

Minutes of the Farndon Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 in the Parish Room, Memorial Hall, Farndon

**Present:**       **Councillor M Baker,**  
                  **Councillor Mrs Bayne**  
                  **Councillor Duckmanton**  
                  **Councillor Mrs Kingston**  
                  **Councillor Parker**

**Also present, District Councillor I Walker, and one member of the public**

**Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chair presented the Clerk with a bouquet of flowers in thanks and acknowledgement of the work undertaken before and during the Platinum Jubilee.**

**FPC22-23**    Apologies for absence  
                  There were none.

**FPC22-24**    Declarations of Interest  
                  Councillor Duckmanton declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 12(e) on the cricket club.

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

**FPC22-25**    Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022  
                  The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**FPC22-26**    **County Councillor Session**  
                  This item would be taken if, and when, Councillor Mrs Saddington arrived.

(a)            To receive feedback on the Parish and Town Council meetings  
                  The Chair and Vice-Chair had attended the meeting at County Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The proposed creation of a Mayoral district incorporating Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Derby City and Nottingham City was discussed. No decision had yet been made by Government but a number of discussions were ongoing.

Given the Chair's position within the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils, information will be fed back as NALC were now involved with the process.

The Chair had also taken opportunity to speak to an Officer within the Flood Risk Team about the flood bank at the picnic area. The Clerk had been asked to make contact and share information received from the Environment Agency concerning responsibility.

**FPC22-27 District Councillor Session**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.38pm to allow Cllr I Walker to present his report.

Cllr Walker advised that the District Council were looking to relocate the Lorry Park to the Newark Showground to enable the area to be redeveloped in readiness for the extension of the A46 bypass and to provide a smarter entrance to the town.

Councillor Parker referred to the condition of the land opposite the Lorry Park entrance. Councillor Walker advised this was owned by the County Council and he was unaware of any plans for the site.

The former M&S development should start later this year.

The district continued to be the highest sponsor of Ukrainians, with 114 sponsors and 252 guests from the Ukraine currently.

The Ambulance Station on Kings Road is looking to relocate and become incorporated into the Police Station opposite.

The meeting was reconvened at 6.45pm.

**FPC22-28 Newark & Sherwood District Council**

(a) To note the date of the Chairman of the District Council's Civic Service  
Councillor Mrs Saddington, as Chairman of Newark & Sherwood District Council, would be hosting a Civic Service in St Mary's Church, Newark, on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022. An official invitation will be sent in due course.

(b) Green Champions Volunteering Scheme  
Members noted that the District Council had set aside £15,000 for the scheme which would support residents who litter picked in their communities. Further information would be shared once the IT infrastructure was in place.

The Clerk advised that when this was initially raised contact had been made regarding the regular litter picks made by FREG. It was hoped that there may be a way of the scheme supporting this.

(c) Tour of Britain Route – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
Members noted correspondence outlining the route of the Tour of Britain on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September. The closest point to the village was Caunton. Details of the link will be shared on the Residents Facebook Page.

**FPC22-29 Farndon Residents Environment Group**

Members noted the AGM Minutes, May Minutes and those for June.

The Chair expressed his thanks to Stephen Swanwick for leading the Jubilee Walk around the Nature Reserves which it was understood had been well received.

**FPC22-30 Public 10 Minute Session**

There were no questions raised.

**FPC22-31 Parish Council Matters**

(a) To note arrangements for advertising a Casual Vacancy

The Clerk confirmed there had been no request for an election so the Parish Council could now proceed to fill the vacancy by co-option. The Clerk was asked to progress this, with applications to be considered at the 2<sup>nd</sup> August meeting.

The Clerk updated Members on recent correspondence with Councillor Rhodes-Yeomans regarding his tenure as a Member of the Parish Council.

(b) To receive a review of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and confirmed expenditure

Members noted the expenditure to date on the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, with an amount of £1,900 remaining in the budget.

Thanks were extended to everyone in the community who had come forward to help in putting the events together. Formal thanks were also recorded to the Clerk for all her efforts and co-ordination.

Discussion took place on holding an event late Summer to replace the Family Fun Day that had to move inside on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June. It was suggested that either Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> or Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> August be considered, dependent on availability of the inflatables.

The Clerk was asked to progress and report back to Members.

(c) To note details of the Outlaw Triathlon – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Members noted the details of the Outlaw Triathlon that would be held on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> July. Details would be shared on the Residents page.

(d) To discuss recent anti-social behaviour

The Clerk updated Members on the current spate of anti-social behaviour being experienced in the village. The most significant event was Marshalls Coaches suffering a broken window by a projectile thrown from the Memorial Hall.

Councillor Mrs Kingston updated Members on the recent damage at the Memorial Hall.

**FPC22-32 To review the following policies:**

- Health & Safety Policy
- Equality & Diversity Policy
- CCTV Policy & Operating Policy

Members had reviewed the above policies and they were adopted without comment.

- Constitution Document
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Cllr Mrs Bayne queried the wording of the Constitution regarding co-opted Members, but following clarification from the Clerk this was also adopted.

**FPC22-33 Update Reports from Chairs**

(a) Chairman's Report

There was no report given.

(b) Planning

**Applications**

22/SCR/00009 – A46T Roundabout, Hawton Lane, Farndon - Request for environmental impact assessment screening opinion for A46/Newark Southern Link Road junction.

Members noted there were no documents to consider as part of this screening opinion.

22/01062/DISCON – Farndon Cricket Club, Marsh Lane, Farndon - Request for confirmation to discharge condition 5 (Construction Method) and 11 (Archaeology) attached to planning permission 21/02347/FUL Erection of new cricket pavilion and groundsman's store. Existing garage, shed and changing block to be demolished. Work to include new car park with access onto Fosse Road together with improved public footpath from Fosse Road.

