

Minutes of the Farndon Parish Council held on Monday, 28th January 2019 at 6.30pm in the Small Hall, Memorial Hall, Farndon

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

**Also in attendance:** County Cllr Mrs Saddington, District Cllrs I & K Walker, Mr S Swanwick (FREG) and 10 members of the public

Prior to commencement of the meeting the Chair asked for a minutes silence as a mark of respect for Dave Bennett, who had passed away recently. He had worked tirelessly with young people in the village through the Farndon United Football Club and would be sadly missed.

**FPC18-116** Apologies for absence

Received and accepted from Cllr Oldham.

**FPC18-117** Declarations of Interest

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

**FPC18-118** Minutes of the Parish Council – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**FPC18-119** County Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.35pm to allow Cllr Mrs Saddington to present her report.

Cllr Mrs Saddington referred to the ongoing closures of the A46 to allow for amendments to the Cattle Market, A1 and A17 roundabouts.

The Chair thanked Cllr Mrs Saddington for her report and reconvened the meeting at 6.37pm.

**FPC18-120** Nottinghamshire County Council

(a) **Local Improvement Scheme – Application Update**

Members noted that the matter was ongoing.

(b) **Update on Unitary Authority**

Members noted that the proposals for a Unitary Authority were not proceeding at the present time.

(c) **Fibre Broadband Availability**

Members noted information outlining the availability of superfast broadband now available to premises on Thorpe Lane, Wyke Lane, and part of Fosse Road. It was not considered necessary for the Broadband Engagement officer to attend a meeting of the Parish Council.

(d) **Request for New Bus Shelter – Long Lane**

The Parish Council's request for a new bus shelter at Long Lane had been considered by the County Council. Funding had been secured to replace the existing structure with a wooden 'Guildford' shelter, the same as that installed on Main Street. It will be supplied with a solar lighting unit.

**FPC18-121** District Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.40pm to allow the District Councillor's to present their report.

Cllr I Walker reported that he had received a lot of contact regarding the planning application for a development on Fosse Road. Residents were encouraged to keep sending comments to him.

**FPC18-122** Farndon Residents Environment Group

(a) **December Minutes**

These had been circulated to Members for information.

(b) **Christmas Charity Collection**

FREG were congratulated on their fundraising efforts during December, raising £1,948.80 for charity. This would be distributed to Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance and Think Children.

**FPC18-123** Planning Matters

(a) **18/02362/FULM - Land Opposite 44 to 26 Fosse Road, Farndon - Erection of a Mixed-Use Development comprising petrol filling station and associated retail unit, 2 no. drive throughs, 2 no. offices and 103 bed hotel with associated ancillary facilities, landscaping, flood attenuation lagoon, associated engineering operations (including flood compensation measures) and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) along with associated vehicular and cycle parking and access from Fosse Way and all ancillary works .**

Members noted receipt of the reports from the Transport Consultant and the Flood Risk Consultant. Both reports were read to Members.

Reference was also made to the holding objection that had been submitted by County Highways. It was noted that County Highways would not tolerate parking from the development on Fosse Road.

It was noted that the Parish Council were awaiting the report from the Planning Consultant, which would incorporate the comments referred to in the Transport and Flood Risk Consultants reports.

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Baker that the Parish Council formally object to the application due to the concerns raised in the reports currently before Members.

Further it was contrary to Policy NUA/OB/1 in the Newark & Sherwood Local Development Framework Adopted Allocations & Development Management Development Plan Document which recognised the land as designated open space. This was designated to ensure that existing settlements retain their separate identities and characteristics, and within land allocated on the Policies Map as Open Breaks in Newark Urban Area, planning permission would not normally be granted for built development.

It was also recognised that the land was within designated Flood Zone 3.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr Mrs Bayne and unanimously AGREED.

The detailed response from the Planning Consultant would be circulated to Members on receipt.

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.12pm to allow questions from the public.

Cllr Mrs Saddington explained that she had met with the Chair and Clerk to look at the plans, particularly with regard to highways. After which a detailed report had been sent to County Highways outlining concerns with the development and the traffic implications.

Cllr Mrs Saddington observed that residents had campaigned many years for the A46 bypass and that was a valid point which could also be included in comments submitted to the planning department.

Cllr I Walker noted that the Chair of East Stoke with Thorpe Parish Council was present and that residents may want to make their own representations on the application due to the potential for impact on that community too.

The Chair reminded residents that comments could still be submitted on the application to Newark & Sherwood District Council.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.30pm.

**FPC18-124** Public 10 Minute Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.31pm to allow questions from the public.

