

**Minutes of Farndon Parish Council held on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 6.30pm in the Parish Council Room**

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

**Also in attendance:** John Dodson (FREG), and one member of the public

Prior to commencement of the business, the Chair called for a minutes silence to be held in memory of John Clark, former Member of Farndon Parish Council, who had passed away recently.

FPC16-054 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Mrs Saddington and Councillor K Walker.

FPC16-055 Declarations of interest

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

FPC16-056 Minutes of the Parish Council – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the Clerk providing the following information prior to the next meeting:

- job description for part-time handyman to be forwarded to Cllr Duckmanton
- identifying the actual boundaries of the village to establish where to situate a village sign (noted that it had previously been discussed that the school produce a design)
- investigating whether the top spikes could be removed from the Cemetery railings, from the mortuary to the barrier gate

FPC16-057 County Councillor Report

As Councillor Mrs Saddington had given her apologies, no report was presented.

FPC16-058 District Councillor Report

As Councillor Walker had given his apologies, no report was presented.

FPC16-059 Farndon Residents Environment Group

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.35pm to allow John Dodson to present the

report.

It was reported that there had been a village litter pick but the planned maintenance had been called off because the land was too dry. This would now be completed in November.

The meeting was reconvened at 6.40pm.

FPC16-060 Public 10 Minute Session

No questions were raised.

FPC16-061 Parish Council Matters

(a) **Draft Lease in respect of St Peter's Early Years**

The Clerk advised that this should be complete by the November meeting.

(b) **To receive an update on the Memorial Benches for HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Bench on green will be cut away and Focus bench will be on the green.

(c) **Remembrance Sunday Service – 13<sup>th</sup> November**

Members were reminded that the Remembrance Sunday service would be held on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, commencing at 10.30am at the Hall and then proceeding to St Peter's Church. The Chair gave his apologies as he was away.

An invitation had been received from Balderton Parish Council to attend a Remembrance event at the Air Museum in the afternoon and asked if any Member would like to attend. Councillor Teixeira-Gomes advised that he would be happy to attend. The Clerk to forward details.

(d) **Housing Needs Study**

Members were unanimous that they would not support a scheme, even if an exemption site was found and had reservations on how such a scheme would work. Further, at a meeting for the village held in 2014, residents were resistant to any further development.

FPC16-062 Exclusion of the Press and Public

**Planning**

This report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information) which is a category of exempt information under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2) which the Council has the power to exclude the press and public if it so wishes.

RECOMMENDED that under Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2), the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of this item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2) of the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in

disclosing the information.

Exempt Minute FPC16-069 refers

FPC16-063 Update Reports from Chairs

(a) **Planning**

**16/01695/FUL – Land Fronting 9 Main Street, Farndon – Construction of one dwelling with attached garage**

After discussion it was AGREED (6 for with 1 abstention) that objection be raised to the proposal. Members held the view that the land was sold as amenity land and not as a building plot.

Further, at a public meeting in July 2014 it was the view of residents that no further development was required in the village and the Parish Council need to respect and reflect the views of residents.

**Decision Notice – 16/01585/TWCA – 7 St Peter’s Close, Farndon – Reduce Eucalyptus tree in rear garden by 30% (including reduction in height)**

Members received and noted the decision notice granting permission for tree works at 7 St Peter’s Close, Farndon.

**Decision Notice – 26/02569/TWCA – Wyke Lodge, 2A Church Street, Farndon – Yew tree (in rear garden) – fell because of its poisonous nature and location to property**

Members received and noted the decision notice granting permission for tree works at Wyke Lodge, 2A Church Street, Farndon.

**Decision Notice – 16/0131/FUL – The Orchard, 4 Old Hall Close, Farndon – Householder application for raised roof to garage to form games room and proposed tree works; T1 Walnut – crown lift over new raised garage roof.**

Members received and noted the decision notice refusing planning permission at The Orchard, 4 Old Hall Close, Farndon.

**Planning Enforcement Enquiry**

The Clerk updated Members on the response received from Newark & Sherwood District Council’s Enforcement Team.

The Clerk was asked to investigate what works were being undertaken at a property on Wyke Lane and whether or not permission had been granted.

(c) **Playing Field**

**Access to Playing Field**

The Clerk advised that information had been received from Balderton Parish Council regarding access to their playing field.

