

Minutes of the Farndon Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, in the Parish Room,  
27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Memorial Hall, Farndon

**Present:**        **Councillor M Baker (Chair)**  
                      **Councillor Mrs M Bayne**  
                      **Councillor A Chrime**  
                      **Councillor A Duckmanton**  
                      **Councillor Mrs Kingston**  
                      **Councillor P Parker**  
                      **Councillor P Rawlings**

**Also present Stephen Swanwick (FREG), 3 members of the public and County Councillor Mrs Saddington**

**FPC22-108**    Apologies for absence  
Received and accepted from Councillor Mrs H Bayne and District Councillor I Walker.

**FPC22-109**    Declarations of Interest  
It was AGREED that these would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.

**FPC22-110**    Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023  
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**FPC22-111**    **County Councillor Session**  
This item would be taken if and when Cllr Mrs Saddington arrived.

With the agreement of Members, the Chair brought forward Agenda Item 9

**FPC22-112**    **Public 10 Minute Session**  
The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.35pm to allow members of the public to speak.

Residents were present who had requested the burial of ashes of relatives who didn't live in the village. They were aware of the changes made to the Cemetery Regulations in 2020, which had been made to protect grave space for residents. The residents explained the familial connections, both present and historically, with 16 members of their extended family buried in the Cemetery. They also explained the reasons behind their relative leaving the village, which was to join the armed forces, serving 45 years in the RAF.

The offer to inter the ashes into an existing family grave had been declined as it was considered that the ashes should be in their own space.

It was noted that previous requests had been refused.

The Chair thanked the residents for attending and putting their case forward for an exception to be made in this instance. Members would consider their request and the Clerk would liaise with the residents.

A resident referred to tree works undertaken recently on Main Street. These were different to that outlined in the application on the agenda. The contractors had advised they were working on behalf of Via. The Clerk would seek clarification from Via.

The meeting was reconvened at 6.54pm.

**FPC22-111 County Councillor Session**

**(cont)**

With the arrival of County Councillor Mrs Saddington, the Chair suspended the meeting at 6.55pm to allow her to present her report.

A Council Tax rise of 4.8% had been approved by the County Council, 2% for adult social care and 2.8% for general funds.

A donation of £200 to the Parish Council had been agreed by Councillor Mrs Saddington towards a celebration for the Coronation of King Charles III. The Divisional Fund would be reduced for the 2023-24 financial year, which would restrict Cllr Mrs Saddington's ability to meet all requests from her communities.

An event held on 25<sup>th</sup> February, in Cllr Mrs Saddington's capacity as Chairman of Newark & Sherwood District Council, had raised £1,235 for the Children's Bereavement Centre.

The Chair thanked Cllr Mrs Saddington for her report and reconvened the meeting at 7pm.

**FPC22-113 District Councillor Session**

No report was presented as District Cllr Walker had given his apologies.

The Chair noted that the District Council had agreed to introduce a kerbside glass recycling service.

**FPC22-114 Newark & Sherwood District Council**

**(a)**

To receive a report on the survey regarding parking within the village

Members noted the information received from Newark & Sherwood District Council analysing the responses from the survey regarding parking. As this information had only just been received, it was AGREED that consideration be deferred to the March meeting.

The Clerk was asked to follow up on the expectations the District Council had of the Parish Council.

**FPC22-115 Farndon Residents Environment Group**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.05pm to allow Mr Swanwick to present the FREG report.

One litter pick had been held. Brambles alongside the revetment in the ponds had been cut back. Members had been helping Notts Wildlife Trust in the Willow Holt.

There had also been collaborative working with the Parish Council to plant the trees provided as part of the 'I Dig Trees' initiative.

The Chair thanked Mr Swanwick for his report and reconvened the meeting at 7.05pm.

(a) Minutes – February 2023

Members received and noted the minutes from the February meetings.

**FPC22-116 Parish Council Matters**

(a) To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

The Chair reported on a meeting of the Staythorpe Steering Group. The monitoring of the noise level had remained exactly the same as the previous year. There would, however, be an increase in noise from April to June 2024 as the power station moved across to be CO2 free. This would involve installation of a pipeline to Immingham. 200 extra employees would be employed in the short term.

The Chair referred to an approach from a resident regarding a mobility scooter that they wanted to donate. Cllr Mrs Kingston was asked to raise this at the next meeting of the Memorial Hall Trustees. The Chair referred to work being undertaken in the office. The Chairman of the Trustees would be advised that there was to be no access to the room until the work was complete.

(b) To receive information on the local elections scheduled to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Members had received information from the Clerk on the local elections. The Clerk explained that a new Register of Electors would be received after 1<sup>st</sup> March. Information from that Register would need to be used to complete the nomination forms.

(c) To consider a Celebration for the Coronation of King Charles III

The Clerk advised that a further post had been put on the Residents Page regarding a Village Trail as a Celebration for the Coronation.

The Clerk would liaise with the school with a view to progressing a Village Trail.

**FPC22-117 Financial Matters**

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

Members received and noted the accounts for payment in accordance with the circulated schedule.

