

**Minutes of the Meeting of Farndon Parish Council held on Monday, 27th September 2021
at 6.30pm in the Main Hall, Memorial Hall, Marsh Lane, Farndon**

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

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

FPC21-53 Apologies for absence

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

FPC21-54 Declarations of Interest

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

FPC21-55 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 2nd August 2021

Subject to an amendment to FPD21-39 to record Councillor Duckmanton's interest in FPC21-47 Playing Field (Cricket Pavilion) and an amendment to FPC21-47 Cemetery Memorials to read 'in the near future', the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 2nd August 2021 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PC21-56 **Public 10 Minute Session**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.34pm for the public session.

A resident asked whether any planning application had been submitted for the land between Westfield Way and Holmefield. It was currently being used to store hardcore and rubble. The Clerk to raise with Planning Enforcement.

The Notts Wildlife Trust land on Wyke Lane had recently experienced vandalism, and reports of people being on site lighting fires. The Police had been contacted, but had not attended as they considered there was no threat to life. After discussion it was AGREED that the Clerk raise the matter with Inspector Allardice and PC Shaw. The Sexton would be asked to investigate whether any damage had been caused to the area and liaise with the Clerk to advise Notts Wildlife Trust.

The Chair thanked the resident for his questions and reconvened the meeting at 6.39pm.

FPC21-57 **County Councillor Session**

Councillor Mrs Saddington had given her apologies but had submitted a report through the Clerk.

At last Thursday's County Council meeting, former leader Cllr Mrs Kay Cutts MBE and Joyce Bosniak were given the honour of Honorary Alderman, in recognition of the services they have given to Nottinghamshire .

The Health Scrutiny Committee will be looking at the Maternity Units at QMC and City in October, and will also start to look at Mental Health and how it affects all ages, following or prior to Covid.

Access to GP surgeries will continue in November. Findings will be reported back to the Secretary of State for Health.

FPC21-58 District Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.41pm to allow Councillor Walker to present his report.

Councillor Walker reported that an inspection of the areas the District Council were responsible for in the village had been undertaken recently. A member of the Street Cleansing team had accompanied the visit. Roads were cleaned every 120 days, but the difficulty was accessing the street due to vehicles parked on the street. Advance notification to residents was being considered.

The Police & Crime Commissioner had confirmed that Newark Police Station would not be moving to Castle House.

The District Council were increasing the number of electric charging points throughout the area.

No decision had been taken regarding London Road car park.

The District Council were seeking new traveller sites, but none were in the Farndon area.

The Chair thanked Councillor Walker for his report and reconvened the meeting at 6.43pm.

- (a) Impact of New Builds on Car Parking Review
An update had been requested but not received in time for the meeting. A resident had recently contacted Councillor Walker, but had been advised to contact Councillor Mrs Saddington as County Councillor.
- (b) Gambling Consultation Letter
Members noted the consultation being undertaken by the District Council but did not wish to make any observations.
- (c) Newark & Sherwood Community Lottery
It was AGREED this item be brought back to the October meeting for review.

(d) To ratify the response to the Newark & Sherwood Plan Review
The Parish Council's response to the Newark & Sherwood Plan Review, circulated to Members prior to submission, was ratified.

(e) Premises Licence Application for Service – 16 Oak Avenue
Members noted the application for a premise licence at 16 Oak Avenue. Concern was expressed at the location which was in the middle of a residential street, without direct vehicular access to the property.

Councillor Parker to liaise with the applicant and feedback to Members.

FPC21-59 Farndon Residents Environment Group

An update had been provided by John Dodson.

A village litter pick and major litter pick along Long Lane, down to the Power Station, and along the riverbank had been undertaken in September. Newark & Sherwood District Council had collected the accumulated rubbish and left the sites very clean.

Approximately 300 perennial wildflower plants had been planted on the verge at the junction of Main Street.

Carols on the Green was planned for Wednesday, 22nd December from 6.30pm. A request was made to utilise the Parish Council's public liability insurance as previously. The Clerk would investigate given the change of insurance provider, and to liaise with the Church regarding road closures.

Finally, FREG asked to be kept informed of work being planned for the Ponds this winter and offered assistance if required.

The Chair referred to a member of the public who was observed litter picking along Farndon Road. The Clerk to ask if contact details could be shared with FREG.

