

Minutes of the Farndon Parish Council held on Monday, 26th October 2015 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 M Oldham
Councillor J Teixeira-Gomes

Also in attendance: District Councillor I Walker

FPC15-208 Apologies for absence

Received from Cllr Mrs S Saddington, District Cllr K Walker and Mr D Risling and Mr J McCarthy (FREG)

FPC15-209 Declarations of interest

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

FPC15-210 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 28th September 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 28th September 2015, were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

FPC15-211 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were none that were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

FPC15-212 County Councillor Session – Cllr Mrs Saddington

Cllr Mrs Saddington had given her apologies so no report was presented.

FPC15-213 District Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.35pm to allow Cllr Walker to present his report.

Cllr Walker advised that he had visited the new Sports Complex last week, work was progressing well and it would provide a valuable resource once complete.

The National Civil War Centre was attracting many visitors, all of whom were impressed with the facility.

Traffic management in and around Newark continued to be challenging and the District Council were in consultation with Highways England on ways to improve it.

It was observed that if the Sainsbury's application was granted approval this would impact on the traffic but the decision would not be taken by the District Council.

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The Chair thanked Cllr Walker for his report and reconvened the meeting at 6.39pm.

FPC15-214 Farndon Residents Environment Group

The Clerk advised that a meeting to discuss the works to the ponds would be arranged during week commencing 2nd November. The contractor had been on annual leave.

Public 10 Minute Session

There were no members of the public present.

FPC15-215 Parish Council Matters

(a) **To agree the agenda for the meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner scheduled for Monday, 16th November 2015**

The Police & Crime Commissioner's office had confirmed the date of Monday, 16th November for the meeting to discuss the PCSO reduction.

An agenda had been requested and the Parish Council needed to decide the content of that and whether or not the meeting would be open to the public.

It was AGREED that the agenda should comprise discussion around the following items:

1. availability of Police cover within the village
2. why do the villages south of Newark not have a Beat Manager?
3. PCSO reduction, what would that mean?
4. how are budget cuts going to affect the area and the future of the village contact centre?
5. what was the rationale for the decision made regarding the consultation process?
6. there were proposed changes to speed limits within the village to protect the school, who would police this?
7. the recent Rural Crime Initiative referred to Police Officers checking rod licences. Was this not the responsibility of bailiffs?

The Chair recalled that at a meeting at the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils, not long after the Police & Crime Commissioner was elected, he referred to the requirement to appoint 250 new Police Officers. Had this been achieved?

Members also observed that there used to be a Safer Neighbourhood Group for villages south of Newark, which used to feed down information on crime statistics. As this meeting was no longer held information was absent. Cllr Walker agreed to raise this at Newark & Sherwood District Council but advised that the group was disbanded due to lack of interest.

The Clerk was asked to publicise the meeting on all of the village noticeboards with a request for questions to be submitted via the Parish Office. Further, adjacent Parish Councils be notified that the meeting was being held and an invitation be extended to

them to attend.

(b) **To receive an update on legal matters currently being considered by the Council's solicitors:**

▪ **Lease to Early Years**

Further information requested by the Council's solicitors had been sent. It was anticipated that a draft lease would be received shortly.

▪ **Fields in Trust Transfer**

A Non-Charitable Deed of Dedication had now been received which required the signature of the Chair and Vice-Chair.

▪ **Reconstruction of Title to Old Cemetery**

The Clerk had received information from a resident which confirmed the existence of the Cemetery back to 1893. The information also referred to the grounds being consecrated.

(c) **To receive confirmed arrangement for Remembrance Sunday**

The service would commence at 10.45am on Sunday, 8th November, at the Memorial Hall. The congregation would then proceed to the Church for a 15 minute service.

The Clerk had confirmed that Mr Everington would read the lesson.

(d) **To receive feedback on the approach made to Farndon St Peter's Primary School for the Parish Council to have a representative on its Governing Body**

The Chair referred to correspondence received following the request made to the school for the Parish Council to have a representative on the Governing Body.

It had been confirmed that the governing body had recently been re-constituted and community governors were no longer appointed. Instead there were co-opted governors that could be appointed after it had been ensured that they had the necessary skills and attributes that the school needed. The governing body was much smaller but all the governors were actively involved in the school. Further, it had been confirmed that there were no vacancies.

