

SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE 27th JANUARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Farndon Parish Council held on Monday, 2nd December 2019 at 6.30pm in the Parish Room, Memorial Hall, Farndon

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

Also in attendance: District Cllrs I Walker and County Cllr Mrs Saddington (L), Mr J Dodson (FREG) and Mr P Macey

FPC19-82 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors N Mison and K Walker.

FPC19-83 Declarations of Interest

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

FPC19-84 Minutes of the Parish Council held on 28th October 2019

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th October 2019 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Mrs Bayne

FPC19-85 **FREG**

With the agreement of the Chair, agenda item 8 was brought forward to allow Mr Dodson to present his report.

Mr Dodson advised that there were two main projects in December, Carols on the Green and the Charity Christmas Tree. The chosen charities were Beaumont House Hospice, Newark Bereavement Centre and CASY.

Mr Dodson referred to correspondence sent to the Clerk regarding a donated Copper Beech tree. It was considered that the tree would flourish and blend well in the picnic area. It was AGREED that the Clerk and Sexton would visit the area with Mr Dodson.

The Chair queried an item in the FREG November Minutes which referred to 'Tree

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Poppers' being discussed by the Parish Council and queried what they were. Mr Dodson explained that they were used in removing self-set saplings and were not related to the Parish Council.

The Chair confirmed that the noticeboard remained in the telephone box and posters could be put in there if required.

(a) November Minutes

A copy had been circulated to Members for information.

(b) Carols on the Green – 18th December 2019

The event would start at 6pm to start at 6.30pm, everyone welcome. The Sexton to liaise with Mr Dodson regarding road signs.

(c) Donation of Tree

This had been covered during Mr Dodson's report.

FPC19-86 Neighbourhood Watch Presentation

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.42pm and welcomed Paul Macey from Nottswatch, Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch.

Mr Macey explained that the charity helps people set up neighbourhood watch schemes in the County. In essence, neighbourhood watch is where a community looks after itself and its wellbeing and limits the effect of crime.

Neighbourhood watch cannot be run by a Council, Councillor or a politician, it has to be run by the community as a whole. It would be run on a street by street basis and can include groups, i.e., the WI, etc.

The first step would be to call a public meeting and ask for volunteers for a co-ordinator. The best structure for the first meeting would be to have the Police present, together with representatives from the Parish Council. Mr Macey would be happy to attend.

The Chair thanked Mr Macey for attending and reconvened the meeting at 7.10pm.

FPC19-87 County Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.12pm to allow Cllr Mrs Saddington to present her report.

Cllr Mrs Saddington advised that she was seeking an interactive speed sign for Marsh Lane, albeit that it didn't meet the criteria.

Funds were usually given to FREG for their Carols on the Green event, but were not required this year. A donation would be given after Christmas.

Cllr Mrs Saddington extended her best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

The Chair thanked Cllr Mrs Saddington for her report and reconvened the meeting at 7.16pm.

FPC19-86 Nottinghamshire County Council

(a) Local Improvement Scheme – Application Update

The Clerk circulated an email received from the designers outlining progress on the sign. A final picture will be sent to the Parish Council for approval prior to casting. It was anticipated that the sign would be complete in the Spring.

(b) Grass Cutting – Logged Events

Further to the report made on the portal regarding overgrown vegetation over the village sign, and self-set trees on the Farndon Road verge a response had been received from the Highways Liaison Office. The verge had been cut and enquiries were ongoing to identify the ownership of the land where the vegetation was overhanging the sign.

(c) Temporary Road Closure – Church Street, Farndon – 18th December 2019

Confirmation had been received that the temporary road closure for the Carols on the Green event had been granted.

FPC19-87 District Councillor Session

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

Cllr Walker advised that he had spoken to Cllr Laughton regarding the car parking survey.

The Chair confirmed that an email had been received from the Housing Development Officer, which the Clerk read to the meeting. A request for clarification had been made.

The Chair referred to the application for a new premise licence by the Farndon Boathouse. They were currently without a premise licence, though application had been made for Temporary Event Notices to cover events until a new licence was in place. The closing date for responses to the new application was 19th December.

The Clerk had circulated details of the old licence to Members and circulated details of the new licence at the meeting.

