

Minutes of the Farndon Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 in the Parish Room, Memorial Hall, Farndon

**Present:**        **Councillor M Baker (Chair)**  
                      **Councillor A Chrimes**  
                      **Councillor Ms H Bayne**  
                      **Councillor Mrs M Bayne**  
                      **Councillor Mrs Kingston**  
                      **Councillor P Rawlings**

**Also present Stephen Swanwick (FREG) and 3 members of the public**

- FPC22-74**    Apologies for absence  
Received and accepted from Councillors Duckmanton, Parker, District Councillor I Walker and County Councillor Mrs Saddington.
- FPC22-75**    Declarations of Interest  
It was AGREED that these would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.
- FPC22-76**    Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- FPC22-77**    **County Councillor Session**  
No report was presented as Cllr Mrs Saddington had given her apologies.
- In giving her apologies, however, Cllr Mrs Saddington had extended her best wishes to all Members of the Council for Christmas and the New Year.
- FPC22-78**    **Nottinghamshire County Council**  
(a)            To note the public consultation on the Devolution Deal  
Members noted the public consultation that was now open on the Devolution Deal and the link to the online survey.
- FPC22-79**    **District Councillor Session**  
No report was presented as Cllr I Walker had given his apologies.
- FPC22-80**    **Newark & Sherwood District Council**  
(a)            To note the survey regarding parking within the village  
Members noted the survey that had been circulated regarding parking within the village. The closing date was 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.
- Cllr Parker would be asked to repost the link on the Residents page to remind people who had not yet completed it.

(b) To consider a response to the Amended Allocations & Development Management DPD

A copy of the documentation and links had been forwarded to Members for information.

After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Ms H Bayne that the wording relating to the Open Breaks should be amended to ensure that open breaks are kept as open breaks as village has previously made very clear on this and as Parish Council continue to support and would need to remain.

This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Kingston and unanimously AGREED.

**FPC22-81 Farndon Residents Environment Group**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.38pm to allow Mr Swanwick to present the FREG report.

Three working parties had been in action, there had been one litter pick and one session at Farndon Park cutting Cherry suckers back. Work had also been undertaken in the Ponds cutting brambles back around the revetment.

The Clerk confirmed that the trees from I Dig Trees would arrive on 9<sup>th</sup> December. They would be reviewed on arrival to establish their size, following which a shout out for volunteers would be put on Farndon Residents.

(a) Minutes - November 2022

Members received and noted the minutes from the November meetings.

With the agreement of Members the Chair brought forward Agenda Item 10(a)

**FPC22-82 To consider alternative eco-friendly ways to decorate the village in the run up to Remembrance Sunday**

Following on from the comments on the Residents Page regarding the lack of lamp post poppies in the run up to Remembrance Sunday, an alternative had been put forward by a resident, consisting of a willow ring and fabric poppies. These could be produced in February with willow from the willow holt, and by engaging with local groups.

Members thanked the resident for their input and for bringing an example to the meeting. It was AGREED that this idea be highlighted on the Residents Page with a request for any other suggestions to be sent to the Clerk for consideration at the January meeting.

**FPC22-83 Public 10 Minute Session**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.46pm to allow for the public session.

The Clerk introduced Martyn Hill, Farndon Cricket Club, to the meeting who had

asked to update Members on the plans for the Cricket Club, and the installation of the agreed new gate.

A sponsor had been found for the gate, which would be located in the bottom left hand corner and would consist of 2 x 2.5m gates, 2m high. The Club were looking to provide 34m fully enclosed nets on the grassed area, which would be invaluable for training.

The Chair expressed his thanks for the update and suggested that the existing gate could be closed off, once the new gate was in position.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 6.55pm.

#### **FPC22-84 Parish Council Matters**

(a) To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

Cllr Mrs Bayne advised that she had been unable to attend the Newark Municipal General Charities Meeting, however, paperwork had now been received and a schedule of meetings would be requested.

Cllr Mrs Bayne referred to a proposal by the Integrated Care Trust to merge Barnbygate and Fountain Centre GP Practices in the former Woods Court building raised at the Newark Healthcare Group. They would remain separate practices, while sharing the building. Resident can comment on the proposals. It was noted that there would need to be a pharmacy within the building. If agreed, it could start from Summer 2023.

(b) To consider a commemoration for the Coronation of King Charles III

Members were asked to consider whether a commemoration for the Coronation of King Charles III should be arranged.

It was AGREED that this should be deferred for consideration at the January meeting. In the meantime, the Clerk to establish what the expected completion date for the new pavilion was as this may coincide with the Coronation date.

(c) To consider a response to the proposals for the A46 Newark Bypass

Members noted the information circulated regarding the proposals for the A46 Newark Bypass. As the Parish Council were Statutory Consultees, Members now needed to consider their response to the proposals.