The Clerk had asked if it would be possible for the school's newsletter to be forwarded on a regular basis in order that Members could keep up-to-date with the school community.

(e) **To receive details of the next Newark Healthcare Consultative Group Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Friday, 11th December at 10am in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Newark.

It was AGREED that the Clerk forward a copy of the previous minutes to all Members, not just the two nominated representatives.

(a) **Planning & General Purposes**

Fly Tipping

Following a discussion about incidences of fly tipping in and around the ponds, it was AGREED that the penalty for fly tipping, and also the penalty that can be levied against residents employing an individual who did not dispose of waste generated from their property, be included in the next article of the Farndon Focus.

It was also AGREED that the Clerk should seek to obtain signage from the Environment Agency to draw attention to the penalty for fly tipping and that the ponds should be monitored for any fly tipping by the Village Handyman on a regular basis.

Newark & Sherwood Homes

Cllr Oldham advised that there was some dissatisfaction with the quality of the work undertaken by MITIE, contractors for Newark & Sherwood Homes, and residents were employing their own contractor. Residents should be advised that any complaints should be made direct to Newark & Sherwood Homes and they should ensure that any contractor retained individually should have the means to dispose of waste legitimately.

(b) **Playing Field**

Grass Cutting

It was noted that the standard of the cut by the present contractor was much better than that provided by the previous contractor.

Playing Field Railings

Work was ongoing and the railings were nearly complete. An offer had been made by the Team Leader to paint the bollards around the car park.

It was AGREED that this offer be accepted and that a request be made to establish whether the football container could also be painted, using anti-vandal paint.

Potential Additional User

There was currently only one football team using the field. Cllr Duckmanton asked whether or not the team could sub-let to an additional team if a request was made.

The Chair advised that sub-letting was not allowed and a request should be made direct to the Clerk should a decision be made to proceed.

(c) **Cemetery**

Cemetery Regulations

Cllr Mrs Bayne referred to further changes made to the draft Cemetery Regulations, as circulated to Members.

It was unanimously AGREED that these be adopted with immediate effect and that the

Clerk should circulate a copy to all undertakers.

It was further AGREED that the adoption of these new regulations be referred to in the article for the Farndon Focus.

(d) **Ponds & Riverside**

Picnic Area

Cllr Gomes requested that the condition of the picnic area be prioritised by the Village Handyman as the grass required work and there had been vandalism to the picnic benches.

The Clerk advised that tools had been put in place to assist the Village Handyman in planning a schedule of work so standards would not drop again. As requested by Members previously, forward facing areas had been prioritised but as these had now been brought up to and maintaining standards, outlying areas could be targeted.

It was AGREED that the Village Handyman would review the area during the coming week and address any work that needed to be completed.

Village Planter

Cllr Gomes advised that he would continue to maintain the planter and would advise the Clerk of any expenditure that needed to be met.

Oak Trees on the Meadow

The Clerk was requested to seek advice on the condition of the Oak trees on the Meadows, particularly the fungus on the acorns. Advice also to be sought on cutting back the branches.

Oak Tree for Planting

Cllr Gafney also requested advice be sought on the best time and position to plant the Oak tree he had propagated. It was currently 6ft tall.

Windlass

Cllr Gomes asked whether or not the windlass could be salvaged. Cllr Baker advised that it would be discussed at a meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 27th October.

At the end of the report the Chair presented the Village Handyman with a Certificate for completing his training on

FPC15-217 Planning

(a) **15/01753/FUL – 21 North End, Farndon – Householder application for proposed two storey rear/side extension**

It was AGREED that this application be supported.

- (b) **15/01784/FUL- 22-24 Sandhill Road, Farndon - Householder Application for Single storey front extensions to both dwellings and first floor side extension to no. 24**
Prior to consideration of this application, Cllr Gafney declared a personal interest and withdrew himself from the discussion.

It was AGREED that, as the plans had only just been received due to incorrect ones originally being sent, Cllr Oldham seek the views of owners of neighbouring properties. If there was no objection then the Parish Council would support the applications.

- (c) **15/01344/FUL – 110 Fosse Road, Farndon – Create Vehicular Access**
An amended plan had been received which now saw the vehicular access central across the boundary, rather than the whole width.

It was AGREED that this application be supported.