Discussion took place on concerns Members had, particularly with regard to noise and the potential for events to be held every night, and how this may impact on neighbouring properties. It was suggested that events could be publicised in the Farndon Focus so that residents were aware of what was happening on annual basis.

Cllr Walker confirmed that if the licence were granted, if any problems arose then the Parish Council could always refer them to the District Council's Licensing Committee.

After consideration, Members accepted the application and raised no objection.

While Cllr Walker was still present, the Chair brought forward agenda item 11 (b) 19/01946/FUL – Land off California Road, Farndon – 1 No. one bed bungalow and associated tree works; removal of T1 and T2 and remedial pruning of crown up to 1.5 metres to T3.

Cllr Parker advised that the application was on land currently used as a car park, if permitted the development would remove 1.5m of land from the garden of existing properties on California Road and appeared to remove rear access from those properties. This would seriously impact one resident who had disabilities.

After discussion objection was raised on the grounds that this would have a significant detrimental effect on neighbouring properties. The applicant should give more consideration to existing residents and the impact the development would have, as the area had already suffered significantly with the removal of car parking areas for development. California Road was on the village bus route and on street parking already had an impact.

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.50pm and reconvened it at 7.55pm.

- (a) Application for New Premise Licence – Farndon Boathouse
This item had been covered during Cllr Walker's report.

FPC19-88 Public 10 Minute Session

There were no members of the public present.

FPC19-89 Parish Council Matters

- (a) VE Day Celebrations – 8th May 2020

The Clerk advised that the Church Wardens had confirmed they would ring the bells at 7pm on Friday, 8th May to join in the nations V E Day celebrations.

- (b) Highways England – Confirmation of Order

The Clerk confirmed correspondence had been received relating to the 40mph order which had been displayed in accordance with instructions from Highways England.

FPC19-90 Update Reports from Chairs

- (a) Chairman's Report

NALC Annual General Meeting

The Chair referred to the success of the Annual General Meeting and the presentation made by Veolia on their recycling programme. The Chair confirmed he had been appointed Chair of NALC for another year.

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98 Marsh Lane

The Chair updated Members on revised plans received and discussions with the Planning Officer.

Duck Pond

The Chair asked what the present position was with the duck pond. The Clerk apologised and confirmed the matter currently sat with her.

(b)

Planning

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19/02053/TWCA – 7 St Peter’s Close, Farndon - T1 Eucalyptus - Reduce by maximum 3 metres to allow more sunlight to garden. T2 Silver Birch - Reduce by maximum 3 metres to clear BT lines and allow more light to front of property.

Members noted the application for tree works in the Conservation Area.

19/01906/TWCA – 1 Howitts Field, Farndon - Tree 1 Cherry - remove due to tree in decline Tree 2 Cherry - Crown reduction by maximum 5 metres due to overcrowding Tree 3 Rowan - Crown reduction by maximum 5 metres due to overcrowding Tree 4 Cherry - Crown reduction by maximum 5 metres due to overcrowding

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19/01946/FUL – Land off California Road, Farndon - 1 No. one bed bungalow and associated tree works; removal of T1 and T2 and remedial pruning of crown up to 1.5 metres to T3.

This item had been covered under minute number FPC19-87.

Decision Notice - 19/01908/TWCA – 3 Chapel Lane, Farndon: T1 Yew -Fell due to lack of space and trees too close togetherT2 Apple -Fell due to lack of space and trees too close togetherT3 Rhus -Fell due to lack of space and trees too close together

Members noted permission had been granted for tree works in the Conservation Area.

Decision Notice - 19/01604/ADV - Rose And Crown, 25 Main Street, Farndon, NG24 3SA - Addition of external non-illuminated and externally illuminated signage, chalk boards and lighting

Members received and noted permission had been granted for signage at the Rose & Crown, 25 Main Street.

(c)

General Purposes

Donation of Planters

Four more planters had been offered to the Parish Council. It was AGREED these be gratefully accepted with their position to be determined at a future date.

(d)

Playing Field

Farndon Bowls Club

The Clerk advised that legal advice had been sought on the best way to deal with the surrender of the lease. It could be dealt with by a surrender under operation of law, with written agreement reached on a date for the return of keys and handover of any goods or buildings.

