

Minutes of the Farndon Parish Council held on Monday, 22nd February 2016 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 J Teixeira-Gomes
Councillor M Oldham

Also in attendance: District Councillors I Walker and K Walker, Mrs H (FREG) and County Councillor Mrs S Saddington

FPC15-265 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Jason Woolley

FPC15-266 Declarations of interest

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

FPC15-267 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 9th February 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 9th February 2016 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

FPC15-268 Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Clerk updated Members on the following items:

Riverside Car Park

The Clerk advised that the temporary works to the surface of the Riverside car park had been undertaken on Saturday, 20th February. The two drains had also been cleared.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should seek quotations to establish where the drains led to, if anywhere.

It was also AGREED that the Clerk should obtain a cost to replace and extend the yellow hatched lines for the slipway.

FPC15-269 County Councillor Session – Cllr Mrs Saddington

It was agreed that this item would be taken if and when Councillor Mrs Saddington arrived.

FPC15-270 District Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.35pm to allow a report by District Councillor I Walker.

Budget Setting

The District Council would be setting its budget on 10th March 2016.

New Leisure Complex

The building works were on schedule for the new leisure complex on Bowbridge Road.

Safer Neighbourhood Group

Councillor Walker advised that he would try and re-establish the above group which would also be a forum for villages to build a relationship with each other. Details would be forwarded as soon as they were known.

The Chair thanked Councillor Walker for his report and reconvened the meeting at 6.40pm.

FPC15-271 Farndon Residents Environment Group

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.41pm to allow Mrs Grinling to present her report.

Ms advised that the group had undertaken its monthly litter pick over the weekend 20th/21st February. Work would be undertaken on the Cottage Lane nature reserve over the weekend 27th/28th February.

The Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust had been helped with the annual pruning of the Willow Holt.

March would see the annual riverside litter pick.

The Chair thanked Mrs Grinling for her report and for the continued efforts of the group in maintaining the village.

The meeting was reconvened at 6.45pm.

FPC15-272 Beat Manager for Farndon – PC Stannard

It was AGREED that this item would be taken if and when PC Stannard arrived.

FPC15-273 Public 10 Minute Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.46pm for questions from the public.

None were raised and the meeting was reconvened.

FPC15-274 Parish Council Matters

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

- **Lease to Early Years & Reconstruction of Title to Old Cemetery**

The Clerk advised that the Council's solicitors had been advised of the decision not to specifically allocate car parking spaces within the lease. A response was

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awaited on that, and d also on the letter regarding the registration of title to the Cemetery.

- **Fields in Trust Transfer**

No further information had been received.

(b) **Information regarding the Pavement Survey**

The Clerk advised that information had been received from Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the pavement survey. Members noted that inspections were ongoing and happened at different times and the advice given that, if there were any areas that needed inspection or attention, they should be logged via the County Council's website.

Members were asked to advise the Clerk of any areas or to report these directly via the portal using the Parish Council's email address so enquiries could be tracked.

(c) **To receive details of the Newark Healthcare Consultation Group**

Councillor Mrs Bayne reported on the Newark Healthcare Consultation Group meeting held on Friday, 12th February. A representative from East Midlands Ambulance Service had attended and a lot of areas were raised that were important to the group.

It was now known that Nottingham University Hospital Trust was the chosen authority and the group would monitor how that would move forward. It was hoped that Newark could be dealt with separately to Kings Mill Hospital.

The Newark Healthy Communities Group also represented Newark but was initially set up with no representation. The Newark Healthcare Consultation Group were invited to nominate two representatives, one of which was the Chair and Councillor Mrs Bayne had been selected as the second representative. Further information would be fed back to the March meeting.

FPC15-275 County Councillor Session – Cllr Mrs Saddington

With the arrival of Cllr Mrs Saddington, the Chair suspended the meeting at 6.52pm to allow her to present her report.

Road Closure

Notification had been received that the A46 roundabout would be closed on 29th February. The Clerk had not received this notification and would raise this with the Highways Department.

It was AGREED that notices be placed on the village noticeboards to inform villagers.

Traffic Summit Meeting

Cllr Mrs Saddington advised that the Council's query regarding the barrier for the cycle path had been raised at the recent traffic summit meeting.

It had been confirmed that the cones on the roundabout would remain for the

time being.

Highways England were going to look at extending the central hatching on the A46 from the Cattle market roundabout to the Farndon roundabout, and were also looking to invest in dynamic signage.

Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan

This was now out for consultation. The closest application was at Flash Farm, which County Councillors were fighting on traffic grounds, especially in the case of any incident which closed Kelham Bridge.

Fell Croft Hedge

Cllr Mrs Saddington referred to a letter sent to local residents from the County Council regarding works it was intended to undertake in the area. Works will be programmed by the end of March.

HM The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

£200 would be donated by Cllr Mrs Saddington for any celebrations arranged in the village by the Parish Council.

30mph Speed Limits

The Chair asked why the Parish Council had not received any notification regarding the reduction in speed to 30mph at East Stoke and Farndon Road. Cllr Mrs Saddington had not received information either and would raise the issue direct.

The Chair thanked Cllr Mrs Saddington for her report and reconvened the meeting at 7.25pm.

FPC15-276 Parish Council Matters

To consider a recognition policy for prominent village members

It was AGREED to defer this to the March meeting to allow the Clerk to research a 'Citizen of the Year' scheme.

FPC15-277 Update Reports from Chairs

(a) **Planning & General Purposes**

Decision Notice – 15/02236/FUL – Trent Cottage, 6 West End, Farndon – Householder application for detached garage

Members noted that permission had been refused for this application.

