

Minutes of the Meeting of Farndon Parish Council held on Monday, 25th April 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: County Councillor Mrs Saddington

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair called for a minutes silence in remembrance of Councillor Jose Teixeira-Gomes who sadly passed away on 28th March 2022

FPC21-141 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from District Councillor I Walker, Mr J Dodson and Mr S Swanwick (FREG)

FPC21-142 Declarations of Interest

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

FPC21-143 **Public 10 Minute Session**

There were no members of the public present.

FPC21-144 **County Councillor Session**

This item would be taken if, and when, Councillor Mrs Saddington arrived.

(a) Town and Parish Council Engagement Sessions

The Chair advised he would be attending the session on Thursday, 26th May in his position as Chair of NALC. Councillor Mrs Kingston would attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

FPC21-145 **District Councillor Session**

No report was presented as Councillor Walker had given his apologies.

FPC21-146 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 28th March 2022

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

Members asked for an update on matters that currently sat with Planning Enforcement. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to also contact Licensing at NSDC to establish when the Licence was due for renewal and to advise of issues being experienced by adjacent residents.

Email sent to Licensing

FPC21-144 County Councillor Session (cont)

With the arrival of Councillor Mrs Saddington, the Chair suspended the meeting at 7.46pm to allow her to present her report.

On behalf of District Councillor Walker, Councillor Mrs Saddington reported that 60 Ukrainian families would be coming to live in the Newark & Sherwood District Council area.

Councillor Mrs Saddington referred to a meeting arranged with Network Rail on Wednesday, 11th May by Zoom to discuss the problems being experienced with the barriers along the Nottingham to Newark line, including the Castle level crossing. Details would be shared so that the Chair could join.

Repairs to the Newark Castle level crossing would be undertaken over the weekend 7th to 9th May 2022 (9pm to 7am), then again on 14th to 15th May (9pm to 10am) and again on 18th to 19th June (11.55pm to 8.30am). There would be no emergency vehicle or pedestrian access over these periods. Details to be shared on the residents page for information.

The Clerk advised that the donation from Councillor Mrs Saddington to the Platinum Jubilee celebrations had been received. Details of the events being arranged over the period to be forwarded to Councillor Mrs Saddington for information.

Poster sent to Cllr Mrs Saddington

Councillor Parker referred to the dropped kerbs that had been previously logged with Via. Councillor Mrs Saddington asked to be copied into any correspondence.

The Chair thanked Councillor Mrs Saddington for her report and reconvened the meeting at 8.05pm.

Copy email sent to residents.

FPC21-147 Farndon Residents Environment Group.

(a) April Meeting

Members noted the minutes of the April Meeting.

The Chair queried the item on the Village Christmas tree which didn't accord with the decision made by the Parish Council. The Clerk advised that an email had been sent to the Chair of FREG confirming the discussions at the March meeting.

FPC21-148 Parish Council Matters

(a) To note progress and ratify expenditure on commemorations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – June 2022

The Clerk updated Members on progress to date. An updated spreadsheet would be circulated to Members for information on the anticipated spend.

Councillor Parker would review the condition of the Fields in Trust plaque (adjacent to the Jubilee Bench), and refurbish as appropriate, prior to the Beacon Lighting.

(b) To note arrangements for speed monitoring
Members noted the arrangements that were going to be put in place on Marsh Lane and Main Street to monitor speed. Feedback would be received at some future point.

(c) To receive an update on damage caused by anti-social behaviour in the village
The Clerk updated Members on the meeting held with the Beat Manager and PCSO on anti-social behaviour in the village. A crime reference number had been received for the damage to the Silver Birch, and the Police had also been advised on further damage that had taken place on Parish Council land.

The Chair advised that arrangements had been made for an Outreach Worker to visit the village on a Friday evening.

(d) To note arrangements for the Outlaw Half Triathlon – 15th May 2022
Members noted correspondence received outlining the route for the Outlaw Half Triathlon on 15th May 2022. The route did not directly impact on the roads around Farndon.

FPC21-149 Update Reports from Chairs

(a) Chairman's Report

Feedback from Joint Meeting re Main Street, Bus Shelter

The Chair updated Members on the multi-agency meeting held recently regarding the Bus Shelter on Main Street.

The Chair was seeking to establish contact with the CCTV Team at Newark & Sherwood District Council to discuss options for monitoring. After discussion, Members AGREED to review over the Summer.

(b) Planning

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

Applications

22/00753/HOUSE – 112 Marsh Lane, Farndon - Proposed two storey extension

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

Decision Notice

21/02417/FUL – The Maltings, Old Hall Farm, Old Hall Close - Proposed First Floor Extension and Conversion of Existing Garage Building to form Ancillary Residential Accommodation to Principal Dwelling House

Members noted the decision notice outlining the refusal of planning permission for the development as outlined.

