

Minutes of the Farndon Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 1st August 2022 in the Parish Room, Memorial Hall, Farndon

Present: **Councillor M Baker,**
 Councillor Mrs Bayne
 Councillor Mrs Kingston
 Councillor Parker

Also present, District Councillor I Walker, and four members of the public

- FPC22-39** Apologies for absence
Received and accepted from Councillor Duckmanton and County Councillor Mrs Saddington.
- FPC22-40** Declarations of Interest
It was AGREED that these would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.
- FPC22-41** Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council – 27th June 2022
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 27th June 2022 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- FPC22-42** **County Councillor Session**
No report was presented as Cllr Mrs Saddington had given her apologies.
- FPC22-43** **Nottinghamshire County Council**
(a) To receive details of the Lengthsman’s Scheme
The Clerk referred to information received and circulated to Members for review.

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council currently cut various verges within the village for Via, receiving a sum of £991.75 per annum (9723sqm @ 0.0204p per cut x 5 cuts). The sum outlined in the Lengthsman’s Scheme outlined an amount of £1,350 for an extensive range of duties.

After discussion, it was AGREED that the amount of remuneration, allocated against the extensive range of duties outlined within the Scheme, were not feasible. The Clerk was asked to seek clarification on whether the Parish Council could pick and choose the duties outlined in the schedule and whether or not, if it did not sign up to the Scheme, it would still be remunerated for the verges currently maintained.
- (b) Marsh Lane Speed Survey Results
The Clerk advised that, following the traffic monitoring on Marsh Lane, Via had confirmed that neither the flow of traffic nor the speed data met the levels necessary for a permanent interactive speed sign.

FPC22-44 District Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.38pm to allow Cllr I Walker to present his report.

Cllr Walker was pleased to report that four parks in the ownership of Newark & Sherwood District Council had been awarded Green Flag status.

The County Council had a £3m fund for a safer street initiative. It was hoped that the District Council would benefit from this fund.

Councillor Mrs Bayne asked Cllr Walker how much money the District Council had spent, and would continue to spend, on the land adjacent to the library, which had been the subject of public protest to protect mature trees on the site. Cllr Walker advised that he was unaware of the cost, and considered that some of the work would be undertaken in-house by the District Council's own workforce. He would, however, seek to find out information and feedback to the Parish Council.

The Chair thanked Cllr Walker for his report and reconvened the meeting at 6.40pm.

FPC22-45 Newark & Sherwood District Council

There were no items to report.

FPC22-46 Farndon Residents Environment Group

Mr Swanwick advised that over the last month FREG had conducted a litter pick and undertaken a Himalayan Balsam pull. The annual pulling had been successful as FREG had seen a significant reduction in the amount of Balsam along the riverbank.

The Clerk reported that the FREG storage garage had recently been broken into with power tools being stolen. Thieves had entered through the roof.

(a) Minutes – July 2022

Members received and noted the July minutes.

FPC22-47 Public 10 Minute Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.42pm to allow for the public session.

A resident referred to issues previously raised regarding anti-social behaviour and noise at the Riverside. The Chair advised that Newark & Sherwood District Council's Community team will be reviewing the area to establish if CCTV can be deployed for a period of monitoring. This will be co-ordinated with the village Beat Manager.

The resident also expressed their concern at the application received by the Farndon Boathouse to continue to use the outdoor marquee, especially given issues around noise that had previously been the subject of monitoring and a complaint to licensing.

The Clerk updated on the Planning Enforcement issue regarding the overnight camping on the Riverside car park area. It was hoped this would be resolved shortly.

FPC22-48 Planning

With the approval of Members, the Chair brought forward consideration of Agenda Item 9(b) **22/01266/FUL – Farndon Boathouse, North End, Farndon - Continue using the outdoor marquee as an extension of the restaurant.**

Members discussed at length the issues that retention of this marquee had had on the area.

There were a number of concerns regarding information included within the application, as it was clear that the marquee was being used as a function venue and not as outlined within the application. Until recently the marquee had been fitted out with a fully functioning bar.