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After discussion it was AGREED that the date of 1st January 2020 be put to the Bowls Club.

Discussion to take place at a future meeting on how the area could be used.

Proposed New Signage

Members noted the proposed new signage for the playing fields, updated with the requirement for dogs to be on leads. The Clerk had asked for confirmation from the District Council on what the fine would be for dogs of lead to include on the signage. Once received a new proof would be requested.

Members AGREED the cost of £350 plus VAT per sign, three were required.

Hedge Cutting

The Clerk had sought a quotation for cutting of the Council's' hedges at the ponds and playing field. A cost of £120 had been received for the playing field hedge, £130 for the ponds car park/track hedge and £125 for the River Trent towpath hedge.

These were AGREED.

A quotation had also been received for the play park privet hedge to be cut back and reduced in the sum of £560. This was not accepted and the Clerk would review the hedge with the Sexton, and look further in to where the responsibility lay.

Memorial Bench for Dave Bennett

A quotation had been received for a memorial bench for Dave Bennett in the sum of £575.75 excluding VAT. This was unanimously ACCEPTED.

Junior Football Team

Cllr Rhodes-Yeomans asked if it would be possible for a junior U13s team to use the playing field on a Saturday.

A discussion took place on how that would assist the Farndon Cricket Club in applying for grant funding for the pavilion.

In terms of a fee, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Bayne, if agreed, there should be no fee for the first year. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Kingston and unanimously AGREED. Cllr Duckmanton would discuss with the cricket club as the team would have to use their facilities. A report would be brought back to a future meeting.

(e)

Cemetery

Tree Works Quotation

A quotation had been received for the work identified as needing to be completed within 12 months of the tree survey in the sum of £2,380.

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This was unanimously AGREED.

Emergency Works to Cedar of Lebanon

The Clerk advised that the recent heavy rain had taken its toll on one of the branches on the Cedar of Lebanon due to the sheer weight of the water. Work had been undertaken to balance the branches and ensure it was stable.

(f) Ponds & Riverside

Farndon Bridleway 1

The Clerk had been in correspondence with the Rights of Way team regarding the damage to Bridleway 1 by vehicles. The team had been in touch with the land owner who had confirmed that there would be no vehicles on the path from October over the winter. Members would be asked to avoid driving on the Bridleway as much as possible at other times.

The condition would continue to be monitored by Members.

FPC19-91 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 31st October 2019
Members noted the Council's financial position as at 31st October 2019.

FPC19-92 Notts Association of Local Councils

- (a) Council News – November 2019
A copy had been circulated to Members for information.
- (a) Guide to Tackling Loneliness
A copy had been circulated to Members for information.

FPC19-93 Correspondence

- (a) Request to support the Local Electricity Bill
The Clerk referred to an email received requesting support for a Local Electricity Bill. This to be placed on the January agenda for discussion.

FPC19-94 Items for Notification

- (a) Alley – Sandhill Road to The Meadows
Cllr Duckmanton reported that vegetation was overhanging from a residential property on to the alley and inhibiting people using the alley. The Clerk to report to Newark & Sherwood Homes.

(b) Village Green

Cllr Duckmanton reported that he had been advised by a former clerk that the land outside the Riverside had been purchased as two separate lots. The Clerk advised that the land was contained within one title number but the deeds would be reviewed.

The Clerk confirmed that the Legal Team had been advised that the area had always been hard standing and it was considered that the only area that should have been included as a green was the grass to the side of the slipway. A response was awaited.

(c) Sandhill Road

Cllr Parker referred to the extensive damage being done to the grass verge on Sandhill Road with heavy vehicles parked on it. The Clerk to report on the online portal.

(d) Farndon Relief in Need

Cllr Mrs Bayne asked when the charity had merged with the Newark Municipal General Charity. The Clerk to research and report back to Members.

(e) Neighbourhood Watch

The Chair referred to the earlier item regarding Neighbourhood Watch and asked Members the best time to arrange a public meeting. It was AGREED that the Clerk liaise with Mr Macey to arrange a meeting in either the second or third week in January.

FPC19-95 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 27th January 2020

The meeting closed at 8.46pm.