

Minutes of the Meeting of Farndon Parish Council held on Thursday, 13th January 2022 at 6.30pm in the Parish Room, Memorial Hall, Marsh Lane, Farndon

Present: **Councillor M Baker, in the Chair**
 Councillor Mrs Kingston
 Councillor Parker
 Councillor Teixeira-Gomes

Also present: District Cllr I Walker and Stephen Swanwick (FREG)

FPC21-95 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs Bayne, A Duckmanton, County Councillor Mrs Saddington and John Dodson (FREG).

FPC21-96 **Public 10 Minute Session**

A resident expressed concern at activity on the Riverside car park, adjacent to the old toilet block, which appeared to include drug taking. The Clerk would liaise with the Beat Manager.

It was further noted that the marquee had been removed by the Farndon Ferry. This was welcomed given the noise nuisance previously raised, but there was still a concern.

FPC21-97 Declarations of Interest

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

FPC21-98 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 22nd November 2021

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd November 2021 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

FPC21-99 **County Councillor Session**

No report was presented as County Councillor Mrs Saddington had given her apologies.

FPC21-100 **District Councillor Session**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.35pm to allow Councillor I Walker to present his report.

Councillor Walker reported that the 'Cleaner' round of the Parish and Town Council Initiative Fund was now open for applications.

Referring to the problems raised during the public session, Councillor Walker agreed he would speak to the Licensing Department.

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

- (a) Green Champions Scheme – Expression of Interest
Information on this scheme had been shared with FREG. However, it was considered that the current scheme worked well, further the Clerk was unclear on how the collection would work as District Council bins were only emptied on a weekly basis.
- (b) Free Trees Scheme
The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had been allocated a free tree pack by Newark & Sherwood District Council.
- (c) Impact of New Builds on Car Parking Review
A meeting had been held with

FPC21-101 Farndon Residents Environment Group.

The monthly litter pick would be held on Sunday, 16th January, with work in Farndon Park on Sunday, 23rd January.

Thanks were extended to the Sexton for his help with the road closure for Carols on the Green.

Mr Swanwick queried whether the District Council could provide different coloured bags for collecting litter picked from the side of the road, even if the Parish Council didn't sign up to the scheme.

It was AGREED that the Clerk discuss in further detail with the District Council.

- (a) December Meetings
Members noted the minutes of the December Meeting.

FPC21-102 Parish Council Matters

- (a) To note the establishment of the Farndon Friendship Club and the application to the LCF for Revenue Funding
Members noted the establishment of the Farndon Friendship Club, which would recommence on Thursday, 20th January. An application to the Local Communities Fund for Revenue Funding was noted. The Clerk would update Members on any response if received before the next meeting. The funding would enable the club to be held two days a week.
- (b) Notification of A46 Bypass Landholder Engagement
Correspondence outlining the commencement of landholder engagement was received and noted.

- (c) To consider how to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – June 2022
Councillor Mrs Kingston suggested that all other organisations in the village be contacted with a view to putting together a Working Party to commemorate the occasion. It was AGREED that the Clerk put a post on the residents page. The Chair advised that Country Kids Nursery were keen to be involved in any event.

The Clerk advised that Councillor Mrs Saddington was offering funding to Parish Councils in her Ward towards an event. It was AGREED that this be requested.

- (d) To note feedback from the Clerk on a meeting with Community Payback Nottinghamshire
The Clerk updated Members on the meeting held with Community Payback Nottinghamshire. It was hoped that help from the scheme would be forthcoming from the beginning of February.