A previous application in 2008 had outlined 19 parking spaces (reduced to 17) were required to serve the premises. The marquee has reduced the number of available parking spaces to less than 5, especially given that parking spaces adjacent to the marquee have picnic benches on them so are unavailable. There is an expectation by the venue that those visiting will have access to the adjacent car parks under the ownership of the Parish Council and the Riverside. It is the Parish Council's view that, if parking spaces were required as part of a previous planning permission, they should be retained. The loss of the spaces impacts on the adjacent roads, causing a nuisance to residents and an obstruction on the highway.

The Farndon Boathouse (Farndon Ferry) is in a Conservation Area and the retention of the marquee would have a detrimental visual impact on the area.

Members were aware of complaints made by neighbouring residents to Licensing and Environmental Health regarding the noise nuisance, which it is understood has been exacerbated by the marquee.

It was unanimously AGREED that objection be raised to the application as outlined on the following grounds:

- The design and visual impact of a marquee in the Conservation Area which it is considered will create substantial harm
- The knock on effect of the continued loss of parking spaces required by the venue, which leads to indiscriminate parking on adjacent roads causing highway obstructions
- The noise nuisance which comes from the use of the marquee for events which has a detrimental effect on adjacent residential properties. To the Parish Council's knowledge, 17 events have been held since the 30th April 2022, all of which have used the marquee in some form. This demonstrates that the marquee is not an 'outdoor dining area'.

It is the view of the Parish Council that the planning application for the retention of the marquee should not just be viewed in planning terms. The Planning Authority should review the complaints made to Licensing and Environmental Health, to ensure that it is fully aware of the matters that have been ongoing from the use of the marquee over the last 12 months.

Members further asked that the Clerk contact the landlord listed in the planning application to determine if they were aware of the effect retention of this marquee would have.

FPC22-49 Parish Council Matters

(a) To consider any applications received for Co-Option to the Council

Prior to consideration of the applications, the Clerk advised Members that Councillor Rhodes-Yeomans was no longer a Member of the Parish Council due to the lack of attendance at meetings. There would now be a further vacancy. The Clerk was asked to notify Newark & Sherwood District Council and advertise that there was casual vacancy.

A personal interest in one of the applicants was declared by Councillor Mrs Bayne.

Members noted that there were three applications for co-option received, for the three vacancies the Parish Council were currently carrying.

Two of the applicants, Helen Bayne and Andrew Chrimes were present, with Peter Rawlings offering apologies.

After discussion, Councillor Mrs Kingston proposed, seconded by Councillor Parker, that all three applicants be accepted for co-option. This was AGREED.

The Chair welcomed those present to the Council and advised that the Clerk would liaise regarding training through the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils.

Declarations of Acceptance of Office and Register of Members Interests Forms were completed by the two successful applicants present.

The Clerk would circulate further information to co-opted Members.

(b) To receive details on a Water Safety Event – 11th August 2022

The Chair updated Members on the joint event being arranged along the Riverbank on Thursday, 11th August between 11am and 3pm.

Details would be posted on the Farndon Residents page.

(c) To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

Councillor Mrs Kingston updated Members on the Memorial Hall Committee. The anti-vandal paint had now been implemented and notice signs displayed. There was a concern at the current financial position of the Memorial Hall.

Reference was made to a document that referred to the Parish Council as Custodian Trustee. The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of that document and investigate further.

Councillor Mrs Bayne referred to the Health Consultative Group she had recently attended at the Town Hall.

Councillor Mrs Bayne asked whether any correspondence had been received from the Newark Municipal General Charities regarding the acceptance of the Parish Council's nomination on to the Trust. The Clerk advised that no further correspondence had been received. An update would be requested.

The Chair updated Members on a meeting held with Newark & Sherwood District Council in his position as Chair of NALC. Elections were planned to be held in 2024 for the combined Mayoral position. As it stood at the moment, an election would also have to be held in 2024 to replace the Police & Crime Commissioner.

- (d) To note the road closures for the Newark Half Marathon – 14th August 2022
Members noted the road closures, and additional information provided, regarding the road closures for the Newark Half Marathon on Sunday, 14th August 2022.

Details to be put on the Farndon Residents page.

