

SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Farndon Parish Council held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 6.30pm in the Parish Room, Memorial Hall, Farndon

**Present:**        **Councillor M Baker, in the Chair**  
                  **Councillor Mrs Bayne**  
                  **Councillor A Duckmanton**  
                  **Councillor Mrs Kingston**  
                  **Councillor Parker**  
                  **Councillor Rhodes-Yeomans**  
                  **Councillor Teixeira-Gomes**

**Also in attendance:    And two members of the public**

**FPC19-38**    Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from County Councillor Mrs Saddington and District Councillors I Walker, K Walker and N Mison together with Mr J Dodson and Mr S Swanwick (FREG)

**FPC19-39**    Declarations of Interest

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

**FPC19-40**    Minutes of the Parish Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Subject to an amendment to record that Councillor Mrs Kingston had offered her apologies and was not present, the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were accepted as a true and correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Mrs Bayne asked if a request had been received from the

**FPC19-41**    **County Councillor Session**

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

(a)            Local Improvement Scheme – Application Update

The amended design had been circulated to Members and the designer had confirmed that it would both be produced in relief (slightly raised and textured in places). A pattern of the artwork in relief and full size will be sent across for approval prior to the casting process.

**FPC19-42**    **District Councillor Session**

No report was presented as all District Councillors had given their apologies.

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- (a) Review of Open Break Policy  
After discussion, Members AGREED that the Parish Council's response to the Open Break Review was that it should remain.

The Clerk would work up a response, to be agreed with the Chairman, and circulate to all Members for information.

- (b) Newark & Sherwood Plan Review – Issues Paper Consultation  
It was AGREED that the Clerk, in conjunction with the Chair, would respond to the Issues Paper Comments Form and circulate to all Members for information.

- (c) Newark & Sherwood Parish and Town Conference – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019  
Details had been received of a Conference that would be held at North Muskham Community Centre on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019.

**FPC19-43 Farndon Residents Environment Group**

As apologies had been given, a written report had been submitted.

There had been a successful Balsam pull in the Ponds during July and it was proposed to hold a final one on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> August.

A tidy-up of the Churchyard has been scheduled for Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September.

- (a) June & July Minutes  
These had been circulated to Members for information.

**FPC19-44 Public 10 Minute Session**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.42pm for questions from the public.

A resident asked when the public meeting would be held to consider the amended proposals for the development on Fosse Road. The Chair confirmed it would be held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 6.30pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 6.45pm.

**FPC19-45 Parish Council Matters**

- (a) Best Kept Village Competition  
Information had been received from the Council for Protection of Rural England that Farndon narrowly failed to make the top two in its group. The judges had remarked that the village was attractive and lovely. The winner in Section A was Farnsfield with Radcliffe-on-Trent as runner-up.

- (b) CCTV  
The Chair updated Members on recent problems with the camera recording which had now been resolved. On a positive note, residents had reported that there had been a reduction in late night traffic.
- (c) Neighbourhood Plan  
The Clerk was continuing to investigate how to investigate a Neighbourhood Plan.
- (d) Christmas Lights Competition  
Members recognised the joy that residential properties, decorated with Christmas lights, brought to many residents, especially children. It was proposed that a competition be held this year to acknowledge the hard work and effort that goes in to producing these displays.

Two categories are proposed, residential and commercial, with a small entry fee of £2.50 which will be donated to a local charity. The competition will run from 1<sup>st</sup> December, with winners announced on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

Entry forms will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> November from the Clerk. A small prize will be given to the winners.

This was AGREED by Members.

#### **FPC19-46 Update Reports from Chairs**

(a) Chairman's Report

##### **A46 Trunk Road, Farndon – 40 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit**

Members noted correspondence received from Highways England regarding the process for confirming the Order to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the approach to the A46 roundabout.

The Clerk confirmed that the notices had been displayed in accordance with the request made by Highways England.

##### **Stakeholder Updates from Inspector Sutton**

Inspector Sutton had apologised for sending the stakeholder updates without BCC.

##### **Telephone Box**

The Chair referred to the recent posts by FREG regarding their adoption of the telephone box on Main Street. The Chair had been in discussion with FREG on their wording and all information had now been removed.

##### **Village Green**

The Chair referred to an email from the Commons, Village Green and Definitive Map Officer with Nottinghamshire County Council. The Officer was expressing concern that the car park was tarmacked as it was a registered village green.

Documentation had been forwarded, including a plan, which referred to 'Ferry Green' being registered as a village green on 10<sup>th</sup> July 1967. The plan delineated the whole of the area, not just the grassed area by the side of the slipway.

It was AGREED that the Clerk make urgent investigations and report back to the next meeting of the Council. In the meantime, progress on the resurfacing of the car park could not proceed. If the information was correct it could be an expensive and long process to de-register the green, which had to be done through the Secretary of State.

