

Minutes of Farndon Parish Council held on Monday, 23rd January 2017 at 6.30pm in the Parish Council Room

Present: Councillor M Baker, in the Chair
Councillor Mrs M Bayne
Councillor A Duckmanton
Councillor Mrs J Gafney
Councillor I Millner
Councillor M Oldham
Councillor J Teixeira-Gomes

Also in attendance: John Dodson (FREG), Councillors I and K Walker, and County Councillor Mrs Saddington and one member of the public

FPC16-085 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

FPC16-086 Declarations of interest

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

FPC16-087 Minutes of the Parish Council – 28th November 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 28th November 2016 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

FPC16-088 County Councillor Report

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.32pm to allow Councillor Mrs Saddington to present her report.

Councillor Mrs Saddington thanked FREG for organising the Carols on the Green event which she thought was highly successful and a lovely event.

A donation of £150 was pledged by Councillor Mrs Saddington for the planting of bushes in the village, potentially at Fell Croft.

The Nottinghamshire Minerals Plan had been submitted to the Secretary of State and an Inspector, Liz Hall, appointed. It was likely that the Inquiry would be in the Spring.

Councillor Mrs Saddington referred to the request made by the Clerk regarding parking for funerals. The County Council would not consider yellow lines, the better solution was to place cones and to also use the Memorial Hall car park.

Councillor Mrs Saddington referred to the planning application recently approved for land adjoining 9 Main Street.

She commented that it was a difficult situation but 'need' was a material concern for determining a planning application. Members felt that the applicant had demonstrated that need so there was no reason to refuse the application. Councillor Duckmanton asked how a need can be proven if the Planning Committee were not aware of what facilities the applicant had already.

In terms of the land being 'amenity land' if it belonged to the Parish then it would be a civil matter if it had been built on without permission.

The Chair referred to a meeting held in June 2014 and the concerns raised by residents who had attended at that time. The neighbour in the adjoining property had lived in the village since birth but had stated after the Planning Committee that they would now be selling up as they felt their views had not been listened to.

The Chair thanked Councillor Mrs Saddington for her report and reconvened the meeting at 6.43pm.

FPC16-089 District Councillor Report

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.44pm to allow District Councillors to present their report.

Councillor Walker reiterated that, from a planning perspective, it would have been difficult to refuse the application. The decision to approve was unanimous from the Planning Committee.

The Chair observed that applications on the site had been refused twice previously by the Planning Committee. The Parish Council were disappointed that their views had not been listened to and that the application had been supported by its District Councillors without discussion with the Parish.

It was noted that, while permission had been granted for a person with specific needs, there was nothing to prevent the applicant from selling the land with planning permission.

Councillor K Walker suggested that the Parish Council invite an officer from Newark & Sherwood District Council's Planning Department to a future meeting to discuss planning in general.

It was AGREED that the Clerk would submit this request.

The Chair thanked Councillors for their report and reconvened the meeting at 7.10pm.

FPC16-090 Update Reports from Chairs

The Chair proposed that the applications submitted to develop areas on Almond Grove and The Willows be brought forward while District and County Councillors were present. This was AGREED unanimously.

- 16/02168/FUL – Garage Units Adjacent 15-17 Almond Grove, Farndon – Demolition of garages and erection of 1 No. 2 bed bungalow
- 16/02174/FUL – Garage Court Adjacent 4-8 The Willows, Farndon – Erection of two dwellings
- 17/00042/FUL - Garage Courts Adjacent 27 - 29 Almond Grove, Farndon

Members discussed the loss of the garages and the potential impact that loss could have on the adjoining roads if it meant additional vehicles would be parked on the street.

It was disappointing that no information had been provided by the applicant on the current usage of the garages and that the Planning Officer dealing with the applications was unable to provide that information either.

It was noted that the closing date for comments was approaching, however, Members did not feel able to determine the applications at this time.

It was AGREED that the Clerk request an extension of time to submit the Parish Council’s comments and make further enquiries to see whether that information could be obtained.

An extraordinary meeting of the Council would be called after discussion with the Planning Officer and that meeting be notified to adjoining residents in an attempt to determine the level of objection/support to the proposals.

FPC16-091 Farndon Residents Environment Group

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.35pm to allow John Dodson to present the report.

December had been a good month with the Christmas Tree initiative raising £2,500 in total which would be split between Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance and Newark HomeStart.

The Carols on the Green had raised £500 which would be split between the Salvation Army and Community First Responders.

In January FREG had done work pollarding willows on Wyke Lane and the village litter pick.

February will be determined at the next meeting of FREG.

The Chair thanked John for his report and reconvened the meeting at 7.40pm.

FPC16-092 Public 10 Minute Session

No questions were raised.

FPC16-093 Parish Council Matters

(a) **Draft Lease in respect of St Peter's Early Years**

The Clerk advised that Early Years were now seeking legal advice, particularly in regard to the reference to individual names of trustees being included. It was noted that this option had been available since the beginning of the process.