FPC22-50 Update Reports from Chairs

- (a) Chairman's Report
The Chair reported that County Day would again be held. This year it would be on 23rd August 2022.

- (b) Planning
Applications
22/01331/FUL – Land Adjacent to Fosse Road, Farndon - Erection of Four Bedroom Bungalow
After consideration, it was unanimously AGREED that the application be supported. However, Members were aware of the impact the removal of mature landscaping had had on the adjacent residential properties. The Planning Authority to be asked to include a condition that mature trees and extensive landscaping be included along the boundaries to replace that lost when the site was cleared.

22/01266/FUL – Farndon Boathouse, North End, Farndon - Continue using the outdoor marquee as an extension of the restaurant

This item had been considered earlier on the agenda.

22/01249/FULM – A46T Roundabout, Hawton Lane, Farndon - Proposed new roundabout on the A46 Farndon Bypass to provide a link with the Newark Southern Link Road

After consideration it was AGREED that no objection be raised to the application.

However, the Clerk was asked to vigorously pursue, in partnership with Hawton Parish Council if possible, the installation of traffic lights at Hawton bridge and the enforcement of the weight restriction on Hawton Lane.

The Chair noted that there would be major disruption for residents and the Parish Council would seek to ensure minimal impact on the village.

Tree Works

22/01361/TPO - 1Westfield Way, Farndon - Proposed works to tree protected by TPO N41 Remove 1no Dead Tree

Members noted the tree works as outlined.

Other Planning

Planning Enforcement Matters

The Clerk updated Members on the current matters with Enforcement.

Planning Appeal - APP/B3030/Z/22/3298658 - Display of 2no. free standing pole mounted signs - Land Opposite 44 To 26 Fosse Road Farndon

Members noted that a planning appeal had been lodged by the applicant. Any comments previously made by the Parish Council would be considered by the Planning Inspector.

(c) General Purposes

Update on Wildlife Pond

The Clerk advised that a new quotation had been received following the site meeting held with a contractor. This was in the sum of £4,600 plus VAT.

The Clerk reminded Members that this was included within the 'Greener' application made to the Parish and Town Council Initiative Fund, so 50% of the costs would be refunded.

This would now be progressed to a full design for submission to Via.

(d) Cemetery

The Clerk was sorry to report to Members that there had been an incidence of vandalism at the Garden of Remembrance with flower holders thrown around the space.

Councillor Mrs Bayne referred to the anomalies that had been highlighted at the June meeting. A report to be brought back to the September meeting on any changes required to the Cemetery regulations and on fees and charges.

(e) Playing Field

To receive a report on the progress of the installation of the CCTV scheme on the playing field.

The Clerk advised that the installation was nearing completion. Once complete, residents who had asked to view the extent of the coverage would be invited in to

view the system.

Cricket Club Lease Amendments

The outstanding issues had been addressed by the Council's Solicitors and forwarded to the Chair and Councillor Duckmanton for agreement as they had delegated authority.

These would now be forwarded to the Cricket Club and it was hoped that the lease could now be finalised.

(f) Ponds & Riverside

To note installation of a new Memorial Bench

Members noted that the new Memorial Bench had been installed and made a nice feature on the riverbank adjacent to the ponds.

FPC22-51 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

Members received and noted the receipts as outlined in the circulated schedule.

(c) To note the Council's financial position as at 30th June 2022 and 31st July 2022

Members noted the Council's financial positions as at 31st July 2022.

(d) To receive a forward budget report

The Clerk referred to the forward budget report circulated to Members.

There were a number of projects coming forward that may need an application to a Public Works Loan Board. A full report would be brought to the September meeting.

FPC22-52 Notts Association of Local Councils

(a) The Chair reported that the Annual General Meeting would be held at Oxtun on Thursday, 17th November. Councillor Ben Bradley, Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council, would be the lead speaker.

FPC22-53 To receive any correspondence

(a) There was none.

FPC22-54 Items for Notification

(a) Cllr Parker asked for an update on the project to put a footpath across the Parish Council's land on North End. The Clerk to bring a report back to the September meeting.

FPC22-55 Date of Next Meeting
Monday, 26th September 2022

The meeting closed at 8.40pm