

Minutes of the Farndon Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 24th October 2022 in the Parish Room, Memorial Hall, Farndon

Present: **Councillor M Baker (Chair)**
 Councillor A Chrimes
 Councillor A Duckmanton
 Councillor Ms H Bayne
 Councillor Mrs Kingston
 Councillor P Parker
 Councillor P Rawlings

Also present Stephen Swanwick (FREG)

- FPC22-72** Apologies for absence
Received and accepted from Councillors Mrs Bayne, District Councillor I Walker and County Councillor Mrs Saddington.
- FPC22-73** Declarations of Interest
It was AGREED that these would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.
- FPC22-74** Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council – 26th September 2022
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 26th September 2022 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- FPC22-75** **County Councillor Session**
No report was presented as Cllr Mrs Saddington had given her apologies.
- The Clerk confirmed that Chestnut Grove and the footpath from the Rose & Crown towards School Lane had been put forward to Cllr Mrs Saddington as projects for consideration for the transport plan.
- FPC22-76** **Nottinghamshire County Council**
(a) Devolution Training
The Chair referred to training sessions that would be arranged on the devolution deal. The Clerk confirmed no information had yet been received but would be circulated to Members on receipt.
- FPC22-77** **District Councillor Session**
No report was presented as Cllr I Walker had given his apologies.
- FPC22-78** **Newark & Sherwood District Council**
(a) To note the offer of a Platinum Jubilee Oak Tree from the Sherwood Forest Trust
Members noted the offer of a Platinum Jubilee Oak Tree and asked the Clerk to accept with thanks.

- (b) To note and consider the District Council's survey to establish how to assist parishes in their carbon reduction journey
Members noted the offer from the District Council and AGREED to not proceed at the present time.

FPC22-79 Farndon Residents Environment Group

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.40pm to allow Mr Swanwick to present the FREG report.

One litter pick had been held, but the one scheduled for 25th September had to be cancelled because of the weather.

- (a) Minutes – October 2022
Members received and noted the minutes from the October meetings.

FPC22-80 Public 10 Minute Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.42pm to allow for the public session.

A resident referred to the amount of litter that was being left by the contractors undertaking the gas works on behalf of Cadent. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Via who could raise the matter with the contractors.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 6.44pm.

FPC22-81 Parish Council Matters

- (a) To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies
The Chair referred to the meeting he had attended of the Staythorpe Power Station Local Liaison Committee. The annual noise test would be undertaken shortly, which seeks to ensure that the noise levels have remained the same.

The Chair had raised the possibility of funds for FREG from the Power Station's Fund for Charities, and had shared contact details with them so they could liaise direct.

Cllr Ms Bayne reported on the Memorial Hall Trustees meeting

- (b) To consider an Invitation received from Balderton Parish Council to a Remembrance Service at the Air Museum – 13th November 2022
The Clerk referred to an invitation received from Balderton Parish Council to a Remembrance Service at the Air Museum on Sunday, 13th November 2022. It was AGREED that Councillor Parker would attend and lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

- (c) To consider the Council's support of the Police Contact Centre
The Clerk confirmed that payments of £250 had been made to the Memorial Hall on 29th August 2020 (2020-21 financial year) and 18th January 2022 (2021-22 financial year) as a contribution to the Police Contact Centre in the Hall.

Members were asked to consider whether to make a contribution in the current financial year.

After discussion, the Clerk was asked to obtain information on how much the Contact Centre was used, before the pandemic, and what the usage was now, if any, and report back to the November meeting before any decision was made.

FPC22-82 Update Reports from Chairs

(a) Chairman's Report

(b) Planning

There were no matters to consider.

(c) General Purposes

To note the extension of the Community Payback Scheme

The Clerk advised that the Community Payback Scheme were now attending two days a week, Saturday and Monday.

The Chair referred to a meeting regarding the Bus Stop on Main Street, scheduled to be held in November. It was expected that the issue will be concluded at that time.

(d) Cemetery.

To review and determine updates to the Cemetery Regulations

It was AGREED that this item be deferred to the November meeting.

The Clerk advised that an audit of spaces would be undertaken with the Cemetery's gravedigger who would be able to advise on the impact of tree roots on the remaining space.

(e) Playing Field

Cricket Club Lease

The Clerk advised that feedback was awaited from the Cricket Club. Apologies had been received from the Club for the delay. Delegated authority was already granted to the Chair and Councillor Duckmanton to deal with the matter.

The Clerk would keep Members updated.

(f) Ponds & Riverside

To note the donation of 600 trees from I Dig Trees

The Clerk advised that a donation of 600 trees had been received through I Dig Trees. Delivery was expected at the beginning of December. There was a mixture of varieties, including hedgerow whips.

To consider working with FREG and other village volunteers in planting trees throughout the village

The Clerk had advised FREG of the donation of trees and would liaise with the group on arranging planting. A call for volunteers to assist would be made through the Farndon Residents page.

FPC22-83 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 30th September 2022 and a Half Year Budget Report
Members noted the Council's financial positions as at 30th September 2022.

The Clerk drew Members attention to the Half Year Budget Report. The income for the Cemetery was less than anticipated at the moment, but that may change as the winter season approaches. The payment of the Parish and Town Council Fund grants had yet to be received.

There was a pending pay award that would be backdated to 1st April 2022. However, this had not yet been agreed so the impact was not known.

- (d) To consider the Council's priorities for the 2023-24 Financial Year
The Clerk advised that the Council would need to consider the budget for the 2023-24 financial year at the December meeting and would need to consider where its priorities lay.

Issues that were currently live were land for a new Cemetery and resurfacing of the Riverside car park. In terms of equipment, the Sexton had indicated a new mower may be needed and new chairs and a table would be required for the office.

- (e) To consider delegating authority to the Clerk to research funding streams for the Farndon Friendship Club
Members noted the success of the Farndon Friendship Club. Funding had been received through the Local Communities Fund but further funding would be required. It was AGREED that delegated authority be given to the Clerk to research funding streams that could be applied to for the Club.

FPC22-68 Notts Association of Local Councils

- (a) To note the Council's sign up to the Civility & Respect Project
The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had signed up to the Civility & Respect Project.

- (b) To note the National Association's response to the BEIS Secretary of State's commissioned independent review of the Government's net zero target
Members noted the response.

FPC22-69 To receive any correspondence

There was none to report.

FPC22-70 Items for Notification

Councillor Parker asked for an update on the floodbank on the Picnic Area. The Clerk advised that this currently sat with Nottinghamshire County Council. An update would be requested from the Officer.

The Clerk confirmed that bollards for the Parish Council's land off North End has been sourced and would be installed shortly.

Councillor Parker asked if the trees at the side of the footpath through to the meadow (from The Meadows) could be cut back.

Councillor Chrimes asked if there was anywhere glass recycling banks could be placed. The Chair confirmed this had been investigated previously but there was nowhere suitable. Councillor Parker advised that the District Council were going to introduce a kerbside collection from 2023.

FPC22-71 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 5th December 2022

**FPC22-72 Exclusion of the Press and Public
Office Use**

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 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 involved 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 maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Exempt Minute FPC 22-073

The meeting closed at 8.28pm