Mr Dodson had enquired about the work being undertaken at the ponds over the winter. With permission of the Chair, Agenda Item 9(a) Ponds and Riverside 'Work at Farndon Ponds'.

The Clerk advised that the what's app group set up for the fishermen was working well. A walk round of the ponds had taken place with Chris Kennedy, Notts Wildlife Trust, the Clerk and Sexton to establish the level of cutback required. The fishing pegs would be cut back first, with a working party of fishermen led by the Sexton. The aim was to let light into the ponds. The work to open up the channel would be completed before the water level rose too far. All material would be used and retained on site.

(a) August & September Meetings
Members noted the minutes of the August and September Meetings.

FPC21-60 Parish Council Matters

(a) Temporary Prohibition Notice – Farndon Bridleway No 1

Members received and noted the temporary prohibition notice in place for Farndon Bridleway No 1 for a 21 day period from 27th September 2021 to allow for repainting and the installation of panels at the Farndon Marina.

(b) Notice of Application for a Modification Order & Correspondence from Notts Ramblers re Long Lane

Members noted correspondence from Notts Ramblers outlining their campaign to get the Farndon paths near the river properly registered on the definitive map. User evidence was currently being gathered for the section of Long Lane created by the Enclosure through to Farndon BW1 on the river bank.

Members were supportive of the campaign but did not consider that the map submitted accurately reflected the position on the ground and asked the Clerk to raise the matter with Notts Ramblers.

(c) Council for the Protection of Rural England – Transportation Survey

Members noted the request for information on public transport circulated by the Council for the Protection of Rural England. It was AGREED that the Clerk complete the survey as requested.

(d) A46 Newark Bypass – Update on Announcement of Preferred Route

Members noted the update received from National Highways outlining the communication plan for the Preferred Route Announcement.

(e) Parish Council Representation on Memorial Hall Committee

Members noted that the only representative now on the Memorial Hall Committee appointed by the Parish Council was Councillor Mrs Kingston.

Councillor Parker AGREED to consider whether or not he had the time to commit to attending. A request to be put on the resident's page and the next issue of the Farndon Focus to seek volunteers to come forward.

FPC21-61 Update Reports from Chairs

(a) Chairman's Report

The Chair referred to contact from a resident expressing concern at anti-social behaviour in the bus shelter on Main Street. It was AGREED that the Beat Team be advised, and also the Community Protection Team at Newark & Sherwood District Council so that the area can be monitored.

Councillor Parker noted that the solar panels required cleaning on the bus shelter. The Clerk to log with Nottinghamshire County Council.

(b)

Planning

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

21/01913/FUL – Land to the rear of 74 and 76 Fosse Road, Farndon - Construction of Residential Development Comprising Two Detached Dwellings

After discussion, it was AGREED that Councillor Parker establish the views of the residents adjacent to the proposed development. It was noted that there were services located on the verge.

Delegated authority was given to Councillor Parker to feedback to Members on the application.

21/01917/HOUSE – 60 Marsh Lane, Farndon - Construction of single storey rear extension and dormer to rear

After discussion it was unanimously AGREED that the application be supported.

21/01891/HOUSE – 136 Marsh Lane, Farndon - Erection of a two storey extension with flat roof (resubmission)

After discussion it was unanimously AGREED that the application be supported.

21/01807/HOUSE D- White Gables, 11 Main Street, Farndon - Demolish existing conservatory and erect new conservatory on existing footprint matching existing design

After discussion it was unanimously AGREED that the application be supported.

Decision Notices

21/01488/HOUSE – 4A School Lane, Farndon - Proposed integral garage

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

21/01338/HOUSE – 3 Birchenall Court, Farndon - Proposed two-storey side extension to existing dwelling and removal of 1no. Yew tree under TPO (Re-submission)

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

21/01161/FULM – St Peter's Cross Keys Academy - Extension to form secure lobby, complete with entrance canopy

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

Tree Works

21/01874/TWCA – 26 California Road, Farndon - Unknown species of tree - fell tree.

Members noted the application for tree works as outlined. However, the Clerk was asked to determine who had submitted the application as posts on the Residents Page suggested it was not the householder.

