

**Minutes of the Farndon Parish Council held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 6.30pm in the Parish Council Room**

**Present:** Councillor M Baker, in the Chair  
Councillor Mrs M Bayne  
Councillor A Duckmanton  
Councillor P Gafney  
Councillor J Teixeira-Gomes  
Councillor M Oldham

**FPC15-256 Apologies for absence**

Received from, County Councillor Mrs Saddington, and District Cllrs I and K Walker

**FPC15-257 Declarations of interest**

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

**FPC15-258 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016, were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**FPC15-259 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

The Clerk updated Members on the following items:

Adopt a Kiosk

The Clerk reported that further enquiries had been made in to adopting the BT kiosk on Main Street.

If the kiosk was to be adopted the telephony equipment would have to be removed and it was AGREED that this should not be pursued.

Tree on Marsh Lane

The Clerk reported back on advice received regarding the tree on the corner of Fairfield Avenue and Marsh Lane.

Further advice would be sought on the background to the Tree Preservation Order and a report brought back to the next meeting.

**FPC15-260 Parish Council Matters**

- (a) To consider works required to the surface of the Parish Council's car park located at the river side

The Clerk referred to the three quotations received for the resurfacing of the Riverside car park. Companies had been asked to quote for a full resurface and a patch repair.

The quotations received were as follows for full resurfacing:

- £15,220
- £9,639
- £8,750

And as follows for patch repair:

- £6,020
- £4,980
- £4,750

White Lining:

- £540
- £450
- £350

The Clerk reported to Members advice received from the Council's insurers which stated that it is only the responsibility of the land owner to ensure that the land is safe and hazard free and not neighbouring properties, unless previously agreed by contract. If someone were to be injured whilst walking through the car park then the council would be found negligent rather than the adjacent businesses.

If hazards have been highlighted in risk assessment and repair work wasn't carried out to make it safe then the council can be found negligent in the event of a claim. The insurance implications could be that the claims team could refuse to pay for a liability claim meaning that the council would have to pay if someone were to sue the council or if the claim is paid then the insurance premiums would be increased and endorsements could be added to the policy.

The Clerk advised that no risk assessment had been found that related to the car park and a template was being sought so that an assessment could be made.

Councillor Duckmanton considered that, if the adjacent businesses wouldn't contribute, and it was their customers that had the main benefit of the car park, the Council should undertake the minimum work required to bring the area up to standard.

Concern was also expressed by Members that the businesses were seeking to impose on the Council a timeline by which the work should be completed.

The Chair clarified that the businesses had asked if a timeline could be achieved, but had been advised that that request would have to be considered by Full Council. No agreement had been given to meet the timeline requested.

The Clerk advised that now Members were aware of the costs associated with the works there was no reason why the businesses could not be approached and asked for a contribution.

A detailed discussion took place on the car park, the benefit it provided to the local community and the differing opinion of Members on what work should be undertaken. Members were agreed that the car park provided a relief for neighbouring residential properties and reduced the number of cars being parked outside those homes.

After discussion it was unanimously AGREED that

- the Clerk be given delegated responsibility to contact a local contractor to obtain a price for a temporary fill of the deepest potholes.
- as a bridleway runs across the car park, Nottinghamshire County Council be contacted to establish where the responsibility lies for maintenance
- a full risk assessment be undertaken of the car park.
- the Clerk prepare a letter to be sent to the businesses, which would then be sent to Members for approval and distributed when the contents were agreed. The letter to include an invitation to have an open discussion with the businesses.

Finally, the Chair apologised to Councillor Gomes for not inviting him to the meeting, as Chair of Riverside.

**FPC15-261 Nottinghamshire County Council**

(a) Information on the Devolution application

It was AGREED that this matter should be deferred to the 22<sup>nd</sup> February meeting.

(b) Definitive Map – Modification Order

The Clerk reported that the County Council had advised that a new order needed to be made due to a technicality on the old order. Correspondence was awaited.

**FPC15-262 To receive any correspondence**

(a) Quotation for Work to Fairfield Avenue Pocket Park

Prior to consideration of this item, Councillor Gafney declared a non-pecuniary interest and withdrew himself from the discussion.

The Clerk advised that a quotation had been received to replace the wooden posts on the green at the corner of Fairfield Avenue, however, it did not include for the number of posts.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should clarify how many posts the quotation included.

(b) Enquiry from St Peter's Early Years

Prior to consideration of this item, Councillor Oldham declared a non-pecuniary interest and withdrew himself from the discussion.

An email had been received advising that a request had been made by a parent for the facility to open in the school holidays.

After discussion it was AGREED that this request would not be supported as Members held the opinion that Early Years was a pre-school facility and not a nursery. This was carried unanimously.

**FPC15-263 To receive items for notification**

(a) Inconsiderate Parking – Sandhill Road

Councillor Duckmanton reported inconsiderate parking on Sandhill Road, around the island.

It was AGREED that PCSO Munro should be advised and asked to look at the parking and that Nottinghamshire County Council should be notified.

(b) Second Goal Post

Councillor Duckmanton advised that the replacement goal post had now been delivered. The pitch would be marked up with the Village Handyman and the post installed.

(c) Playing Field Mow

The Council's contractor had been asked to review the length of the grass on the playing field and mow if conditions allowed.

(d) Farndon Focus

The article written by Councillor Mrs Bayne to be circulated to Members for comment prior to the deadline for submission of 13<sup>th</sup> February.

(e) Work on Farndon Ponds

It was confirmed that work to the Ponds had started on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February.

(f) Allotment Land

The Clerk advised that no land was available from the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust. The Chair suggest that Councillor Gomes contact Newark Piscatorial Society to see if they had any land available.

**FPC15-264 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 commencing at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm