residents were no further forward and Members considered the information shared was of no use whatsoever.

It was noted that Farndon was considered to be of medium priority, yet many of the problems had been caused by the District Council developing garage sites for housing. The District Council were still refusing to release information on the areas identified within the village, despite repeated requests to do so.

Councillor Walker was asked to take this matter up with the relevant Officers at the District Council and to convey the Parish Council's extreme displeasure at the off-hand and dismissive nature of the update. It was considered that residents had very valid concerns and had been waiting a very long time for a response which was still not forthcoming.

(b) Street Naming & Numbering Policy

Members noted the proposed changes to the District Council's Street Naming & Numbering Policy.

(c) Newark & Sherwood Community Lottery

After discussion it was AGREED that a post be put on the Farndon Residents page to gauge what interest there may be if the Parish Council registered with the Community Lottery.

- (d) Premises Licence Application for Service – 16 Oak Avenue
Councillor Parker advised he had visited and spoken to the applicant and could see no issues with a premise licence being granted at the address.

FPC21-73 Farndon Residents Environment Group.

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.48pm to allow John Dodson to present his report.

Last week the wildflower planting had been completed alongside the Main Street verge.

Clearance work has taken place in Farndon Park in line with recommendations made by Notts Wildlife Trust to grow fruiting shrubs.

The monthly litter pick had also taken place.

It was noted that the brown bins in the Cemetery were full of plastic waste. The Clerk advised that there were originally 5 brown bins, but that had now reduced to 2 and once the waste from them had been transferred into the commercial bins the brown bins would be removed. Notices placed on the bins to only use them for plant based waste had been ignored, so unfortunately they were being removed.

Councillor Parker asked when the hedges would be cut alongside the footpath adjacent to the pylon. Mr Dodson advised that the landowner was scheduled to lower it over the Autumn/Winter.

A question was asked regarding the noticeboard on the verge opposite the junction of Marsh Lane on Main Street, which was in need of repair. The Clerk advised that the Sexton would be asked to inspect and report back.

The Chair referred to item 7 in the minutes regarding a request for funding from the Parish Council for a 'new' trailer. The Clerk advised that a conversation had been held with FREG's Chair and had asked that a request be submitted should funding be required. No request had yet been received.

- (a) October Meetings
Members noted the minutes of the October Meeting.

FPC21-74 Parish Council Matters

- (a) Remembrance Sunday Arrangements
Members noted that the annual Remembrance Sunday service would be held on 14th November 2021, at 10.45am in St Peter's Church. There would be no service at the Memorial Hall.

It was AGREED that the Clerk ask Mr Everington if he would lay the wreath at the Church on behalf of the Parish Council and to also undertake the reading. A wreath would be laid independently at the Memorial Hall. Six wooden crosses had been

requested for the Commonwealth War Graves in the Cemetery which would be placed by Councillor Mrs Bayne.

The Clerk to liaise with the Sexton to place the additional Soldier Silhouette adjacent to the seat in the Cemetery.

(b) Carols on the Green

This had previously been confirmed as 22nd December 2021 at 6.30pm. The Clerk was progressing the road closure and confirmation that the event would be covered by the Parish Council's insurance cover.

Councillor Mrs Kingston asked if a donation was made by the Parish Council to the event. Mr Dodson confirmed that it was a fundraising exercise, as well as an event for the village, with donations of bottles for prizes gratefully received.

(c) Changes to Village Police Team

Members noted that PC Shaw, Beat Manager, would be leaving having gained a new role in the service. Members asked for thanks to be extended for the work undertaken by him on a number of issues in the village while in the role. The new Beat Manager would be PC Emma Weatherhill, who would work alongside PCSO Munro.

The Clerk was asked to raise the issues of the motorbikes on the meadow previously reported with PC Weatherhill.

(d) Invitation to Air Museum Remembrance Service from Balderton Parish Council

The Chair referred to the invitation received from Balderton Parish Council for a representative to the Parish Council to attend their event at the Air Museum on Sunday, 14th November at 2.45 for 3pm.

After discussion, it was AGREED that Councillor Teixeira-Gomes would attend. The Clerk was asked to obtain a wreath for the service.

FPC21-75 Update Reports from Chairs

(a) Chairman's Report

No report was presented as there were no issues to raise or convey to Members.

(b) Planning

Links to the applications on the District Council's planning portal had been forwarded to Members prior to the meeting.

21/02208/LBC – The Granary, 5 Grays Court, Farndon - Single storey rear extension and window alterations

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The Clerk advised that no documents were currently available to view on the planning portal so there was nothing for them to consider at this time.

21/02143/LDC - 11 Brockton Avenue, Farndon - Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed single storey extension to rear of detached house

Members noted the application.

21/01913/FUL – Land to the rear of 74 and 76 Fosse Road, Farndon - Construction of Residential Development Comprising Two Detached Dwellings

Councillor Parker advised that a visit had been made to the adjacent owners, who had no objection to the application. However, there was a concern that it would negatively impact the access to their drive given the problems already experienced in pulling out on to Long Lane. There was also a concern about drainage but they acknowledged this should be addressed by relevant agencies.

