

Minutes of the Meeting of Farndon Parish Council held on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 in the Memorial Hall at 6.30pm

**Present:**        **Councillor M Baker**  
                     **Councillor Mrs H Bayne**  
                     **Councillor Mrs M Bayne**  
                     **Councillor A Chrimes**  
                     **Councillor A Duckmanton**  
                     **Councillor Mrs S Kingston**  
                     **Councillor P Parker**  
                     **Councillor P Rawlings**

**Also present, Stephen Swanwick (FREG) and District Councillors Allen, Kellas & Haynes**  
**County Councillor Mrs Saddington and 27 members of the public**

**FPC23-92**    Apologies for absence  
There were none.

**FPC23-93**    Declarations of Interest  
It was AGREED that any declarations of interest would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.

**FPC23-94**    Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023, were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**FPC23-95**    To consider the recent flood event and the impact on the village  
The Chair acknowledged all the residents present who had been impacted by the recent flooding in Storm Henk.

The meeting was suspended at 6.31pm for Cllr Mrs Saddington.

Cllr Mrs Saddington referred to visiting Nursery Avenue during Storm Henk, spending time talking to residents and also National Grid officers who were on site. A letter of thanks has been sent to National Grid for their work in maintaining the power supply and for assisting residents.

Given the number of residential properties flooded, the Flood Team at Nottinghamshire County Council will have to complete Section 19 reports which will seek to identify the reasons behind the flooding. However, the timescale is unknown as the team were currently dealing with those properties flooded in Storm Babet. Cllr Mrs Saddington stressed the importance of residents sharing as much information with the team as possible.

The Clerk advised that a list of flooded properties had been provided by Newark & Sherwood District Council. Residents in attendance were asked to confirm their properties were on the list. Additional ones were added, which the Clerk would share with Cllr Mrs Saddington and the District Council.

Cllr Mrs Saddington referred to concerns raised by both Farndon Parish Council and Hawton Parish Council with Urban & Civic, the developers of Middlebeck and the Southern Link Road, regarding flooding.

More research was being undertaken with meetings held between the developers, Robert Jenrick MP, the Environment Agency, representatives from the Parish Council's, residents and business owners. The Environment Agency will be trying to establish what has happened as it was considered that something had changed to affect the way the water was reacting. The District Council would be reviewing documentation previously submitted for the development.

Councillor Parker referred to the meeting held on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January:

- There was an element of water coming over a 150m length of the floodbank before it should be. An area this side of the Devon had been designed to take some of that, but not so early on.
- Heaps of soil on the other side of the Devon flood plain which may have impacted on the water getting through.
- The Environment Agency licences issued for Middlebeck have not been reviewed or rechecked since October.
- Flood attenuation areas have still to be constructed on Middlebeck

The Clerk confirmed that drone footage and photographs had been jointly commissioned between Farndon and Hawton Parish Council to show the extent of the flooding.

The Chair invited comments from residents present regarding their experience during Storm Henk. These are summarised as follows:

- Reports that the pumping station at Nursery Avenue was not working. First reported at 9.30am on Tuesday morning, with numerous reports made by residents.
- Tankers were deployed, but used Long Lane to dump the water
- Why isn't the River Trent dredged any more to remove silt build up?
- Water was coming from the drains on Chapel Lane. Reported to NSDC but no response.
- Need to monitor river levels and water table levels.
- Problems with waste water coming out of sewage manhole reported to Severn Trent on 13<sup>th</sup> December. Dyno-Rod called out by resident but water levels too high. Information shared with local residents to offer warning. No visit made by Severn Trent.
- Severn Trent have an obligation to increase capacity if they know there is an

issue and causing flooding. Anyone flooded by sewage entitled to rebate of sewage disposal for a year.

- Severn Trent legally obliged to come and clean up after a flood if involved sewage. Have been out but standard of clean not very good.

The Chair thanked everyone for their input and advised that the Parish Council would look to arrange a multi-agency meeting to discuss the issues experienced by residents.

The Clerk advised that grants were available for Storm Henk. Information could be accessed through the District Council's website.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.34pm.

**FPC23-96 County Councillor Session**

Cllr Mrs Saddington's report was included within Minute No FPC23-95.

**FPC23-97 Nottinghamshire County Council**

To note any items received from Nottinghamshire County Council

There were none.

**FPC23-98 District Councillor Session**

No report was presented.

**FPC23-99 Newark & Sherwood District Council**

(a) Prior to consideration of this item Cllr Mrs H Bayne left the room at 7.45pm.

To consider an application received for a variation of a premises licence at The Riverside

Members noted the application received from The Riverside for a variation of a premises licence to start the sale of alcohol at 9am. After consideration, Members raised no objection to this variation.

Cllr Mrs H Bayne rejoined the meeting at 7.47pm.

(b) To consider a response to the PSPO Consultation

Members noted the consultation from Newark & Sherwood District Council regarding Public Space Protection Orders.

The Clerk referred to the District Council previously being advised of an error in relation to the Dog Control Order on the playing field. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to confirm that the playing field should be for all dogs to be on leads, with the play area remaining as a dog exclusion zone.

**FPC23-100 Farndon Residents Environment Group**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.51pm to allow Mr Swanwick to present his report.

Mr Swanwick confirmed that the working party recently planned for Farndon Park had to be cancelled. Litter picks had continued. Nitrous oxide cannisters had been found on School Lane, Fosse Road, Long Lane (unmade) and Crees Lane (near the underpass). The Clerk would advise PCSO Munro.

The Chair thanked Mr Swanwick for his report and reconvened the meeting at 7.52pm.

(a) Minutes – December 2023

Members received and noted the minutes from the Main Meeting held in December.

**FPC23-101 Public 10 Minute Session**

There were no questions raised.

