

SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Farndon Parish Council held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 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 Teixeira-Gomes

**Also in attendance:** District Cllrs I Walker and County Cllr Mrs Saddington (8.02pm), and 1 member of the public

- FPC19-96** Apologies for absence  
Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors N Mison and K Walker.
- FPC19-97** Declarations of Interest  
It was AGREED that any declarations of interest would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.
- FPC19-98** Minutes of the Parish Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019  
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- FPC19-99** **County Councillor Session**  
This item would be taken if and when Cllr Mrs Saddington arrived.
- FPC19-100** **Nottinghamshire County Council**
- (a) Local Improvement Scheme – Application Update  
The Clerk confirmed that the designer would be finishing Farndon’s pattern in the first two weeks of February.
- (b) Advance Roadworks Bulletin – Hawthorne Crescent & The Willows, Farndon – Temporary Prohibition of Driving (Road Closure) and No Stopping – Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
Members noted the requirement to close Hawthorne Crescent and The Willows for micro asphaltting and iron works on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from 7.30am to 5pm.
- (c) Highways Issues  
The Clerk updated Members on the response from the Highways Inspector regarding vehicles parking on the verge on Sandhill Road. The Clerk had asked Cllr Mrs

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Saddington to raise direct.

The Clerk updated Members on the current position with the Car Parking Survey. It was noted that in-depth reports to support future development sites had been undertaken, which included Farndon.

The Chair referred to parking problems on The Willows, which would be raised with District Councillors should they attend.

**FPC19-101 District Councillor Session**

This item would be taken if and when District Councillors arrived.

(a) Parish & Town Council Initiative fund

The Clerk referred to information received on the District Council's Parish and Town Council Initiative Fund, with £20,000 available in three rounds to support the Greener, Safer, Cleaner Initiatives.

It was AGREED that the Clerk review to determine if application could be made to support any projects in the village.

(b) Request for Housing Survey

Midlands Rural Housing had approached the Parish Council to enquire if it would support a further Housing Needs Survey, the last one being undertaken in 2016.

Members considered the request and decided that they would not support another survey at this time.

The village had had a considerable number of new homes built by Newark and Sherwood Homes in the last 2 years, these had massively impacted on existing dwellings as they were built where garages were. Further there was no land for any more development due to it being in flood zone 3.

**FPC19-102 Farndon Residents Environment Group**

Mr Swanwick confirmed that FREG had undertaken a litter pick and suckers had been cut back in Farndon Park.

Bird and Bat Boxes had been made and it was queried if some of these could be put up in Farndon Ponds. This was AGREED.

A concern was expressed at rubbish in the verge along the A46, adjacent where horses were kept. The Chair advised he would inspect.

(a) December Minutes

A copy had been circulated to Members for information. The Clerk to forward details of the charity collection to Members.

- (b) Thanks from FREG, Chair  
The Clerk advised that the Chair of FREG had extended thanks to the Parish Council for their help over the last year.

**FPC19-103 Public 10 Minute Session**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.55pm for questions from the public. None were raised and the meeting was reconvened at 6.56pm.

**FPC19-104 Parish Council Matters**

- (a) VE Day Celebrations – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020

The Clerk had previously advised that the Church Wardens had confirmed they would ring the bells at 7pm on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May to join in the nations V E Day celebrations. However, the Church and FREG had asked if anything additional was being arranged.

After discussion, it was AGREED that Cllr Parker post on Farndon Residents to ask the village what they would like to see arranged to commemorate the day. Cllr Mrs Saddington had offered funding towards events.

- (b) Newark Healthcare Consultative Group Minutes

Members noted the minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December.

- (c) Farndon Village Green

The Clerk updated Members on the present position with the Village Green. Cllr Mrs Saddington had been informed of the situation and it was hoped that a way forward could be reached. The Clerk would keep Members updated.

- (d) Request to Support Local Electricity Bill

Members noted the information but AGREED not to support at this time.

**FPC19-105 Update Reports from Chairs**

- (a) Chairman's Report

**Newark Town Initiative Fund Board**

The Chair advised that the Parish Council had been asked to form part of the Newark Town Initiative Fund Board.

**Grant to St Peter's Academy**

The Chair referred to a request from St Peter's Academy for financial support towards their residential tour, as no support had been forthcoming from Farndon Relief in Need. The Chair proposed the sum of £130 be made, seconded by Cllr Mrs Bayne. This was AGREED. An approach had also been made to the Farndon Focus, who had provided financial support in the sum of £300.

**Beat Manager**

The Chair advised that he had recently become aware that the village had a new Beat Manager PC Pace, but he had now left so no-one was in post at the moment. The

Chair to request a meeting with Inspector Sutton to secure the village with the coverage and policing it deserved.

### **Spring Clean Campaign**

The Chair referred to a spring clean campaign highlighted in the Daily Mail and queried if it was something that could be arranged with FREG. The Clerk was asked to check the date and report back to Members.

(b)

### Planning

#### **19/02291/CPRIOR – Tonic Farndon, 19 Main Street, Farndon - Change of use from retail to 1no. 2 bed flat with addition of two windows to east elevation**

Cllr Parker to review and liaise with the Clerk for a response to be submitted to the District Council.

#### **19/02247/FUL – 8 West End, Farndon - Erection of bespoke conservatory**

Members agreed to support the application.