22/00402/FUL – 132 Marsh Lane, Farndon - Two bed dormer bungalow with associated parking

Members noted the decision notice outlining the refusal of planning permission for the development as outlined.

Tree Works

22/00628/TWCA – Lane to the side of 5 Church Street, Farndon - Re-pollard 9 No. Lime Trees to previous points

Members noted the tree works as outlined had been completed.

(c) General Purposes

Basic Survey and Tree Inspection Training for Sexton – 26th April 2022.

Members noted the Sexton would be undertaking training through the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils.

(d) Playing Field

To note the spraying of the playing field

Members noted the field had been sprayed on Friday, 22nd April 2022. A concern had been expressed by a resident due to the wind conditions which had been raised with the contractor, who had confirmed that had been taken into account on the day and adjustments made accordingly.

CCTV

Delegated authority was given to Councillor Duckmanton and the Clerk to liaise with the CCTV contractor.

To consider the new rent for the Cricket Club

The Clerk updated Members on the present position with establishing a new rent for the cricket club. After discussion, delegated authority was given to the Chair, Councillor Duckmanton and the Clerk to deal with this matter.

(e) Cemetery

To consider a demonstration of the Rialtas Cemetery Software.

The Clerk confirmed that an online demonstration had been arranged for 10am on Wednesday, 27th April 2022. The Chair and Clerk would view the demonstration and report back to Members.

(f) Ponds & Riverside

Update from Environment Agency on Picnic Area Floodbank

Members noted the update from the Environment Agency regarding the ownership and responsibility for the floodbank on the Picnic Area. Their records showed the asset as non-EA owned or maintained which means they cannot apply for or use public funding to complete any works on the area. However, they would be prepared to provide assistance to the Parish Council in the process if it did wish to undertake works in the area. If the works fall within 8m of a non-tidal or 16m of a Tidal river then the Parish Council would need to apply for a permit and the Environment

Agency advised that it was likely, given the nature of the works, that it would be possible to obtain an exemption to complete this.

Delegated authority was given to Councillor Parker and the Clerk to liaise with the owner of Farndon Marina to establish a way forward.

Requests for Memorial Benches

The Clerk advised of a request for a Memorial Bench. Initially it was considered this was for the Cemetery, but in discussion with the family it transpired that the outer areas were preferred. A position on the Riverbank behind the Ponds had been agreed with the family.

The Chair referred to a request for a Memorial Bench in memory of Councillor Peter Gafney, from his widow. This had been agreed for the meadow and would replace the Oak tree that had failed to thrive.

FPC21-150 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 31st March 2022
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- (d) To confirm the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the 2021-22 Audit
Members confirmed the appointment of BMB Financial Services Ltd for the Internal Audit of the 2021-22 accounts.
- (e) To note arrangements for the 2021-22 Annual Governance Accountability Review
Members noted the arrangements for the 2021-22 Annual Governance Accountability Review which the Clerk would not work towards.
- (f) To note the renewal notice for the Council's Insurance
Members noted that the Council had entered into a 3 year deal with BHIB at the 2020-21 renewal with significant savings. The premium renewal was £

FPC21-151 Notts Association of Local Councils

There was nothing to report.

FPC21-152 Correspondence

- (a) There were no items to raise.

FPC21-153 Items for Notification

- (a)

Councillor Parker referred to contact received from a resident regarding problems around the verges at West End. This matter had previously been before Council in 2020. After discussion it was AGREED that the Clerk raise an enquiry with Via to establish whether this area could be included within the verges maintained by the Parish Council on their behalf.

Councillor Parker referred to the grassed area adjacent to The Meadows, owned by the Parish Council. After discussion it was AGREED that the Clerk seek quotations to put a path across it and report back to the next meeting. Advice would be sought from the Council's solicitors on the current situation with the request made for access across the land by a resident.

Councillor Mrs Kingston referred to the land between Westfield Way and Holmefield which appeared to have more items being dumped on it. The Clerk advised that this had previously been raised with Planning Enforcement. A request for a further inspection would be made.

Councillor Mrs Bayne advised that the Health Authority were seeking views of residents on accessing health services and asked whether the Residents Page could be used as a conduit for feedback. Questions to be forwarded to Councillor Parker so a poll could be created.

The Chair noted that, with the sad loss of Councillor Teixeira-Gomes, the Parish Council now had an additional Casual Vacancy. The Clerk advised that Newark & Sherwood District Council had been advised and that the vacancy would be progressed when appropriate to do so.

FPC21-154 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 23rd May 2022 - Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.