

Minutes of the Meeting of Farndon Parish Council held on Monday, 28th March 2022 at 6.30pm in the Parish Room, Memorial Hall, Marsh Lane, Farndon

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

Also present: District Councillor Walker, County Councillor Mrs Saddington and two members of the public

FPC21-127 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr Dodson (FREG)

FPC21-128 Declarations of Interest

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

FPC21-129 **Public 10 Minute Session**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.32pm to allow for questions from the public.

A resident expressed their concern at the anti-social behaviour that was being experienced on roads leading down to the riverside area of the village. This appeared to be undertaken by a small group of young people who had little or no regard for residents and how their behaviour may impact on them. Police had been notified when incidents had occurred.

It was noted that some were not resident in the village and the resident asked whether it would be possible to bar them from entering the area.

The Clerk advised that a meeting was arranged with the Beat Manager and PCSO for Farndon on Tuesday, 29th March and the concerns raised by the resident would be shared with them.

A resident referred to the marquee that had been erected at the Farndon Boathouse. An abatement order had previously been served for noise nuisance on the premises when the previous marquee was up. The loss of car parking spaces would again impact on adjacent neighbouring residential properties, and the resident questioned whether a minimum number of car parking spaces had to be provided as part of the original planning application.

It was questioned whether or not planning permission was required for the structure to be in place.

District Councillor Walker agreed to speak to the Licensing Department at Newark & Sherwood District Council. The Clerk would seek to establish whether car parking spaces were included as part of the original planning permission.

08.04.22 – details of previous planning permission sent to Cllrs Parker and the Chair. 14.04.22 – sent to Planning Enforcement & Cllr Walker

The Chair thanked the residents for raising their concerns and, there being no further questions the Chair reconvened the meeting at 7.06pm.

FPC21-130 County Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.07pm for Cllr Mrs Saddington to present her report.

Cllr Mrs Saddington referred to the incident on Main Street where a building had been destroyed. One of the reasons had been the speed of the vehicle. The matter had been taken up with the team at Via to put some speed monitoring measures in place.

11.04.22 – acknowledgement from Via of speed monitoring on Main Street. Forwarded to Members on 14.04.22

The Tour of Britain Cycle Race would be coming through Nottinghamshire on 8th September. The route had yet to be announced.

A donation of £350 had been made to the Parish Council from the Divisional Fund towards the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. £200 had also been donated to the school.

Councillor Mrs Bayne queried when the roadworks at the Lord Ted roundabout would be completed. Councillor Mrs Saddington advised the work was being undertaken by National Highways and requests for an update had not been forthcoming.

Councillor Mrs Bayne asked whether the weight limit on Hawton Lane could be made clearer. The signs that had been in place appeared to have been removed. Councillor Mrs Saddington agreed to investigate with Via.

The Chair thanked Cllr Mrs Saddington for her report and reconvened the meeting at 7.18pm.

FPC21-131 District Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.19pm to allow District Councillor Walker to present his report.

Cllr Walker referred to the matters raised during the public session and confirmed he would speak to Licensing and Planning for clarification.

The District Council would be moving to a Cabinet style from May 2022.

Councillor Parker queried the colour of the new roof tiles that had been put on houses on Sandhill Road, which were bright red and clashed with the existing houses. It was AGREED that the Clerk raise this matter direct with the District Council.

The Chair thanked Cllr Walker for his report and reconvened the meeting at 7.25pm.

(a) To note the appointment of an Arts Development Officer

Members noted the appointment of an Arts Development Officer who was available to work with Parish Councils if there was a requirement.

FPC21-132 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 28th February 2022

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th February 2022 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

FPC21-133 **Farndon Residents Environment Group.**

It was noted that Mr Dodson was standing down from the Treasurer post from May 2022.

An update had been provided outlining the work FREG had undertaken in the village during March.

(a) March Meeting

Members noted the minutes of the March Meeting.

(b) To consider a request for assistance with the Village Christmas Tree

The Clerk referred to correspondence received from the Chair of FREG regarding the village Christmas tree.

After discussion, the Clerk was asked to investigate whether it would be possible for a permanent tree to be planted on the Millennium Green and bring a report back to the April meeting.