21/01841/TWCA – Keepers Cottage, Old Hall Close, Farndon - T1 Horse Chestnut - Remove tree due to proximity and overbearing to property

Members noted the application to fell a mature Horse Chestnut at Keepers Cottage. A resident had contacted the Parish Council expressing concern that no option to reduce the impact of the tree by pollarding had been suggested. It was AGREED that the Clerk contact the District Council to ask if an alternative to felling could be considered.

21/01775/TPO - 6 Tow Court, Farndon - Application to undertake works to trees identified as forming part G1 and G2 of TPO N45 G1 (2 Holly and 1 Silver Birch) - Crown lift branches overhanging driveway only to achieve 6m above ground level to clear obstruction over driveway. G2 (Lime, Sycamore) - Crown clean to remove deadwood in excess of 25mm diameter, diseased and crossing branches. G2 (2 Yews) - Crown clean to remove deadwood in excess of 25mm diameter, diseased and crossing branches. Reduce northerly branches by 1 metre. G2 (Holly) - Crown clean to Remove deadwood in excess of 25mm diameter, diseased and crossing branches. Overall crown reduction by up to 3 metres

Members noted the application for tree works as outlined.

(c) General Purposes

The Clerk confirmed that work was ongoing at the telephone box, Main Street.

(d) Playing Field

Request to use field for football by Newark FC Academy

Councillor Duckmanton had asked the Clerk to seek confirmation of whether Members were supportive of the use of the field by Newark FC Academy on a Saturday morning. A rental of £100 for the season was suggested.

After discussion, Members AGREED to support this request. The Clerk to liaise with Councillor Duckmanton on arrangements.

(e) Cemetery

Cemetery Memorials

The Clerk advised that letters to all grave grant holders should be ready by the end of the week.

(f) Ponds & Riverside

Work at Farndon Ponds

This item had been covered under minute number FPC21-59.

Picnic Area Flood Bank

The Clerk updated Members on the modelling work undertaken by the Environment Agency following the query raised on where liability for maintenance of the flood bank in the picnic area lay.

A report was awaited which, once received, would be circulated to Members for information. A site meeting would be arranged once the report was received.

Installation of Memorial Bench

Members noted the Memorial Bench had been installed at the ponds.

FPC21-62 Financial Matters

- (a) To consider accounts for payments in accordance with the circulated scheduled
Members noted the circulated schedule detailing accounts for payment.
- (b) To note any receipts in accordance with the circulated schedule
Members noted the circulated schedule detailing receipts.
- (c) To note the Council's financial position as at 31st August 2021
Members noted the Council's financial position as at 31st August 2021.
- (d) To note completion of the 2020/21 AGAR
Members noted the completion of the 2020/21 AGAR.

FPC21-63 Notts Association of Local Councils

- (a) Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, 17th November 2021
The Annual General Meeting would be held on Wednesday, 17th November at Epperstone Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm, with a buffet available from 6.30pm.

Members AGREED to nominate Councillor Baker the Executive Committee and as the Voting Delegate.
- (b) Local Nature Recovery Strategies
Information relating to the strategy was received and noted.

FPC21-64 Correspondence

There was nothing to report.

FPC21-65 Items for Notification

11 Chapel Lane

Councillor Teixeira-Gomes reported that ivy was growing across the pavement adjacent to 11 Chapel Lane and impeding pedestrians. The Clerk to report on the portal.

Wyke Lane

Councillor Mrs Bayne asked if the Clerk could again contact Via regarding the overgrown vegetation on Wyke Lane.

Riverside

Councillor Mrs Bayne asked if the problems at the Riverside had abated. The Clerk advised that a Noise Abatement Notice had recently been serviced on the licensees at the Farndon Ferry.

Motorhomes and camper vans were still parking overnight on the grassed area. The Clerk to seek further advice from the Planning Enforcement team.

Fencing on Play Area

Councillor Mrs Kingston asked the Clerk for an update on the fencing for the play area. The Clerk advised that budgets needed to be reviewed given the cost of the work.

Vulnerable & Elderly Residents

The Clerk sought permission from Members to investigate with local organisations how vulnerable and elderly residents could be supported in the village. It was noted that there were potentially a lot of individuals who were alone, without access to any social interaction. This was AGREED.

FPC21-66 Date of Next Meeting
Monday, 26th October 2021

The meeting closed at 9pm.