After discussion it was AGREED that while Members supported the proposals they would want to see measures put in place so that construction traffic did not come through the village. Additionally, there was the capacity for the village to be affected by noise from the construction and following completion of the work. Given that established screening would be removed during the construction, it was AGREED that a request for noise attenuation measures be made along the existing dual carriageway, to protect the village from noise nuisance.

(d) To consider ways in which the Parish Council can support the community over the winter months

Members considered ways in which the Parish Council could support the community over the winter months. After discussion it was AGREED that a signposting exercise to ensure residents had as much access as possible to information on what help and assistance was available from statutory organisations.

It was noted that the Clerk continued to seek funding streams to enable the Farndon Friendship Club to continue.

**FPC22-85 Update Reports from Chairs**

(a) Chairman's Report

The Chair referred to a multi-agency meeting held recently regarding the bus shelter on Main Street. It had been agreed that no further action would be taken other than monitoring the area. The group would reconvene if the situation changed.

The Chair had also raised the issue of the Police Contact Point with the Beat Manager, as had the Clerk. There was differing information and the Clerk was asked to seek clarification.

(b) Planning

**Applications**

There were no matters to consider.

The Chair referred to the application for a bungalow on Fosse Road, which was before Planning Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> December for consideration.

**Decision Notices**

There were none to receive.

**Tree Works**

Members received and noted the tree works as outlined below:

- 22/02118/TWCA – 10 St Peter's Close, Farndon - T1 Cherry - Crown reduction of no more than 2m.
- 22/02192/TWCA – White Gables, 11 Main Street, Farndon - Rear Garden Silver Birch - Crown thin up to 30%, Crown lift to no more than 5.2m from ground level Front Garden 2 No. Cherry Trees - undertake a 2m crown lift to both specimens and reduce Cherry closest to dwelling back to previous pruning points to give clearance to roof Silver Birch - Crown lift to no more than 2.4m from ground level, undertake pruning work to clear utility cable, crown thin by up to 30%
- 22/01981/TWCA – 3 Marsh Lane, Farndon - T1 Fell Acacia/Robinia T3 Fell Cherry Plum T4 - Tree group along front boundary of property including Yew, Conifer and Limes - crown lift to no more than 5.2m from ground level

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

(d) Cemetery  
**To note the remaining capacity in the current Cemetery**  
The Clerk advised that a review of the remaining capacity in the Cemetery had been undertaken. Following a visit from the Gravedigger to assess the impact of tree roots on spaces, a whole row would not be available.

In the new section there had been 32 interments/exclusive rights granted, since July 2015. This left 100 spaces available, together with the equivalent number in the Garden of Remembrance. There was also a further 51 spaces available in the old section of the Cemetery. It was considered that restricting the advance purchase of plots, and limiting burials to Farndon residents only had protected the space, albeit income was reduced.

**To consider amendments to the Cemetery Regulations**

After discussion it was AGREED to defer this item to the January meeting to enable Cllr Mrs M Bayne to put together appropriate wording for consideration by Members.

(e) Playing Field  
**To receive an update on the Cricket Club Lease**  
The Clerk confirmed that the Cricket Club Lease had now been agreed and was now with both parties for signature.

**To consider a request from the Cricket Club for financial assistance**

Members noted the request from the Cricket Club for financial assistance to help provide new nets, at an anticipated cost of £40,000.

After discussion Members expressed their thanks to the Cricket Club for their approach. However, due to competing priorities Members did not feel able to consider the request at this time.

(f) Ponds & Riverside  
There were no matters to consider.

**FPC22-86 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> October 2022 and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
Members noted the Council's financial positions as at 31<sup>st</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 as reconciled to the bank balance.
- (d) To note the new agreed LGA pay scales backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022  
Members noted the new agreed LGA pay scales backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. This was payable to Council employees on the LGA scales.
- (e) To note the appointment of PKF Littlejohn as External Auditors to the 2026/27 financial year  
Members noted the appointment of PKF Littlejohn as External Auditor as outlined.
- (f) To note the increase in rent proposed for the Parish Room from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023  
Members noted the increase in rent from £450 to £500 a quarter with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.
- (g) To consider the budget for the 2023-24 financial year  
The Clerk referred to the report circulated on the financial matters affecting the Parish Council and the projected end of year balances.

The Precept would need to be set at the January meeting and Members would need to give consideration then on any increase. Information on the Tax Rate was awaited from Newark & Sherwood District Council.

**FPC22-87 Notts Association of Local Councils**

- (a) Civility & Respect Newsletter  
Members noted the Newsletter as previously circulated.

**FPC22-88 To receive any correspondence**

There was none to report.

**FPC22-89 Items for Notification**

Cllr Mrs H Bayne referred to the increase in procedures that were available at Newark Hospital for residents.

**FPC22-90 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

The meeting closed at 9pm