In terms of a mobile tree, the Clerk was asked to establish how many hours were involved in moving the tree around the village and how many houses booked the tree.

14.04.22 – email sent to Sarah asking for information on hours and advising about investigating a permanent tree site on Millennium Green.

FPC21-134 **Parish Council Matters**

(a) To consider and agree commemorations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – June 2022

The Clerk updated Members on progress to date. A bunting workshop had been arranged for the afternoon of Saturday, 2nd April at the Rose & Crown.

(b) Speeding Traffic and Incident on Main Street

This had been covered under Cllr Mrs Saddington's report under minute number FPC21-130

FPC21-135 Update Reports from Chairs

(a) Chairman's Report

Update on Newark Town Fund Board

The Chair updated Members on the present position with the Board. As a member of the Board, a visit to the IAASTI could be arranged if that would be of interest.

Councillor Mrs Kingston registered her interest in visiting.

(b) Planning

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

Applications

22/00391/ADV - Land Opposite 44 To 26 Fosse Road Farndon - One sign to include two sides (each are 2m width / 2.5 m height)

Members had no objection to the application but would make the comment that they considered the sign was located too close to the roundabout and could impact on visibility.

22/00408/FUL - Land To The Rear Of 74 And 76 Fosse Road Farndon Newark On Trent NG24 4S - Construction of Residential Development Comprising Two Detached Dwellings on Land To The Rear Of 74 And 76 Fosse Road, Farndon (Re-submission of 21/01913/FUL)

This application had been supported by the Parish Council when it had been originally submitted. No objection was raised.

22/00402/FUL - 132 Marsh Lane Farndon Nottinghamshire NG24 4TG - Two bed dormer bungalow with associated parking

After discussion, Members unanimously objected to the application. They considered that it was over intensification of the site, with the new property having virtually no garden. Plus, having another driveway, with a dropped kerb, would impact on the already challenging parking conditions along the street. Members were aware of, and agreed, with the comments made by highways.

Decision Notice

21/02347/FUL – Farndon Cricket Club - Erection of new cricket pavilion and groundsman's store. Existing garage, shed and changing block to be demolished. Work to include new car park with access onto Fosse Road together with improved public footpath from Fosse Road.

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

Tree Works

21/01976/TPO - 3 Jackson Court Farndon - Undertake works to trees identified as 2 x Lime trees forming part of Group G3 of TPO N41; Lime Trees (T1 & T2) - fell to ground level due to condition and previous loss of branches causing damage to property, alleged Kretzschmaria deusta (Ustulina deusta) disease to lower trunk and safety concerns due to proximity of trees to house and neighbouring property

Members noted that the application for the tree works as outlined had been refused.

Planning Enforcement

Feedback on the query regarding the flood attenuation scheme on Hawton Lane, Farndon

The Clerk referred to correspondence received from Planning Enforcement regarding the flood attenuation scheme on Hawton Lane. A copy had been circulated to Members for information.

(c)

General Purposes

To note engagement with the Community Payback Team

The Clerk advised that the Community Payback Team had commenced work with the Parish Council on Saturday, 26th March 2022. They would be doing two days a week – Monday and Saturday, initially concentrating on the Cemetery.

To note the request to remove plants from the verge on Main Street

The Clerk referred to a request from a resident regarding the removal of Spanish Bluebells from the verge on Main Street, and replacing with English Bluebells. No objection was raised.

30.03.22 – resident advised that no objection to replacing the Spanish Bluebells with English.

To agree the placing and planting of planters

Members agreed that two planters be placed on the grassed area on North End. One would be moved from the Riverside, with the second one from the Cemetery.

Discussed with Simon after the meeting. 10.04.22 – Cllr Parker suggested a path be put in rather than the planters. JS to investigate.

(d)

Playing Field

To note the revised Draft Lease and Lease Plan – Farndon Cricket Club

Councillor Duckmanton declared a personal interest in this item as a member of the club.

Members noted that an updated draft lease was awaited. The lease plan had been agreed and would be included with the lease.

