

Minutes of the Farndon Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, in the Parish Room,
23rd January 2023 Memorial Hall, Farndon

Present: **Councillor M Baker (Chair)**
 Councillor Ms H Bayne
 Councillor Mrs M Bayne
 Councillor A Duckmanton
 Councillor Mrs Kingston
 Councillor P Parker
 Councillor P Rawlings

Also present Stephen Swanwick (FREG), 2 members of the public and District Councillor I Walker

- FPC22-91** Apologies for absence
Received and accepted from Councillor Chrimes.
- FPC22-92** Declarations of Interest
It was AGREED that these would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.
- FPC22-93** Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council – 5th December 2022
Subject to an amendment to Minute FPC22-089 to read Cllr Mrs M Bayne, the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 5th December 2022 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- FPC22-94** **County Councillor Session**
No report was presented as Cllr Mrs Saddington had wasn't present.
- The Clerk advised that an offer of funding towards any commemoration for the Commemoration of King Charles III had been made by Cllr Mrs Saddington, which had been accepted.
- The Chair referred to the new lights that had been installed by Via between Farndon and East Stoke on Fosse Road.
- FPC22-95** **Nottinghamshire County Council**
(a) Advance Roadworks Bulletin – Fosse Road, Farndon – 23rd to 27th January 2023
Members received and noted the work as outlined.
- FPC22-96** **District Councillor Session**
The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.34pm to allow Cllr Walker to present his report.
- Cllr Walker outlined the number and variety of events organised by the District

Council that were scheduled to be held over the next few months.

In response to a question raised by Cllr Mrs M Bayne regarding the cost of landscaping works on the land adjacent to Newark Library, Cllr Walker confirmed this was £25,000.

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

FPC22-97 Newark & Sherwood District Council

(a) To note the survey regarding parking within the village

The Clerk advised that, following the closure of the survey on 31st December, Officers at the District Council had been contacted to provide feedback on responses received. This would be forwarded to Members as soon as it was received.

(b) To note the ASB Newsletter

Members noted receipt of the latest edition of the ASB Newsletter which outlined the work of the Community Protection Team.

(c) To receive information on the Chairman's Fundraising Event

Members received and noted details of the Chairman's Fundraising Event being held at North Muskham on Saturday, 25th February.

FPC22-98 Farndon Residents Environment Group

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.38pm to allow Mr Swanwick to present the FREG report.

The litter pick scheduled to be held on Sunday, 22nd January, had been cancelled due to the inclement weather.

All other matters had been covered in the minutes.

The Chair thanked Mr Swanwick for his report and reconvened the meeting at 6.40pm.

(a) Minutes – December 2022 & January 2023

Members received and noted the minutes from the December and January meetings.

FPC22-99 Public 10 Minute Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.40pm to allow for the public session.

A resident referred to the soil next to the layby on Fosse Road that had been left behind by Cadent who had done work on the gas pipelines back in October 2022. Other items had also been left on the verge at Main Street.

The Clerk to raise this direct with Via.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 6.42pm.

With the agreement of Members the Chair brought forward agenda item 12(b) on Planning.

FPC22-100 Update Reports from Chairs

(b) Planning

Applications:

22/02422/FUL – 76 Marsh Lane, Farndon - Demolition of existing bungalow. Replacement with new dormer bungalow with new boundary wall and new vehicular access.

After consideration, it was unanimously AGREED that the above application be supported.

22/01266/FUL – Farndon Boathouse, North End - Seasonal use of temporary outdoor marquee to support the existing restaurant

After discussion, it was unanimously AGREED that the comments previously made by the Parish Council objecting to the application for permission to retain the marquee should be reiterated.

Members considered that the impact on adjacent properties would be even greater now, given the works Distinctive Inns had undertaken to restrict parking on their land.

22/02470/HOUSE – The Old Coach House, West End, Farndon - Demolition of rear extension and construction of the new storey and a half rear extension.

After consideration, it was unanimously AGREED that the above application be supported.

22/02401/HOUSE – 10 North End, Farndon - Demolition of garage. Two storey rear and side extension, new front porch

After discussion, it was unanimously AGREED that objection be raised to the application on the grounds that the design would have a detrimental visual impact on the street scene. Further, due to its size and close proximity, the proposals would negatively impact the privacy, daylight and sunlight enjoyed by adjacent properties.

Decision Notices

22/01331/FUL – Land adjacent to Fosse Road, Farndon - Erection of Four Bedroom Bungalow

Members received and noted the decision notice refusing planning permission for the development as outlined.

22/01539/FUL – Farndon Cricket Club, Marsh Lane – Erection of Steel Store

Members received and noted the decision notice granting planning permission for the development as outlined.