The Clerk was asked to investigate the feasibility of providing CCTV at the field.

**Cricket Pavilion**

The Clerk advised that the Cricket Club had asked if the Parish Council would consider submitting the planning application for the cricket pavilion as the fee would be reduced by 50%.

It was AGREED that this would be supported and the Clerk was asked to investigate.

**Annual Play Area Inspection**

The Clerk advised that the annual play area inspection had been received. The play area would be inspected with the Village Handyman and items raised would be addressed. All items were classified as low risk.

Councillor Millner asked the Clerk to look at the seats alongside the play area as they were in need of repair.

(d) **Cemetery**

Cllr Mrs Bayne had no issues to report regarding the Cemetery.

(e) **Ponds & Riverside**

**Picnic Area**

The Clerk to source 'Dogs on Leads' signs for the entrances to the picnic area.

**Willow Holt**

The Clerk was asked to remind Severn Trent about the valve at Willow Holt before the Winter.

**Dog Park**

Cllr Teixeira-Gomes advised that he had received a request for a dog park. Members considered that there were ample open spaces available for dogs to be exercised.

**Fence alongside the Meadow**

The Clerk was asked to liaise with Farndon Harbour regarding the boundary fence as members of the public had expressed concerns that dogs could get underneath the fence at certain points.

FPC16-064 Financial Matters

(a) **To consider accounts for payment in accordance with the circulated schedule as at 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

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

<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
Various	1266.23	Wages
UK Fuels	46.01	August Account
Devon Croft Nursery	115.00	Plants for Planters x 2
Notts County Council	348.00	Weed Spray – Playing Field

Smiths Timber Merchants	17.31	Supplies
Grant Thornton	360.00	2015/16 External Audit
J R Mowers	22.43	Supplies for Mowers
Mayor of Newark	32.00	2 x Poppy Wreathes
Rialtas Business	300,00	Training – 22.09.16
B T Business	167.06	Broadband & Phone Charges
Information Commissioner	35.00	Renewal of Registration
Zurich Municipal	137.53	Insurance Premium
D Lyne	1,016.40	Playing Field & Extra Mows
E.On	17.95	Electricity – August & September
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£3,880.92</b>	

(b) **To note any receipts in accordance with the circulated schedule as at 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

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

<b>From</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
Newark & Sherwood D.C.	25,500.00	Second Half Precept
St Peter's Early Years	333.33	Rent – October
E Gill & Sons Ltd	110.00	Interment
E Gill & Sons (Memorials) Ltd	70.00	Memorial
E Gill & Sons (Memorials) Ltd	250.00	Memorials
Private Individual	320.00	Purchase of Excl Rights
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£26,583.33</b>	

(c) **To note the Council's Financial Position as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Members received and noted the circulated report outlining the Council's financial position as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

(d) **To note completion of the External Audit for the 2015/16 Financial Year**

Members received and noted correspondence from Grant Thornton, external auditors for the Council, advising of completion of the External Audit for the 2015/16 financial year.

The Clerk advised that the recommendations outlined in the report would be implemented as requested.

(e) **Auto-Enrolment – NEST Pensions Registration**

The Clerk advised that the process was ongoing and reports would be presented to Members as and when required.

(f) **To consider the Council's Budget for the 2017/18 Financial Year**

Members received and noted the circulated report outlining the Council's current spend on budget heads.

It was noted that the Council was in a good position financially and, therefore, it would not be necessary to increase the Precept in the 2017/18 financial year.

The Clerk advised that the codes under each budget head would be reviewed as there was duplication that could be removed to enable consolidation.

FPC16-065 Notts Association of Local Councils

(a) **NALC Consultation – Important Council Tax Referendum Principles – Further Information**

Members received and noted further information from NALC regarding the proposed Council Tax Referendum Principles.

FPC16-066 To receive any correspondence

There were no items to receive.

FPC16-067 To receive items for notification

**Football Club**

Councillor Oldham expressed his disappointment that there was no longer a football club based in the village.

After discussion it was AGREED that Councillor Duckmanton would raise the issue at the next meeting of the Football Association. There was potential for the Council to provide sponsorship should a team come forward. It was noted that teams needed to get in to the league by the end of February 2017.

FPC16-068 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016