- (d) **Newark & Sherwood District Council's Plan Review – Issues Paper Consultation**
It was AGREED that Cllr Oldham and the Clerk be given delegated authority to formulate response to the issues paper and circulate to Members for agreement and submission.

FPC15-218 Nottinghamshire County Council

- (a) **Proposals for a bus stop clearway at the existing bus stop at Main Street (Grays Court)**

Members received and considered proposals submitted by Nottinghamshire County Council for a bus stop clearway at the existing bus stop at Main Street (Grays Court) No objection was raised to the proposal.

- (b) **Supporting Local Communities Fund 2016/17**

It was AGREED that details of the fund be circulated to Members to consider whether there were any projects in the village that met the criteria that funding could be applied for and report back to the November meeting. The deadline for submissions was 18th December 2015.

FPC15-219 Financial Matters

- (a) **To consider accounts for payment in accordance with the circulated schedule:**
Members AGREED payments in accordance with the circulated schedule outlined below.

Various	1705.52	Wages
Grant Thornton UK LLP	480	2015 Audit Fee
Farndon Memorial Hall	450	Room Hire – July/Aug/Sept

County Signs	28	2 x signs for PC Closure
D Lyne	132	Playing Field Mow – 03/09 & 17/09
Severn Trent Water	17.34	Water in Cemetery
DWP	74.01	Attachment of Earnings
Newark Repair & Sales Centre	31.59	Strimmer Cord
County Supplies	20.64	Box of 10 Lever Arch Files
County Supplies	44.63	2 x Key Safes
Paul Warner	75	Brackets for bins
Information Commissioner	35	Renewal of Information Licence
British Telecom	143.98	Charges – July to December
Total Amount:		

(b) **To note any receipts in accordance with the circulated schedule:**

Members NOTED payments in accordance with the circulated schedule outlined below.

Early Years	19	Keys for gate
Early Years	333.33	October Rent
Wayleave Payment	4.60	Southern Electric
E Gill & Sons	160	Memorial Payments
E Gill & Sons	165	Interment Fee
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Total Amount	£846.93	

(c) **To consider granting delegated authority to the Chair and Vice-Chair to construct the draft budget, in conjunction with the Clerk, for the 2016/17 financial year for presentation at the November meeting**

It was AGREED that delegated authority be granted to the Chair and Vice-Chair to construct the draft budget, in conjunction with the Clerk, for the 2016/17 financial year and to circulate figures for consideration at the November meeting.

FPC15-220 To receive any correspondence

(a) **Invitation to Chairman to attend a Remembrance Sunday ceremony at Newark Air Museum on Sunday, 8th November 2015 at 3pm**

As the Chairman was unable to attend, it was AGREED that Cllr Gomes would attend in his place, subject to diary commitments.

(b) **Letter from the Police & Crime Commissioner updating on the Rural Crime Initiatives in Nottinghamshire**

The Chair referred to correspondence received from the Police & Crime Commissioner. It was AGREED that a copy be forwarded to the Farndon Focus as it may be of interest to include in the next issue.

(c) **To receive details on the new funding for community green spaces under the Tesco Local Community Scheme**

Details of the Tesco Local Community Scheme had been received through Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield & Mansfield, who were partners in the new carrier bag scheme.

It was AGREED that details of the scheme be forwarded to FREG for consideration as it was available to fund capital improvement projects for local green spaces over the next three years.

FPC15-221 To receive items for notification

St Peter's Early Years

A request had been made by St Peter's Early Years for a permanent sign, exactly the same size and location as the current temporary one, on the Cemetery railings.

It was AGREED that permission be granted, subject to clarification regarding the Nottinghamshire County Council's logo.

Farndon Guides – Application for Funding

Correspondence had been received requesting financial support for the 1st Farndon Guides.

It was AGREED that

Quotation from Western Power for Electricity Connection to the Mortuary

A quotation had been received from Western Power to provide an electricity connection to the mortuary in the sum of £

It was AGREED that the quotation be accepted and the Clerk progress the work.

Request for Permission from the WI

The Clerk advised that a request had been received from the Farndon WI for permission to site a bench within the main part of the village, to commemorate the 100 Year anniversary of the WI.

It was AGREED that the offer be accepted and the WI advised that Members would consider potential sites and report back to the November meeting.

FPC15-222 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 23rd November 2015 commencing at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.15pm