A valuation would be required in order that the Parish Council could set an annual rent. The current rent was £450.97 per annum. It was AGREED that the Clerk progress this.

Edlin & Jarvis approached to do a valuation but not a service they provide. Put on to Richard Watkinson – response awaited.

Members noted that the facility would be an asset to the village when complete.

To note the complaint made to WaterPlus regarding the Bowls Club water supply and invoicing

The Clerk updated Members on the complaint that had been raised with WaterPlus regarding the basis used to calculate water rates. The matter was ongoing.

To note a request regarding the Gordon Whelbourn Running Week and use of Parish Council land

Members noted the request received from the organisers of the Gordon Whelbourn Running Week, who were looking to hold two races in the village during the week, on Wednesday, 8th and Friday, 10th June. The organisers had requested use of the hard standing area on the playing field.

This was AGREED and noted. The Cricket Club would be advised about the Friday as this was the date the minis trained.

To note a request regarding vehicular access to the Cricket Club for Presidents Day on 26th June 2022

Members noted and AGREED the request received from the Cricket Club regarding vehicular access to the Cricket Club for President's Day on 26th June, and the erection of a marquee to the side of the pavilion if necessary.

Cricket Club advised that permission granted for vehicles on President's Day.

(e) Cemetery

To consider a demonstration of the Rialtas Cemetery Software

The Clerk advised Members that the Parish Council's Cemetery records were all contained within burial register books. The earlier records were beginning to deteriorate.

Rialtas provided the Council's accounts software and now had a Cemetery package which would be useful to review.

It was AGREED that the Clerk arrange a demonstration of the software and invite all Members to participate.

14.04.22 – email sent to Rialtas asking for demonstration.

(f) Ponds & Riverside

Update on the progress with the resurfacing of the Riverside Car Park

The Clerk advised that the quotation was expected early in the new financial year.

Monitoring of Overnight Camping

The Clerk advised that monitoring of overnight camping on the Riverside was being undertaken, given the impact last year on the litter bins and additional waste generated.

To note damage to a Silver Birch tree and actions taken

The Clerk updated Members on the damage to the Silver Birch. The Sexton had removed the trunk and taken it down to floor level. The Police had been informed.

09.04.22 – crime reference number received from the Police.

FPC21-136 Financial Matters

(a) To consider accounts for payments in accordance with the circulated scheduled
Members noted the circulated schedules detailing accounts for payment.

(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 28th February 2022
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- (d) To note the successful bid to the National Lottery Community Fund
Members noted the successful bid to the National Lottery Community Fund for the Platinum Jubilee in the sum of £4,100.
- (e) To note the application made to Newark & Sherwood District Council for Jubilee Funding
Members noted that the Clerk had applied to the District Council for the Jubilee Funding they had made available to all Parish Councils, based on the level of precept. A grant of £300 was expected.
04.04.22 – grant of £300 received from NSDC
- (f) To note the successful application for funding to the Nottinghamshire County Council Local Communities Fund (Revenue)
Confirmation had been received that the application to the Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Communities Fund (Revenue) for the Farndon Friendship Club had been successful. A sum of £5,000 had been granted.

The Clerk would discuss this award with members of the club to see how it could best benefit the community.

14.04.22 – Clerk went to the club and met with the group. Asked that they consider how they would like the group to progress and come back to JS.

FPC21-137 Notts Association of Local Councils

- (a) To note the Pay Agreement 2022
Members noted the 2021-22 National Salary Award had been agreed, backdated to 1st April 2021. This would be processed in the March payroll.

FPC21-138 Correspondence

- (a) There were no items to raise.

FPC21-139 Items for Notification

- (a) Cllr Mrs Bayne asked if the Sexton could look at the Cemetery gates, which were broken at the bottom.
- (b) The Chair asked if the Clerk could query with the Newark Municipal General Charities if the Parish Council needed to appoint a new Trustee with the sad passing of Mr Aslin.
28.03.22 – Elizabeth Gamage emailed about the need to replace a new Trustee. Response received asking the Parish Council to appoint a new one in time for May meeting. Item to be placed on April agenda.

FPC21-140 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 25th April 2022