The Clerk had advised the Trustees that the matter needed to be completed by the February meeting.

(b) **To receive an update on the Memorial Benches for HM The Queen's 90th Birthday**

Members noted that the benches had been received and were delighted at the quality of the benches and the fretwork and engraving of them. A contractor had been retained to install the benches and that would be completed in the next couple of weeks.

(c) **Minutes of Meeting of Newark Healthcare Consultative Group – 6th January 2017**

It was noted that the minutes of the meeting had not been received. They would be included on the agenda of the February meeting.

(d) **Development Concerns – School Lane**

The Clerk advised that a concerned resident had been providing regular updates on the property. No application had yet been received for any development of the site.

It was AGREED that the Clerk would update the Enforcement Officer and ask for a further site visit to be made.

(e) **Clinical Commissioning Group Consultations**

The Clerk advised that the CCG would continue to consult with Parish Councils on matters relating to various aspects of the Health Service and asked Members how they wished to respond to these.

After discussion it was AGREED that Councillor Mrs Bayne be appointed to respond on behalf of the Parish Council, in liaison with the Clerk.

FPC16-094 Update Reports from Chairs

(a) **Planning**

16/02077/FUL – Trent Cottage, 6 West End, Farndon – Householder application for detached garage

Prior to consideration of this item, Councillor Oldham declared a personal interest (friend of the application) and removed himself from the discussion.

No objection was raised to the application.

Feedback on Planning Application for Land Fronting 9 Main Street, Farndon

This matter had been covered during the County Councillor and District Councillor reports.

Decision Notice – 16/02055/TWCA – Applewood Cottage, Wyke Lane, Farndon – Reduce leylandii trees (situated along driveway and adj dwelling) by 10 feet

The decision notice relating to the above was received and noted.

Decision Notice – 16/02149/WCA – Pedlers Way, 2 Church Street, Farndon – Wodks to 1 No Holly tree in rear garden

The decision notice relating to the above was received and noted.

16/02089/TWCA – Farndon Willow Holt Nature Reserve, Wyke Lane, Farndon – Ash Tree – dismantle and top to 4 metre due to Armillaria (fungus) aand cavity and re-plan with an English Oak.

The decision notice relating to the above was received and noted.

Tree Works, Fosse Road – Update for Members

The Clerk updated Members on the works that had recently been undertaken on Fosse Road which it had been identified as belonging to Newark & Sherwood Homes.

A concern was expressed at the way the area had been left and the Clerk was asked to raise this matter with Newark & Sherwood Homes.

Discussion on Roundabout – Sandhill Road

Councillor Duckmanton referred to the ongoing issues with parking throughout the village, but particularly on Sandhill Road. He questioned whether there would be any opportunity to reduce the size of the turning point roundabout to provide additional parking spaces.

It was AGREED that the Clerk write to Councillor Mrs Saddington with the suggestion and ask her to raise it with Officers at the County Council.

(b) **Playing Field**

Ruts in Field

The ruts caused by a delivery vehicle going to the Cricket Club will be repaired by the Club in the Summer.

Container

It was noted that this was no longer in use by the football club so could be used by the Parish Council.

It was AGREED that the container be inspected by the Clerk and Village Handyman to assess usage and any repairs that may be required.

(c) **Cemetery**

Cemetery Railings – Installation of Gate & Advice from Insurers

The Clerk referred to advice received from Zurich regarding risk implications to the Parish Council.

It was noted that ‘Do Not Climb’ signs would be put on the railings and that Councillor Duckmanton would take opportunity to speak to the young people using the hard

standing area to play football. However, given the advice received it was AGREED that the gate should be installed as previously discussed.

Work to Conifers

The Clerk advised that a quotation in the sum of £900 had been received to reduce the height of the 15 conifers to enable self-management.

It was AGREED that this quotation be accepted and the work undertaken as soon as possible.

Renewal of Electricity Plan and Contract

The Clerk advised that the electricity plan with E-On had been renewed for supply to the mortuary building.

Burial Space Availability

The Clerk updated Members on the number of spaces available, both for cremated remains and burials.

While there was not an immediate requirement for land, Members would need to consider over the next couple of years how future requirements could be met.

(d) **Ponds & Riverside**

Pollarding of Willow Trees

The Clerk advised that a quotation had been received in the sum of £740 to reduce the pollards on the picnic area. The work had been offered to FREG but was declined as it was too much for them to undertake.

It was AGREED that the quotation be accepted and the contractor be asked to undertake the works as soon as possible and before the nesting season.

Inspection

Councillor Gomes advised that, accompanied by the Clerk, an inspection had been made of the ponds and riverside area and areas where work was required noted.

Quotations would be obtained for the provision of two new litter bins, one for the picnic area and one near the slipway.

