

Minutes of the Meeting of Farndon Parish Council held on Monday, 7th August 2023 in the Parish Room, Memorial Hall at 6.30pm

Present: **Councillor M Baker (Chair)**
 Councillor Mrs M Bayne
 Councillor Mrs H Bayne
 Councillor B Boyer
 Councillor A Chrimes
 Councillor Mrs S Kingston
 Councillor Parker
 Councillor Rawlings

Also present, Stephen Swanwick (FREG) and District Councillor Allen.

- FPC23-27** Apologies for absence
Received and accepted from County Cllr Mrs Saddington, District Councillors Haynes and Kellas.
- FPC23-28** Declarations of Interest
It was AGREED that any declarations of interest would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.
- FPC23-29** Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – 29th June 2023
Subject to an amendment to Minute No FPC23-33, to reflect when Cllr Mrs H Bayne rejoined the meeting, the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 29th June 2023, were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- FPC23-30** **County Councillor Session**
No report was presented as Cllr Mrs Saddington had given her apologies.
- FPC23-31** **Nottinghamshire County Council**
- (a) To note a response from the County Council regarding the 90 Bus Service
Members noted the response from the County Council regarding the 90 Bus Service. Members reported that there were still small buses being used on the route. The service would continue to be monitored and any issues raised with the County Council.
- (b) To receive advance notice of public consultation on the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan – Wednesday 30th August till Wednesday 11th October 2023
Members noted the advance notice of the public consultation. The matter would be brought to the September meeting.

- (c) To receive information from Via regarding street lighting on North End
Members noted the response from Via regarding the request from a resident for street lighting on North End. The area did not meet the criteria for new lighting and costs were prohibitive.

The Clerk was asked to feedback to the resident.

FPC23-32 District Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.38pm to allow Councillor Allen to present his report.

Councillor Allen confirmed that Councillor Kellas was dealing with the car parking survey. The Clerk advised that information had been fed back on the properties where new dropped kerbs had been installed, which were occupied by people who did not own vehicles. These had exacerbated the parking issues rather than addressed them.

The glass recycling scheme would be rolled out in September.

Councillor Parker reported an unsafe vehicle on Sandhill Road. Councillor Allen would raise this with Officers.

The Chair thanked Councillor Allen for his report and reconvened the meeting at 6.45pm.

FPC23-33 Newark & Sherwood District Council

To note the timetable for the Allocations and Development Management DPD
Members received and noted the timetable. The Clerk would keep Members updated when further information was received.

To note information regarding the Tour of Britain 2023 – 6th September 2023
Members noted information regarding the route the Tour would be taking through the District.

FPC23-34 Farndon Residents Environment Group

The Chair suspended the meeting to allow Mr Swanwick to present his report.

The monthly litter pick had taken place in July. A balsam pull had been postponed due to the weather.

A discussion took place around planting wildflowers on part of the verge on Wyke Lane. The Clerk advised that, as this was highways verge, permission would need to be sought from Via. The Clerk would raise and report back.

It was noted that some of the canes supporting the trees on the meadow were missing. The Clerk would raise with the Sexton.

The Chair thanked Mr Swanwick for his report and reconvened the meeting at 6.56pm.

(a) Minutes – July 2023

Members received and noted the minutes from the Main Meeting held on 3rd July 2023.

FPC23-35 Public 10 Minute Session

No questions were raised.

FPC23-36 Parish Council Matters

(a) To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies.

Cllr Mrs Kingston advised that the Memorial Hall would be holding a second coffee morning on Saturday, 12th August.

Cllr Mrs M Bayne had attended a meeting of the Newark Consultative Health Group recently. The merger of the two surgeries (The Fountain and Barnbygate) was not now proceeding due to concerns over parking. Newark Hospital had a new operating theatre, which is estimated will allow for an extra 2,600 operations a year. Residents were encouraged to ask for treatment at Newark.

The Chair advised that he had attended a meeting of the Rural Crime Partnership. One issue discussed was the matter of fishing rights. The Angling Trust were of the opinion they held all fishing rights along the river. This had been challenged by the Police.

(b) To receive an Action Plan for the Parish Council, to include an update on projects already in progress

The Clerk gave a verbal update to Members. A hard copy would be circulated to Members when all information was factored into the plan.

(c) To consider an Amended Constitution for the Parish Council

After discussion, the Clerk was asked to make an amendment to the 'Purpose' paragraph to reflect the partnership working with the District and County Council. A section to also be included to reflect that members of the public are welcome, and entitled, to attend meetings of the Parish Council.

A revised document would be circulated to Members and brought back to the September meeting.

(d) To set a new date for a tour of land under the Parish Council's ownership and management

This was AGREED for 6.30pm on Wednesday, 16th August 2023, meeting at the Rose & Crown.

FPC23-37 Update Reports from Chairs

(a) Chairman's Report

No report was given.