Members noted this related to a request for discharge of conditions and there were no documents to consider.

**Decision Notices**

22/00408/FUL – Land to the rear of 74 and 76 Fosse Road, Farndon - Construction of Residential Development Comprising Two Detached Dwellings on Land To The Rear Of 74 And 76 Fosse Road, Farndon (Re-submission of 21/01913/FUL)

Members noted the decision notice refusing planning permission for the development as outlined.

22/00753/HOUSE – 112 Marsh Lane, Farndon – Proposed two storey extension

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

22/00827/LBC – Apple Tree Cottage, 3A School Lane, Farndon – Proposed installation of boiler flue on the exterior front wall. Replace the front door like for like and repointing of garden wall.

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

**Tree Works**

22/01137/TWCA – White Gables, 11 Main Street, Farndon - Silver Birch - reduce by up to 5m vertically and 1.5m laterally

Members noted the application for works as outlined.

22/01136/TWCA – 3 Prebends Close, Farndon - T1 - Cherry Plum - reduce by up to 2m all round T2 - Silver Birch - reduce by up to 3m vertically and 2m laterally T3 - Laburnum - reduce by up to 2m all round

Members noted the application for works as outlined.

### **Other Planning**

#### Planning Enforcement Matters

The Clerk updated Members on the current matters with Enforcement.

#### Neighbourhood Plan

This was deferred for consideration at the August meeting.

#### (c) General Purposes

##### **Planting in Highways Verge (Main Street) and Provision of Signage**

The Clerk referred to the unfortunate incident recently when the Council's contractor had inadvertently mown the verge where wildflowers had been planted. Members AGREED that signage be put up along the verge informing of the plants and not to cut.

##### **Update on Wildlife Pond**

The Clerk advised that a site meeting had been held with a contractor and a quotation was awaited.

#### (d) Cemetery

##### **To receive a report on work undertaken by Community Payback.**

Members noted the excellent work being undertaken by the Community Payback in the Cemetery. The Clerk was asked to convey those thanks to the Project Lead.

The Clerk referred to a request received from a non-resident for a full burial plot. Members noted the explanation given regarding the family connection to the village but this dated back to 1974.

After discussion, Members AGREED that a plot in the Garden of Remembrance would be accepted but not a full burial plot.

This led to a discussion regarding the management of plots for new residents of the village. The Clerk to review the regulations with Cllr Mrs Bayne.

#### (e) Playing Field

##### **To receive a report on the progress of the installation of the CCTV scheme on the playing field**

Members noted there had been a delay due to a problem with a supplier. It was anticipated that this would be resolved shortly and installation would progress. The Clerk would keep Members updated.

### **Use of Football Pitches**

Members noted that the field was currently being used for Mini Kickers on a Monday evening, and there were two teams that were returning for the 2022-23 season on a Sunday.

A request had been received from Newark Town to use the field on a Saturday for an age group. After discussion, Members AGREED they would consider one game, by one team on a Saturday. Special requests would be considered on an ad hoc basis. The fee would be the same as the Sunday teams. The Clerk would liaise with the applicant.

### **To considering entering the Fields in Trust's UK's Favourite Parks 2022**

Members noted the information received from the Fields in Trust and decided not to submit an entry.

### **To note the annual rent agreed for Farndon Cricket Club and to receive an update on the new lease**

Members noted receipt of the commercial valuation that had been dealt with under delegated authority by Councillor Duckmanton and the Chair. An annual rent of £600 had been AGREED and communicated to the Cricket Club.

Discussion took place on the rent chargeable for the 2022 season. Given that there had been little movement with the bowling green, and no lease was in place as it was included within the new lease, it was AGREED that, as a gesture of goodwill, the rent remain at £450.97.

The amendments to the new lease proposed by the Cricket Club had been forwarded to the Council's solicitor for comment. There was a misapprehension that the Parish Council owned the Memorial Hall which would negate some of the comments on drainage.

- (f) Ponds & Riverside  
There was nothing to report.

### **FPC22-34 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> May 2022  
Members noted the Council's financial position at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

The Clerk advised that as 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 marked the end of the first quarter, a detailed financial report will be produced and circulated to Members.

- (f) Newark & Sherwood Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Distribution of Funds  
Members noted correspondence outlining the receipt of funds in the amount of £1,183.88 from the District Council as part of the Newark & Sherwood Community Infrastructure levy.

It was AGREED that this be moved out of the current account into the deposit account.

**FPC22-35 Notts Association of Local Councils**

- (a) Civility & Respect Newsletter & Training  
Members received and noted the latest Civility & Respect Newsletter. #
- (b) Online event on Housing  
Members noted the online event arranged on housing.

**FPC22-36 To receive any correspondence**

- (a) A letter had been received regarding the installation of a seat in memory of Councillor Peter Gafney who sadly passed away in 2016. The seat would be installed in the meadow behind Sandhill Road. It would be a 5ft Roble Turnberry bench inscribed 'Peter J Gafney 1945-2016. A life measured in memories not years'.

This was noted and AGREED.

**FPC22-37 Items for Notification**

- (a) Councillor Parker referred to the hedge at Fairfield Avenue and asked if it could be cut back. The Clerk advised this would be undertaken after the end of bird nesting season.

Councillor Parker referred to the manure that was stored on a field behind Walters Close. The Clerk advised that it was not an environmental concern unless it was leaching across the footpath.

**FPC22-38 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022

The meeting closed at 9pm