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A resident enquired if the Parish Council were aware of what was happening in a field off Hawton Lane recently. The Chair confirmed it was nothing the Parish Council had been advised of.

A resident commented that the new bin at the bus stop on Main Street had not been emptied recently. The Clerk advised that it had been added to the round and would be followed up with the Handyman to ensure it was emptied.

A resident stated that there were people fishing without permits and stated that there were no signs to say that permits were required. The Clerk to review the signage and the requirement for a permit to be included in the next article for the Farndon Focus.

**FPC18-125** Parish Council Matters

(a) **Community Defibrillator and First Aid Training – Request from Newark Community First Aid**

Correspondence had been received from Newark Community First Aid requesting support in providing a venue to enable them to deliver two short courses providing key skills on resuscitation.

It was AGREED that this request be supported.

(b) **Western Power Distribution – Winter Resilience Committee**

Members noted the information from Western Power Distribution on their Winter Resilience Committee, launched to help protect vulnerable people. It was AGREED that this be posted on the Farndon Residents page.

(c) **Western Power Distribution – Annual Stakeholder Workshop**

Members received and noted the invitation to Western Power Distribution's Annual Stakeholder Workshops.

(d) **Nottinghamshire Patient, Service User, Carer and Citizen Networking Event – Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Members received and noted the invitation to the Nottinghamshire Patient, Service User, Carer and Citizen Networking Event in Nottingham on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**FPC18-126** Update Report from Chairs

(a) Chairman of the Council  
**Public Meeting**

The Chair expressed his thanks to Members and residents who had attended the public meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

(b) Planning

**Decision Notice – 18/02143/FUL – 6 Long Lane, Farndon – Householder application for proposed two storey side & rear extension**

Members received and noted the decision notice granting permission for the householder application for a proposed two storey side & rear extension.

**Decision Notice – 18/02285/TWCA – Hampton Lodge, 3 Grays Court, Farndon – 1 No Acer (Maple) tree in front garden; crown reduce in height by 1.0mt and all round 1mt lateral reduction; 1 no Cherry tree north boundary amongst Hawthorne hedge; crown reduce in height by 2.0mt and all round 1mt lateral reduction; Group of 4 No Bramley Apple trees against eastern wall; crown reduce in height by 1.0mt**

Members received and noted the decision notice granting permission for tree works in the Conservation Area.

**Planning Enforcement Matters**

Prior to consideration of this matter, Cllr Duckmanton declared a personal interest and withdrew from the debate.

Members noted correspondence from Planning Enforcement regarding questions raised at the change of use of the Mr Bike unit on Hardy's Park.

It was noted that reference was made to a request for a retrospective planning application to be made. It was AGREED that the Clerk seek clarification on whether an application had been requested.

(c) General Purposes

**Update from PCSO**

Members received and noted the update from PCSO Munro regarding matters that had been reported to the Police in January.

**Fly Tipping**

The Chair referred to recent fly tipping on Thorpe Lane and Moor Lane, East Stoke, that had been reported to Newark & Sherwood District Council.

(d) Playing Field

**Bowls Club**

Members received and AGREED (subject to weather conditions) the dates submitted by the Bowls Club they would like vehicular access to the green:

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July

Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> August

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> September

with the final date still to be allocated.

Cllr Duckmanton referred to recent damage to the field which had perhaps been caused by contractors working on the bowls club hedge. The Clerk to review with the Sexton/Handyman.

**Dave Bennett**

Prior to raising this matter, Cllr Duckmanton declared a personal interest. It was queried whether a bench in memory of Dave Bennett could be placed on the playing field. The Clerk to forward costs for the classic and standard benches.

(e) Cemetery

**Correspondence from Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

Members noted correspondence received from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission confirming the list of war graves under their care in Farndon Cemetery. These were:

First World War

Corporal Bown  
Winifred Lord

Second World War

Richard Morris  
Thomas Sumpster

They had been cleaned in July 2017 and had recently been cleaned in December.

The enquiry on the Commission's Signage Project had been passed to the Operations Team to respond.

(f) Ponds & Riverside

**Report of Anti-Social Behaviour**

Members noted the recent report of anti-social behaviour in the ponds where a Magpie had been shot with an air rifle. This had been reported to the Police as it was a crime under the Wildlife Act.

**Dogs on Lead Sign – Riverside**

Cllr Duckmanton reported that the sign near the clapper gate was loose. The Clerk advised that the Sexton/Handyman would inspect and repair.