FPC22-101 Parish Council Matters

(a) To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

The Chair referred to the annual noise testing required to be undertaken by Staythorpe Power Station. The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled to be held on 24th January, any feedback from the annual testing would be fed back to Members.

Concern had been raised at the Memorial Hall Trustees meeting regarding car parking. Members noted that the Memorial Hall had the option to open the gate to the hard standing area at the back of the Hall should it be required.

(b) To consider a commemoration for the Coronation of King Charles III

Members noted that there was to be no national beacon lighting for the Coronation, at the request of King Charles. After discussion, it was AGREED that the community be asked what commemoration, if any, they would want which would be held on either the Sunday or Bank Holiday Monday.

(c) To receive the date of the 2023 Newark Half Marathon

Members received and noted the date of the Newark Half Marathon would be Sunday, 13th August 2023.

(d) To consider collaborative use of the Contact Point

The Chair updated Members on the meeting held recently with the village Beat Manager and PCSO, together with their Sergeant, regarding a collaborative use of the Contact Point.

After discussion, Members considered that the suggestions would provide a good service to the village and should be pursued.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should make the donation of £250 to the Memorial Hall as a contribution to the Contact Point.

FPC22-102 Financial Matters

To consider accounts for payments in accordance with the circulated schedule

Members received and noted the accounts for payment in accordance with the circulated schedule.

To note any receipts in accordance with the circulated schedule

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To note the Council's financial position as at 31st December 2022

Members noted the Council's financial position as at 31st December 2022.

To consider the budget for the 2023-24 financial year and to set the Precept

Members considered the budget prepared by the Clerk for the 2023-24 financial year.

The amounts outlined for transfer into allocated reserves at year end in the sum of £14,025 were agreed.

After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Duckmanton, seconded by Councillor Ms H Bayne, that a 2% increase be applied to give a Precept of £58,280, which would give a Band D rate of £70.62. Councillor Mrs M Bayne proposed an increase of 3% but as this was not seconded, the proposal dropped.

It was AGREED, with 6 votes for and one abstention, that a 2% increase be applied.

FPC22-103 Update Reports from Chairs

(a) Chairman's Report

The Chair advised that the Notts Association of Local Councils would not be taking up the offer of the use of the Parish Room.

The election for East Stoke will be held at the Memorial Hall in May as there was no available venue in that village.

Congratulations were extended to District Councillor K Walker on his recent marriage.

It was noted that all District Councillors would not be standing for re-election in May 2023.

The Clerk to liaise with Councillor Mrs Kingston outside of the meeting regarding Councillor I Walker.

(b) Planning

This item had been considered earlier on the agenda.

(c) General Purposes

There were no matters to consider.

(d) Cemetery

To consider amendments to the Cemetery regulations

Discussion took place on the recent request from a resident regarding the purchase of a plot in the Garden of Remembrance for a relative who had left the village in 1947. While sympathetic, Members did not consider that the request could be granted, especially given that other similar requests had been refused. The solution offered by the funeral directors for the ashes to be included within an existing family plot would be acceptable.

Councillor Mrs M Bayne referred to changes that needed to be made which would be reviewed with the Clerk. A copy of the proposed revised regulations would be circulated to Members prior to the next meeting.

To note work proposed to the Cemetery trees

Members noted and agreed the works proposed to the Cemetery trees in the sum of £3,140.

(e) Playing Field

To receive an update on the Cricket Club Lease

The Clerk confirmed that the lease had completed on Friday, 20th January 2023.

To receive the Play Area Inspection Report

The Clerk advised that the annual Play Area Inspection Report had now been received. Councillor Duckmanton to meet with the Clerk and Sexton to review the report and issues raised.

(f) Ponds & Riverside

To receive an update from the Environment Agency on the Flood Bank

The Clerk advised that the Flood Risk Management Principal Officer with Nottinghamshire County Council had met with officers from the Environment Agency regarding the picnic area floodbank. It was expected that the Environment Agency would be in contact with the Parish Council shortly.

Councillor Parker asked that the owner of Farndon Marina be updated on the present position.

To receive initial details on the Water Safety Day planned for 6th July 2023

Members noted the initial details on the Water Safety Day planned for 6th July 2023. This would focus on educating years 5 and 6 of St Peter's Academy.

FPC22-104 Notts Association of Local Councils

(a) Training Newsletter

Members noted the Newsletter as previously circulated.

FPC22-105 To receive any correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received from a resident. It was AGREED that the Clerk should acknowledge with thanks.

FPC22-106 Items for Notification

FPC22-107 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 27th February 2023

The meeting closed at 8.40pm