FPC16-095 Financial Matters

(a) **To consider accounts for payment in accordance with the circulated schedule as at 23rd January 2017**

Members AGREED payments in accordance with the circulated schedule outlined below:

To	Amount	Description
Various	3195.46	Wages
County Supplies	119.88	Office Supplies
Viking Signs	206.27	Signage

UK Fuels Ltd	105.39	Fuel
E-On	35.26	Mortuary Electricity
Smiths Timber Merchants	22.95	Supplies
J R Mowers	358.74	Repairs & New Lights
J R Mowers	19.18	Tyre Sealant
Classic Memorial Benches	1,540.00	2 x Classic Benches
HMRC	1,089.59	PAYE – Quarter 3
J Saunders	72.36	Reimbursement for Toner Cartridges
Farndon Memorial Hall	450.00	Office Rent – Oct to Dec
Total:	7,215.08	

(b) **To note any receipts in accordance with the circulated schedule as at 23rd January 2017:**

Members NOTED receipts in accordance with the circulated schedule outlined below.

From	Amount	Description
Farndon St Peter's Early Years	333.33	Rent
S Fotheringham	90.00	Memorial – Mouraille
E Gill & Sons Ltd	130.00	Interment – Devenish
E Gill & Sons Ltd	75.00	Memorial – BM89
E Gill & Sons Ltd	90.00	Memorial – McGuiness
Total:	718.33	

(c) **To note the Council's Financial Position as at 23rd January 2017**

Members received and noted the Council's financial position as at 23rd January 2017.

(d) **Auto-Enrolment – NEST Pensions Registration**

It was noted that this was an ongoing item and there was nothing to report.

The Direct Debit Mandate was signed in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.

(f) **To agree the Council's Budget Heads for the 2017/19 Financial Year**

It was AGREED that the Clerk should amalgamate central budget codes in to Administration and manage the budget heads as appropriate to the efficient running of the Parish Council's finances.

FPC16-096 Nottinghamshire County Council

Rights of Way Claim – Crees Lane

The Clerk referred to correspondence received from the County Council regarding the current position with regard to the rights of way claim for Crees Lane.

Members noted that there was no historical documentary evidence and the claim rested on user evidence. The County Council had undertaken follow ups with the 15 people who had responded, only nine of whom could demonstrate use during the 20

year relevant period from 1992 to 2012. Of those nine, only four would be willing to attend a public inquiry.

In summary, the County Council considered that, due to the low level of evidence and lack of quality, the 'reasonable allegation' test had not been met and therefore proposed that the claim be turned down.

After discussion, Members AGREED with the County Council's decision to turn the claim down. However, it was further AGREED that the Clerk pursue the idea of a footpath being provided along the boundary hedge of the field that runs alongside Crees Lane to provide a link to the existing footpath.

Submission of Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan

Confirmation of the submission of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan to the Secretary of State was received and noted.

Crime in Rural Areas Consultation

It was AGREED that the Clerk be given delegated authority to respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

FPC16-097 Newark & Sherwood District Council

(a) **Plan Review Preferred Approach Consultation – Sites & Settlements, Town Centre & Retail**

It was AGREED that Councillor Oldham be appointed to respond on behalf of the Parish Council in liaison with the Clerk.

(b) **Consultation on Removal of BT Phone Kiosk – Main Street, Farndon**

The intention of BT to remove the phone kiosk on Main Street was received and noted. It was AGREED that the Parish Council would adopt the kiosk at the cost of £1 in order to retain it in the village. Responsibility for maintenance would fall to the Parish Council.

FPC16-098 Notts Association of Local Councils

(a) **Appointment of New External Auditor**

Received and noted that a new auditor had been appointed from the 2018/19 financial year.

(b) **Referendum Principles NOT Extended to Parish Councils**

Members were pleased to note advice that the referendum principles would not be extended at the present time.

(c) **Election of Notts ALC Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

Correspondence advising of the appointment of a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Notts ALC was received and noted.

(d) **Western Power Distribution – Launch of New Severe Weather Bulletin**

It was AGREED that the Clerk would circulate the link to enable Members to sign up for the bulletin service.

FPC16-099 To receive any correspondence

There was none to report.

FPC16-100 To receive items for notification

(a) **Riverside**

Councillor Duckmanton commented on the impact of inconsiderate parking on Wyke Lane, thought to be primarily by those visiting the restaurants by the river side.

It was AGREED that the issue of the car park needed to be discussed again and that the Clerk should seek to arrange a meeting with the owners of both establishments, Councillor Duckmanton and Councillor Baker, as soon as possible.

(b) **Bottle Banks**

Councillor Gomes queried whether there was any possibility of providing this service in the village. The Chair advised that provision had been investigated previously and there were no suitable sites.

(c) **Fish & Chip Shop**

Councillor Gomes had received complaints about the smell from the mobile fish and chip shop that was parking on the Londis car park one day a week.

FPC16-101 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 27th February 2017