**Missing Lifebuoy**

Cllr Parker reported that there was a lifebuoy missing from the back of the ponds. The Clerk advised that the Sexton/Handyman would inspect and replace.

**Work at Ponds**

The Clerk advised that work at the ponds had started on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> January. The work was going well and was scheduled to last for another three weeks. The Council's contractor would be cutting the hedge and helping to remove some larger pieces from the water over the next couple of weeks.

**Rose Bed at Slipway**

Cllr Teixeira-Gomes reminded the Clerk about the rose bed at the slipway. The Clerk advised that this was on the Handyman's list but work at the ponds took priority due to the impending bird nesting season.

**FPC18-127** Financial Matters

(a) **To consider accounts for payments in accordance with the circulated schedule**

Members received and noted the two accounts for payments, one from 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December and the other from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

- (b) **To note any receipts in accordance with the circulated schedule**  
Members received and noted the two receipt schedules, one from 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December and the other from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019.
- (c) **To note the Council's financial position as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018**  
Members received and noted the Council's financial position as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.
- (d) **To ratify the Consultant Fees for providing Planning & other advice**  
The Clerk advised that an up-to-date fee schedule was awaited from the Council's Planning consultant. Once received it would be circulated to Members, together with the fees payable to the Transport and Flood Risk Consultants.
- (e) **To consider the Council's budget for the 2019-20 Financial Year and to set the Precept for 2019/20**  
Members considered papers circulated relating to the proposed budget for the 2019/20 financial year. The budget allowed for the carry over of underspends on key budget codes. The Clerk had asked for confirmation on projected costs for the election as there was a substantial amount currently in reserve which could be released to meet Consultant costs.

After discussion, it was proposed by the Chair that an increase of 2.5% be levied on the Precept. This would see an increase to £53,843, or £66.72 for a Band D property, compared to £65.50 in 2018.19, an increase of £1.22.

This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Bayne and unanimously AGREED.

- (f) **Zurich Insurance Renewal Proposal**  
Members noted the renewal for the two ride on mowers in the sum of £636.55.

**FPC18-128** [Notts Association of Local Councils](#)

- (a) **January Personnel Newsletter**  
The newsletter had been circulated to Members for information.
- (b) **Annual Subscription Renewal 2019/20**  
The renewal for the 2019/20 membership had been received in the sum of £397.11.
- (c) **Employment Briefing – 2019-20 Salary Award**  
Members received and noted information from the National Joint Council for Local Government Services outlining the agreed new pay scales for 2019-2020 to be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.
- (d) **Letter from Chairman**  
The letter had been circulated to Members for information.

(e) **Timetable for Elections 2019**

The timetable for the 2019 local elections was noted. The date for the publication of notice was 26<sup>th</sup> March, with the election scheduled for Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

(f) **Information on Council Tax Referendum Principles**

It was noted that the Council Tax Referendum Principles would not apply to Parish Councils.

(g) **Legal Update – December**

The Legal Update for December was received and noted.

**FPC18-129** To receive and Correspondence

(a) **Town Mayor's Charity Quiz Night – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Members received and noted that the Town Mayor was to hold a Charity Quiz Night on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**FPC18-130** Items for Notification

**Garden of Remembrance**

Prior to raising this matter, Cllr Duckmanton declared a personal interest.

Cllr Duckmanton referred to the recent death of Dave Bennett and asked if the Parish Council would consider acknowledging the work he had done in the village through Farndon United Football Club.

After discussion it was AGREED that a plot in the Garden of Remembrance be granted to the family of Mr Bennett for the interment of his ashes. Costs to be met from the Chairman's Allowance.

**Best Kept Village Competition**

Cllr Teixeira-Gomes asked if contact had been made with the owner of the land at the junction of Main Street and Fosse Road to establish if it could be tidied as part of the Best Kept Village Competition.

The Clerk to liaise with FREG on ensuring posters are placed on all village noticeboards.

**Bus Stop Clearway – Main Street**

Cllr Parker referred to the recently completed bus stop clearway on Main Street. The work did not appear up to standard and the yellow lining was bright. The Clerk to report to Transport Facilities.

**Land at Fosse Road**

Cllr Mrs Kingston asked if there was anything to report on the land at the junction of Hawton Lane and Fosse Road. The Clerk advised a marked map had been sent across to County Highways.



**Great Britain Spring Clean**

The Chair referred to the Great Britain Spring Clean initiative and wondered if this could be implemented in the village. The scheme to be investigated and a report to be brought back to the next meeting.

**FPC18-131** Date of Next Meeting  
Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

The meeting closed at 9pm.