FPC21-103 Update Reports from Chairs

- (a) Chairman's Report
No report was presented as there were no issues to raise or convey to Members.
- (b) Planning
Links to the applications on the District Council's planning portal had been forwarded to Members prior to the meeting.
- Applications**
- 21/02534/HOUSE – 19 School Lane, Farndon - Proposed ground floor side and rear extension
After consideration, it was AGREED that this application be supported.
- 21/02494/HOUSE – 24 Village Close, Farndon - Proposed extension
After consideration, it was AGREED that this application be supported.
- 21/02411/HOUSE – 26 North End, Farndon - Erection of Garden Shed/Storage.
After discussion, it was AGREED that this application be supported.
- Decision Notice**
- 21/01917/HOUSE – 60 Marsh Lane, Farndon - Construction of single storey rear extension
Members received and noted the decision notice granting permission for the development as outlined.
- Tree Works**
- 21/02292/TWCA - White Gables 11 Main Street Farndon NG24 3SA – Fell 2 no Conifer trees
Members noted correspondence granting permission for the tree works as outlined.
- 21/0256/TWCA – Land to the rear of North End, Farndon – Various tree works
This application related to the Parish Council's trees on the picnic area. A request had been made and granted for pollarding work to the Willows and some crown lifting.

(c) General Purposes

Community Trees - Holmefield

After discussion, the Clerk was given delegated authority to purchase community trees up to the value of £500 to plant in gardens on Holmefield, where residents had granted permission.

(d) Playing Field

Update on lease to Country Kids Nursery

Members noted that the lease had now been signed and counter-signed. Rental would be payable from 1st February 2022.

Discussion took place on the proposal by St Peter's Academy to start an early years at school. Members discussed the reasons behind the early years moving to the playing field and expressed concern at the impact this could have on the nursery.

It was AGREED that the Clerk draft a letter to school, for approval by Members before being sent.

Play Area Inspection Report

The Clerk advised that the report would be reviewed with the Sexton and the Small Worlds App updated for future inspections. If any works were required these would be brought back to the February meeting.

CCTV Progress & Update

The Clerk advised there was a 6 week lead time for materials. The Clerk would ensure due diligence in terms of risk assessments, insurance, plan of work in advance of commencement of the project.

(e) Cemetery

Request for a Memorial Bench

The Clerk referred to a request received from a family to place a memorial bench in the village. It was AGREED that Councillor Parker would review sites and report back to the Clerk to liaise with the family.

Garden of Remembrance

The Clerk sought permission to investigate the cost of removing the grass from around the memorial tablets in the Garden of Remembrance and replacing with gravel. It was AGREED that this be investigated further and costs brought back to the February meeting.

(f) Ponds & Riverside

The Clerk advised that the remaining picnic bench would be installed shortly.

Councillor Teixeira-Gomes referred to the Windlass that was removed from the slipway for repair. The Chair advised he would make enquiries and report back to a future meeting.

FPC21-104 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 December 2021
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- (d) To consider the 2022-23 budget and to set a Precept for the 2022-23 Financial Year.
The Clerk referred to documentation circulated regarding the 2022-23 budget.

It was noted that the car park at the Riverside was in need of resurfacing. An updated quotation was awaited through Nottinghamshire County Council, but it was expected this could be in the region of £20-22k. There was also the project to replace the play area railings that needed to be considered.

After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Kingston, seconded by Councillor Parker that a 2% increase be applied to the Precept. This would increase the Precept to £57,138, giving a Band D tax rate of £69.01. This was unanimously AGREED.

FPC21-105 Notts Association of Local Councils

To note the training opportunities with Breakthrough Communications
Members noted the opportunities that were available for training through the Association's partnership with Breakthrough Communications.

To note the Finance Training Events
Members noted the finance training events available through the Association.

FPC21-106 Correspondence

- (a) There were no items to raise.

FPC21-107 Items for Notification

No items were raised.

FPC21-108 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 28th February 2022

FPC21-109 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Financial Matters

This report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information) which is a category of exempt information under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings)

Act 1960 1 (2) which provides that the Council has the power to exclude the press and public if it so wishes.

RECOMMENDED that under **Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2)**, the press and public be excluded from the meeting **during discussion of this item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information** as defined in the **Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2)** of the Act and that the public interest in retaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Exempt Minute FPC19-110