(b) Planning

**Revised Plans - 18/02362/FULM Land Opposite 44 To 26 Fosse Road Farndon Nottinghamshire – erection of a Mixed-Use Development comprising petrol filling station and associated retail unit and drive through, 2 no drive throughs, 2 no offices and 103 bed hotel with associated ancillary facilities, landscaping, flood attenuation lagoon, associated engineering operations (including flood compensation measures) and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) along with associated vehicular and cycle parking and access from Fosse Way and all ancillary works**

Members noted the revised drawings and supporting documentation received in relation to the proposed development.

A public meeting had been arranged for Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm.

The Clerk asked Members to confirm whether their objection to the application remained. This was AGREED unanimously. A response would be formulated by the Council's Planning Consultant, in conjunction with the Flood and Transport Specialists.

**19/01362/TWCA – Trent Cottage, 6 West End, Farndon, Newark - Fell 1 No. Beech Tree Fell 1 No. Ash Tree Crown reduce 1 No. Beech Tree by 30% volume Crown reduce 1 No. Ash tree by 30% volume**

Members received and noted the application for tree works within the Conservation Area.

(c) General Purposes

There was nothing to report in this area.

(d) Playing Field

**Football goals & fence**

Councillor Duckmanton updated Members on the position with the football goals and fencing. There was a discussion around the best way to install the fences behind the goal posts.

### **Knowhow Football Team**

Cllr Duckmanton confirmed that the Knowhow Football team would be sharing the playing field with the Rose & Crown football team for the 2019/20 season. Both teas would be

### **Letter from Farndon Cricket Club**

Members noted the letter from Farndon Cricket Club which outlined three matters:

- whether planning permission/Parish Council approval would be required for 20ft container
- lowering of the trees between the club house and neighbouring property to 20ft for insurance purposes
- trimming back the trees overhanging from the Cemetery and preventing people from parking along the railings

The Clerk had responded advising that the Council's Tree Surgeon would inspect the trees and had confirmed that the Cemetery trees had already been reviewed but work could not be undertaken until later in the year.

After discussion Members expressed the view that planning permission would not be required for the container as it was a temporary structure. In terms of parking the Clerk to discuss with the Memorial Hall to see if 'No Parking' signs could be put up on the side of the building. Signs could also be put on the Cemetery railings.

A question had also been asked if there were emergency procedures in place in the event an ambulance was required to access the playing field. The Clerk had advised that a key was in the defibrillator case.

(e)

### Cemetery

#### **Quotation for Tree Works**

A quotation of £1,420 had been received to complete the tree work outlined in phase 1 of the report (works to be completed within 6 months). This was received and accepted.

#### **Churchyard**

The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Cllr Mrs Bayne, the Church Wardens, Reverend Murray and the Council's contractor to establish exactly what work they want undertaken in the Churchyard, as there were conflicting reports.

The Chair advised that he had recently spoken to Reverend Murray about re-using the churchyard for burials. The advice appeared to be different from that previously given. The Clerk was asked to investigate.

The Clerk was asked to investigate if any other parish council managed a closed church yard.

### **Cemetery Fees**

The Clerk to circulate the Cemetery fees schedule to all Members, to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019.

Cllr Mrs Bayne referred to funeral grants for children under the age of 17. Cllr Mrs Bayne proposed that the Parish Council waive charges for children of 17 and under. This was unanimously AGREED and the Clerk was asked to amend the schedule of fees.

Cllr Duckmanton left the meeting at 8.02pm.

(f) Ponds & Riverside

**Rose Bed at Slipway**

The Clerk was asked to arrange for the plants to be dead headed.

**Ruts in Bridleway 1**

The Clerk referred to concerns raised by Councillor Parker regarding ruts along Bridleway 1. The matter had been referred to the Rights of Way team and the Nottingham Piscatorial Society had been made aware.

**FPC19-47 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 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019  
Members noted the Council's financial position as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019.
- (d) To amend Minute FPC18-181(f) relating to an application to the PWLB  
Notwithstanding the enquiries the Clerk needed to make regarding the Village Green registration, the minute relating to the decision to apply for a PWLB loan needed to be amended to be in line with requirements. It was AGREED that the minute be amended to read:

It was resolved that the Parish Council seek the Secretary of State's approval for the proposed borrowing of £20,000 over a period of 10 years for the resurfacing of the Riverside car park.

**FPC19-48 Notts Association of Local Councils**

(a) New Councillor Training – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

It was AGREED that Cllr Mrs Kingston attend the New Councillor Training on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019.

(a) Date of 74th Annual General Meeting

Members noted the arrangements for the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils, which would be held on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30pm at Epperstone Village Hall.

It was AGREED that Councillor Baker be appointed as the Parish Council's voting Delegate and a nomination be submitted for him to be elected to the Executive Committee.

**FPC19-49 Correspondence**

(a) There was none to report.

**FPC19-50 Items for Notification**

(a) Representation on Memorial Hall Committee

Cllr Mrs Kingston questioned the benefit of attending meetings as there appeared little desire for debate or questions.

**FPC19-51 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.