**FPC23-102 Parish Council Matters**

(a) To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

The Chair advised that he would be attending the Staythorpe Liaison meeting on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

Cllr Mrs Kingston advised that the Memorial Hall Trustees were seeking clarification on responsibility for the area from the road to the hard standing area at the back of the Hall. The Clerk advised that the Title Deeds would be reviewed and Cllr Mrs Kingston updated.

(b) To consider a request to support the Climate and Ecology Bill

The Clerk to liaise with Cllr Rawlings outside of the meeting with a view to bringing a report to the February meeting.

(c) To note correspondence from National Highways regarding Essential Maintenance Works on the A52 Saxondale – 29<sup>th</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Members received and noted the correspondence outlining the planned maintenance works.

**FPC23-103 Update Reports from Chairs**

(a) Chairman's Report

The Chair advised that he would be meeting with Robert Jenrick MP on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January where opportunity would be taken to raise the recent flooding.

The Best Kept Village Competition will be revived in 2024, with further details on criteria to be released shortly.

(b)

### Planning

Prior to consideration of the Planning applications, Councillor Mrs H Bayne removed herself from the meeting at 8.03pm.

### **Applications**

23/02270/HOUSE – 14 North End, Farndon - Alterations to 2no. dormer windows, the addition of 2no. projecting bay windows and render to external walls

Members noted that this was a retrospective application following the intervention of Planning Enforcement.

Members were disappointed that the applicant had not applied for planning permission in the first instance and that this had to be a retrospective application. After consideration, no objection was raised.

24/00007/LDCP – 1 Chestnut Grove, Farndon - Certificate for a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed conversion of integral garage to a habitable room, block up garage door and replace with window and create an internal doorway – FOR NOTING

Members noted the application as outlined.

23/02177/DISCON – 76 Marsh Lane, Farndon - Request for confirmation to discharge conditions 3 (materials) and 4 (Landscaping) attached to planning permission

22/02422/FUL Demolition of existing bungalow and garage and replacement with new dormer bungalow and garage and creation of new vehicular access – FOR NOTING

Members noted the application as outlined.

Councillor Mrs H Bayne rejoined the meeting at 8.03pm.

### **Decision Notices**

There were none to receive.

### **Tree Works**

Members received and noted the following tree works:

- 23/01950/TWCA - The Burrows, 1 School Lane and The Dream, 1C School Lane, Farndon - Group of 2 Lime Trees and 1 Sycamore undertake a 3-4m crown lift from ground level; Crown thin by up to 30 percent (1 Lime situated within the garden of 1C School Lane) 2 Lime Trees undertake a re-pollard back to previous reduction points – NO OBJECTION
- 23/02208/TWCA – 2 Marsh Lane, Farndon – Fell Beech Tree – NO OBJECTION
- 23/02220/TWCA – Rose & Crown, 25 Main Street, Farndon - T1 Yew - Fell to ground level T2 Sycamore - Fell to ground level

### **Any Other Planning Matters**

There were none to consider.

- (c) General Purposes  
There were no matters to consider.
- (d) Cemetery  
**To note an invitation to attend a meeting arranged by Newark Town Council regarding Newark Cemetery and Future Burial Provision in Newark**  
Members noted the invitation and that the Chair, Cllr Mrs M Bayne and the Clerk would be attending. A report would be brought back to the February meeting.
- (e) Playing Field  
**To receive the Play Area Inspection**  
The Clerk referred to the play area inspection that would be reviewed with the Sexon and Cllr Duckmanton .
- A copy would be circulated to all Members for information.
- Dog Fouling**  
Cllr Duckmanton was disappointed at the amount of dog fouling on the playing field. The Clerk advised that enforcement could be undertaken once the PSPO was in place.
- (f) Ponds & Riverside  
**To note emergency repairs made to the Riverside car park**  
Members noted the emergency repairs made to the Riverside car park at a cost of £150.
- To note an application submitted to Skanska for Litter Bins and Picnic Benches**  
The Clerk confirmed that an application had been submitted to Skanska for litter bins and picnic benches.
- Fishing Rights**  
Councillor Parker enquired about responsibility for the riverbank at the picnic area. The Clerk to check the title deeds and report back to the February meeting.

**FPC23-104 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> December 2023  
Members received and noted the Council's financial position as 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

- (d) To consider a budget report and set a Precept for the 2024-25 financial year  
Members considered the budget report, together with the report presented to the December meeting of the Parish Council.

After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs M Bayne, seconded by Councillor Rawlings, that a 5% increase be applied. This would give a Precept of £61,194, which would give a Band D rate of £73.25. Councillor Boyer proposed an increase of 3.9% but, as this was not seconded, the proposal dropped. The 5% increase was AGREED.

The Clerk was asked to investigate ways in which cost savings could be made throughout the next financial year, including the potential of using the Bowls Club for Parish Council meetings and the implications of what that could mean for the CCTV.

**FPC23-105 Notts Association of Local Councils**

- (a) Notts ALC January 2024 Newsletter  
Members noted the circulated Newsletter.
- (b) To note the NALC New Model Employment Contract  
Members noted the new Model Employment Contract which would be used for any new appointments. Contracts that current employees were on would remain in place.

**FPC23-106 To receive any correspondence**

- (a) The Clerk referred to an email received from a resident. A copy would be circulated to all Members for information.

**FPC23-107 Items for Notification**

- (a) Councillor Mrs Kingston wished to formally record thanks to the Clerk for her work during the recent Storm Henk flood event.
- (b) Cllr Rawlings asked whether the Parish Council had ever appointed a 'Citizen of the Year' for individuals who had gone above and beyond for the community. The Chair confirmed that this initiative had been held a number of years ago but could be revisited. A report to be brought to the February meeting.

**FPC23-108 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9pm.