(b) Planning

Prior to consideration of the Planning applications, Councillor Mrs H Bayne removed herself from the meeting.

Applications

23/01249/FUL – Hardys Farm Shop, Hawton Lane, Farndon - Proposed external upgrade including new roof covering and wall cladding. Retention of existing lightweight structure serving the existing terrace eating area.

After discussion, it was unanimously AGREED that no objection be raised to the application as outlined.

Councillor Mrs H Bayne rejoined the meeting.

Decision Notices

23/00836/HOUSE – Chapel House, 14 Chapel Lane, Farndon – Proposed two storey side extension

Members received and noted the decision notice outlining permission had been granted for the development.

Tree Works

There were none to note.

(c) General Purposes

There was nothing to report.

(d) Cemetery

To receive quotations for new Cemetery gates

Discussion took place around the quotations received for full replacement of the Cemetery gates. It was AGREED that the gates would be reviewed with Cllr Parker with a view to remedial works being undertaken to the existing gates.

(e) Playing Field

To receive and consider a written request received regarding the weathervane on the Bowls Pavilion

Members noted the written request received regarding the weathervane on the Bowls Pavilion. It was AGREED that the request be approved provided there was no detriment to the pavilion with its removal.

To consider measures to prevent access to the field

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Members had met on site to review the entrance to the field now the new access was in use. It was noted that there had been an attempt to access the field for occupation, prior to the new gates being

installed. The field was now more visible with the removal of the tree line and hedge for the access.

Members noted the cost of installing bollards along the kerb edge and considered whether this was the best way forward while on site. A suggestion had been put forward by Cllr Parker to install retractable bollards in front of the gate entrance from Fosse Road.

Costs for retractable bollards will be pursued and Cllr Duckmanton would liaise with the Cricket Club.

The Clerk advised that a request had been made to the District Council to vire funds for the wildlife pond, should it be required. A response was awaited.

Cllr Boyer proposed that any costs be taken from the Council's reserves. This was AGREED.

Discussion took place on protection of the field through the Marsh Lane entrance. It was AGREED that the Clerk speak to Country Kids Nursery to keep the middle gate entrance closed during the day.

To consider the installation of additional CCTV coverage

Members noted the quotation received in the sum of £1,480 to install additional CCTV now the cricket pavilion was complete. This was to ensure full coverage of the field.

It was AGREED that Cllr Duckmanton meet with the contractor on site to establish if an existing camera can be moved.

Invitation to Presidents Day – 20th August 2023

Councillor Duckmanton advised that an invitation would be extended to the Parish Council to attend Presidents Day on Sunday, 20th August 2023. This would be forwarded to Members on receipt.

Football Training

Councillor Duckmanton referred to potential changes in the football clubs using the field for the 2023-24 season. This would be confirmed with the Clerk and invoices issued as appropriate.

The old pavilion changing rooms would be used for teams initially for the 2023-24 season.

(f)

Ponds & Riverside

To note damage to a memorial bench

The Clerk reported on damage to a memorial bench adjacent to the revetment. The incident had been reported to the Police.

To consider an application to the Severn Trent Community Fund

The Clerk referred to a funding stream currently available through Severn Trent. Delegated authority was given to the Clerk and Councillor Parker to progress an application.

FPC23-38 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 June and 31st July 2023
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Members were pleased to note that the Clerk's application to the Community Lottery Fund for the Farndon Friendship Group had been successful, with a sum of £8,825 awarded. This would secure the Group for the next 12 months.

- (d) To consider the purchase of a new mower
Members AGREED that the Clerk could pursue quotations for a new mulch mower. Quotations would be brought back to the September meeting.

FPC23-39 Notts Association of Local Councils

- (a) To note a revision to the Constitution of the Notts Association of Local Councils to be considered at the Annual General Meeting.
The Chair advised that the changes to the constitution had been put on hold while legal advice was sought on the revisions.

The Chief Executive Officer of NALC was retiring and a replacement was being sought.

- (b) To note Planning Section 106 and CIL Training arranged
The Clerk advised that the training arranged was now fully subscribed.

FPC23-40 To receive any correspondence

The Clerk advised that the event outlined in correspondence circulated regarding the Mayor of Newark's Charity Event had been cancelled.

FPC23-41 Items for Notification

Dropped Kerbs

The Clerk was asked to seek an update from Via on the dropped kerbs that had been installed without the appropriate permission.

Environmental Policy

Councillor Rawlings asked if the Parish Council had an Environmental Policy and, if not, sought permission to develop one for consideration.

The Clerk confirmed this was not a policy the Council currently had. Delegated authority was given to the Clerk to work with Cllr Rawlings to put a Policy together for consideration.

North End

Councillor Parker reminded the Clerk about the path at North End, adjacent to the planter.

FPC23-42 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 25th September 2023 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.