After discussion, it was AGREED that no objection be raised to the application but the Parish Council would raise with Nottinghamshire County Council the introduction of a bus stop clearway to assist with access.

Decision Notices

There were none to note.

Given all the changes to the Planning Legislation, the Clerk was asked to ascertain whether the District Council would be undertaking any training sessions for Parish Councils.

Tree Works

21/01841/TWCA – Keepers Cottage, Old Hall Close, Farndon - T1 Horse Chestnut - Remove tree due to proximity and overbearing to property

Members noted that the District Council had approved the removal of the tree, despite objections and a request to consider alternatives.

(c) General Purposes

The Clerk confirmed that work had been completed at the telephone box, Main Street and it was now functioning as a book swap.

(d) Playing Field

Update on Lease to Country Kids Nursery

The Clerk updated Members on the present position. A new draft lease was awaited, with the removal of the building from the documentation.

Cricket Club Pavilion Update

The Clerk updated Members following the site visit made on 16th October 2021. The Clerk had visited the area with the Council's tree surgeon to plot the trees on the ground with the information provided from the Architects plan.

As there were a couple of queries, especially in relation to the fourth tree to be removed and the one identified as 'T5' a young Oak tree and its position on the plan, the Clerk had contacted the Architect while on site. It was confirmed that the

contractor had been asked to provide an additional plan as the one provided wasn't quite correct. The Clerk had asked that all trees to be removed were clearly identified on any new plan and requested a copy of that plan once received.

Members accepted, and AGREED to, the removal of the trees identified as being:

T2 - Ash

T3 - Willow

T4 - Silver Birch

and the final tree, which it was understood is the Sycamore next to the Ash on the row of trees behind the hedge.

It was not considered that T5 would need to be removed.

In terms of mitigating the loss, the position of replacement trees was to be agreed but the Parish Council would want them to be well developed young trees and not saplings or whips.

Members were aware of the reasons behind including the curtilage of the existing pavilion within the plan being submitted for planning purposes, but that area of land would return to the Parish Council and the Clerk would ensure that the new lease would reflect the actual land to be included.

The Chair asked that Councillor Parker visit the immediate adjacent neighbours to ensure they were aware of the proposals being put forward.

A meeting of the CCTV Sub-Committee to be held on Saturday, 6th November 2021 at 11am on site.

(e) Cemetery

Cemetery Railings

The Clerk advised that an initial conversation had been held with the Probation Office regarding the painting of the Cemetery Railings and also completion of the Play Area railings.

A response was awaited on whether this project would be accepted.

(f) Ponds & Riverside

Work at Farndon Ponds

Members noted that the work to clear the channel had been completed. Further work would be undertaken as conditions allowed.

Picnic Area Flood Bank

The Clerk advised that, unfortunately, the modelling work undertaken by the Environment Agency had not yet been received.

Councillor Parker had requested photographs and videos of the area from residents, which would be useful when the information from the EA was received.

Work to Picnic Area Willows

Members noted and AGREED the quotation for work to pollard 7 Willow trees, crown lifting of a Beech tree and dead wooding of a Poplar tree in the picnic area in the sum of £2,750. As this was in the Conservation Area the Clerk would submit an application to the District Council for permission.

FPC21-76 Financial Matters

- (a) To consider accounts for payments in accordance with the circulated scheduled
Members noted the circulated schedule detailing accounts for payment.
- (b) To note any receipts in accordance with the circulated schedule
Members noted the circulated schedule detailing receipts.
- (c) To note the Council's financial position as at 30th September 2021
Members noted the Council's financial position as at 30th September 2021.

The Clerk advised that a half yearly report would be produced and circulated to Members, in preparation for the 2022-23 budget setting.

FPC21-77 Notts Association of Local Councils

- (a) Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, 17th November 2021
The Chair advised that the AGM would now be online via Zoom. Documentation would be circulated to Members once received. Councillor Mrs Kingston would be joining and was nominated as the Parish Council's voting delegate.
- (b) Nimble On-Line Training & Finance Training
Members noted the training currently being promoted by the Association.

Councillor Mrs Kingston asked to attend the Finance Training on 29th November 2021 (evening session).

The Chair had also booked to attend, with the Clerk booked on to two events. Members supported the cost of £30 per session.

FPC21-78 Correspondence

There was nothing to report.

FPC21-79 Items for Notification

Benches on Picnic Area

Councillor Teixeira-Gomes asked whether the new benches had been installed. The Clerk confirmed that one had, with another still to be completed.

Dog Bin – Meadow

Councillor Teixeira-Gomes referred to the missing dog bin in the Meadows. Members confirmed this had been subject to vandalism and was a general waste bin, not just for dog waste.

Councillor Duckmanton asked if future bins could all have a liner to reduce the use of plastic bags.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – June 2022

To be discussed at a future meeting.

FPC21-80 Date of Next Meeting
Monday, 22nd November 2021

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.