- (b) To note any receipts in accordance with the circulated schedule  
Members received and noted receipts received in accordance with the circulated schedule.
- (c) To note the Council's financial position as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023  
Members received and noted the bank reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and Year Summary as at 26<sup>th</sup> February.
- (d) To consider a request for funding from Farndon Guides  
A request for funding from Farndon Guides was considered. After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Duckmanton, seconded by Councillor Parker, that a donation of £200 be made to assist the unit with their current financial situation.
- (e) To consider changes to the Parish Council's broadband and telephone service  
The Clerk referred to notification received from BT regarding an increase in charges from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. It was AGREED that the Clerk be given delegated authority to investigate a change in provider, but that advice be sought from the CCTV contractor regarding whether there was a minimum requirement on download and upload speeds.
- (f) To consider an upgrade to the Parish Council's Hugo Fox Website.  
The Clerk outlined the benefits that would come from upgrading from a free Hugo Fox Website, to a supported one. After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Bayne, seconded by Councillor Duckmanton, that the upgrade be progressed at a cost of £19.99 per month.

#### **FPC22-118 Update Reports from Chairs**

- (a) Chair's Report  
There was nothing to report.
- (b) Planning  
**Applications:**  
There were none to consider.

#### **Decision Notices**

There were none to receive.

#### **Tree Works**

23/00254/TWCA – White Gables, 11 Main Street, Farndon - Crown lift Cherry Tree over highway to achieve 5.2m clearance (from ground level) (works requested urgently by VIA E MIDS) Works to be undertaken in accordance with BS 3998  
Members received and noted the tree works as outlined.

- (c) General Purposes  
There were no matters to consider.

(d) Cemetery

**To note a report updating on the availability of grave space**

This item would be considered at the end of the meeting.

**To receive feedback on a maintenance request to the Commonwealth War Graves**

Members noted the response from the Commonwealth War Graves, which outlined that cleaning of the graves in the Cemetery would be programmed in.

(e) Playing Field

**To note arrangements for a weed spray of the playing field**

Cllr Duckmanton advised that the weed spraying of the playing field was in the process of being arranged. It would be undertaken at the best time for the grass.

**To receive an update on the play area**

The Clerk advised that appointments with play area providers were continuing. Any quotations received would be brought back to a future meeting.

**Break In at New Cricket Pavilion Compound**

The Clerk referred to a theft from the compound recently. A request had been made from the Police for the CCTV that captured the vehicle. Members AGREED that this could be released, subject to consent forms being completed.

(f) Ponds & Riverside

**To receive an update from the Environment Agency on the Flood Bank**

Members noted the information received from the Environment Agency regarding the Flood Bank at the picnic area. The procedure required to undertake was noted and the Clerk was asked to investigate further the exemption required from the Environment Agency to undertake the work.

Councillor Parker recalled that the Environment Agency had referred to the bank being reassessed to a 1 in 5, yet the report referred to a 1 in 10. The Clerk would ask for clarification.

The Clerk referred to correspondence from Farndon Marina regarding the intention to paint double yellow lines on the unadopted highway from the end of North End to the Marina. An offer had also been made to replace the yellow bollards with retractable ones. After discussion Members AGREED that the offer be accepted.

**To note the tree planting undertaken on the meadow**

Members extended their thanks to all the volunteers who had given their time to plant the trees on the meadow.

**FPC22-119 Notts Association of Local Councils**

- (a) The Chair referred to an initiative relating to Climate Emergency, details of which would be released shortly. Councillor Rawlings expressed an interest. The Clerk

would forward details when received.

**FPC22-120 To receive any correspondence**

There was none to note.

**FPC22-121 Items for Notification**

Councillor Duckmanton suggested that a path from the new pavilion around the edge to the hard standing area would be beneficial. Members AGREED that Councillor Duckmanton investigate further.

Cllr Mrs Kingston referred to a streetlight that was out at the crossroads at Main Street. The Clerk would log.

The Chair asked if Cllr Parker could review the Fields in Trust plaque in the playing field with a view to maintaining it.

The Clerk referred to a request from residents on North End to facilitate a meeting with Via. Members AGREED that the Clerk should progress.

The Chair referred to investing in a Smart TV that could be used to display planning applications. Cllr Chrimes advised that he may be able to assist and would liaise with the Clerk outside of the meeting.

Delegated authority was given to the Clerk to purchase two new chairs and an additional table to ensure all Members were accommodated at meetings.

Cllr Rawlings referred to the poor condition of the car park at the Riverside. The Clerk advised that Members were aware and one quotation had been received.

Councillor Mrs M Bayne referred to correspondence received from the Newark Municipal General Charities regarding land owned by the charity in the village.

**FPC22- Cemetery**

**118(d) Cont To receive a report updating on the availability of grave spaces**

Members noted the report that outlined the present position with regard to grave spaces. The decision to not allow the pre-purchase of graves, and also restrict interments to people who lived in the village had been effective in protecting space, but had also led to a reduction in income.

**FPC22-122 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023

The meeting closed at 9pm