#### **19/02248/LBC – 8 West End, Farndon - Erection of bespoke conservatory**

Members agreed to support the application.

#### **19/02207/FUL – 46 Marsh Lane, Farndon - Householder application for to amend the height of the end fence panels (part resubmission)**

After discussion, no comment was made on this application.

#### **19/02165/FUL – 19 Village Way, Farndon - Householder application for erection of electric driveway gates and pedestrian gate**

Members agreed to support this application.

**Decision Notice - 19/02135/TWCA – The Hollies, 9 West End, Farndon - Pinus (T1) - Fell due to poor form following past unsuitable 'topping' works, proximity to No 7 West End and shading to vegetable garden. False Acacia (T2) - Fell due to being adjacent to T1, growing at an angle and severely shading vegetable garden. Ash (T3) - Fell due to being multi stem specimen which leans over sheds to No 7 West End. Apple (T4) - Fell due to poor condition. Hawthorn (T5) - Fell due no amenity value and severely shades new trees in orchard.**

Members noted the decision notice granting permission for the tree works.

#### **Decision Notice – 19/01413/FUL – 98 Marsh Lane, Farndon – Self Contained Garden Annexe**

Members noted the decision notice granting permission for the work.

#### **Decision Notice – 19/01760/FUL – 5 Linton Close, Farndon – Householder application for rear first floor extension**

Members noted the decision notice granting permission for the work.

**Decision Notice – 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 decision notice granting permission for the tree works.

(c)

### General Purposes

There was nothing to report.

(d)

Playing Field

**Memorial Bench**

Cllr Duckmanton extended thanks from Dave Bennett's family for the memorial bench provided in his memory and the siting of it on the playing field.

**Farndon Bowls Club**

The Clerk confirmed that responsibility for the club would transfer back to the Parish Council on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020.

Cllr Duckmanton reported that a Life Member had advised they had a team of 12 players that were looking to re-form the club. After discussion Members were of the view that they would need to see a business plan to demonstrate how they would run the club for it to be financially viable.

**New Signage**

The Clerk confirmed that the new signage had been delivered and would be put up shortly.

**Bonded Mulch**

The Clerk advised that the contractors had started their work to replace the grass mats with the had started, with completion expected by Wednesday.

(e)

Cemetery

**Tree Works**

The Clerk confirmed that all tree works outlined in the tree survey had now been undertaken.

(f)

Ponds & Riverside

There was nothing to report.

**FPC19-106 County Councillor Session**

With the arrival of County Councillor Mrs Saddington, the Chair suspended the meeting to allow her to present her report.

Cllr Mrs Saddington referred to the report on the parking on the verge on Sandhill Road. The Inspector had confirmed that no safety deficits had been identified. It was noted that the Parish Council were paid to cut the verge on behalf of Via, but the parking meant this particular verge could not be cut to the standard required. It was suggested that perhaps residents needed to be contacted.

Information on the situation with the Village Green had been forwarded to Cllr Mrs Saddington by the Clerk.

Up to £200 was offered by Cllr Mrs Saddington for celebrations for V E Day in May. Support had also been given to FREG.

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The Chair thanked Cllr Mrs Saddington for her report and reconvened the meeting at 8.19pm.

**FPC19-107 District Councillor Session**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 8.20pm for Cllr I Walker to present his report.

Cllr Walker advised that the proposed bungalow on California Road was on the Planning Committee agenda scheduled to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> February. A site visit would be made.

Information received regarding the car parking survey was shared with Cllr Walker.

The Chair thanked Cllr Walker for his report and reconvened the meeting at 8.26pm.

**FPC19-108 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 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019  
Members noted the Council's financial position as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.
- (d) To note the Section 137 Limit  
Members noted confirmation that the Section 137 Limit for 2020-21 is £8.32 per elector.
- (e) To consider the 2020/21 Budget  
Members discussed the 2020/21 budget, referring to the 2019/20 breakdown circulated by the Clerk.

It was noted that budget heads needed to be moved around to cover the changes in the arrangements for grass cutting.

The budget allowed for the carry over of underspends on key budget codes. It was noted that there were projects that would need to be completed during the new financial year.

- (f) To set the 2020/21 Precept  
Members considered the Precept for 2020/21

After discussion, it was proposed by the Chair that an increase of 2% be levied on the Precept. This would see an increase to £54,920, or £67.55 for a Band D property, compared to £66.72 in 2019/20, an increase of £0.83.

This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Bayne and unanimously AGREED.

**FPC19-109 Correspondence**

- (a) Town Mayor of Newark's Charity Murder Mystery  
Members noted information received regarding the Town Mayor's Charity Murder Mystery night on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March.
- (b) WPD Annual Workshop – 3 March 2020  
The Parish Council were invited to attend the above workshop which would be held at Trent Bridge Cricket Ground.

**FPC19-110 Items for Notification**

- (a) Land at Corner of Main Street  
Cllr Teixeira-Gomes referred to the ownership of the land at the corner of Main Street. The Chair apologised and advised he would follow up.
- (b) Funding Streams  
Cllr Mrs Bayne advised that Severn Trent and Newark Youth Trust currently had funding streams that may be of interest. The Clerk to investigate.

**FPC19-111 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**FPC19-112 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 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 maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Exempt Minute FPC19-113

The meeting closed at 8.46pm.

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