14/02225/FUL – 111 Fosse Road, Farndon, Notts, NG24 3TL – Householder application for part demolition of existing dwelling & erection of rear extension & alterations to create family dwelling

It was AGREED that no objection be raised to the application.

15/02171/LBC – Chestnut Farm, 36 Main Street, Farndon, Newark – Householder application to install ventilation systems in first, second and third floor bathrooms.

Members noted that permission had been granted for this application.

15/01784/FUL – 22-24 Sandhill Road, Farndon, Newark – Householder application for single storey front extensions to both dwellings and first floor side extension to number 24

Members noted that permission had been granted for this application.

Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan

Members considered whether or not the Council should make any representation to the Plan. While no applications were directly adjacent to the village, Members held the view that if the application was granted at Flash Farm, Averham, the additional traffic could impact on surrounding areas, and the emergency services, if Kelham Bridge was affected by an incident and had to be closed.

Neighbourhood Planning Event – 17th March

It was AGREED that Councillor Oldham would attend the Neighbourhood Planning event at the Guildhall Arts Centre, Grantham, on Thursday 17th March and report back to Council at the April meeting.

Tree Preservation Order – Marsh Lane

The Clerk had requested further details on the Order relating to a tree on Marsh Lane. This had been received and the Order did not relate to the tree adjacent to Fairfield Avenue.

Comments made about the tree impacting on the pavement had been logged with the County Council, who had inspected and ordered works.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should speak to the County Council and ask if the inspector could establish if the tree was impacting on the highway and, if so, what action could be taken. A letter to be sent on behalf of the Parish Council if the County Council could not take any action.

Funding Newsletter

The Clerk to investigate further to establish if any funding could be accessed.

Bulbs on Verges

Councillor Oldham sought clarification on guidance that could be issued to the Village Handyman on when to cut the grass after the bulbs had finished flowering.

It was AGREED that the advice given by the Royal Horticultural Society, that areas should be mown six weeks after the last flower had died should be followed, or mown around as appropriate.

(b)

Playing Field

Goal Posts

The position of the goal posts had been marked, as had the pitch.

It was AGREED that appropriate equipment should be hired to assist the Village Handyman in installing the post.

Football Club

As there was now only one team playing on the field which therefore meant the pitch was used 50% less of the time, Councillor Duckmanton asked whether or not the annual rent could be reduced for the club.

It was AGREED that this matter should be listed for consideration at the July meeting.

Weed Spraying Quotations

The Clerk to progress quotations with a view to the work being carried out towards the end of April.

Dog Warden

It was AGREED that the dog warden should be asked to visit the playing field as the number of dogs being exercised off lead was a concern.

(c)

Cemetery

Memorials

A number of wooden crosses had appeared within the cemetery. Councillor Mrs Bayne had reviewed these with the Sexton and grave numbers were to be obtained so that the Clerk could investigate further.

Garden of Remembrance

The Garden of Remembrance was becoming very difficult for the Sexton to maintain because of the spread of items placed on the tablets in addition to the inscription.

The Clerk and Sexton to review this area, and the Cemetery as a whole, and report back to a future meeting.

Electricity Connection to the Mortuary

The Clerk confirmed that E-On had been chosen as the supplier for the electricity to the mortuary. An engineer was scheduled to come and install a meter on Monday, 29th February.

An electrician would then be needed to install sockets in the building.

(d)

Ponds & Riverside

Farndon Ponds

The Clerk was asked to seek confirmation from the contractor when the brambles were going to be sprayed and the grass seed was going to be sown.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should walk the area with the bailiffs to establish the number of working fishing pegs and whether they could be numbered.

Rubbish Bins

Councillor Gomes reported that some of the bins did not appear to have been emptied weekly. The Clerk was asked to ensure that staff were aware that all bins, regardless of how full they were, must be emptied twice a week.

Fly Tipping Posters

The Clerk advised that Newark & Sherwood District Council were in the process of printing posters. Further information was awaited.

Riverside Car Park

It was AGREED that the Village Handyman should be asked to sweep the area on a regular basis.

Relief Handyman

Members were asked to consider if they knew anyone who would be interested in acting as relief handyman during periods of annual leave.

FPC15-278 Nottinghamshire County Council

(a) **Information on the Devolution Application**

It was AGREED that the Clerk should circulate information to Members as and when it was received in order that they were kept abreast of developments. .

(b) **Right of Way Claim – Crees Lane, Farndon**

The Clerk referred to correspondence received from Nottinghamshire County Council. The Notices required would be displayed as requested to ensure that legalities were followed in order to progress the claim.

FPC15-279 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.

To	Amount	Description
NSDC	51.00	Play Area Inspection
BT	155.02	Telephone bill
PWLB	1445.76	Loans Payment
RBS Software	133.20	Alpha Accounts Package Licence
J Saunders	349.00	Laptop - Acer Aspire
Wages	1800.99	Various
Total	£3,934.88	

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

Members NOTED payments in accordance with the circulated schedule below.

From	Amount	Description
Early Years	333.33	February Rent
E Gill & Sons Ltd	75.00	P Walter
E Gill & Sons (Memorials) Ltd	45.00	Ruth Helliwell
Total	£453.33	

(c) **Insurance Renewal Notice for the Ride On Mower**

The Clerk advised that the renewal notice from Zurich had now been received. Alternative quotations had been sought but the companies approached had declined to insure the mower as a stand alone policy.

It was AGREED that the quotation from Zurich in the sum of £273.75 be accepted.

FPC15-280 To receive any correspondence

Good Councillors' Guide – 5th Edition

It was AGREED that the link should be circulated to Members to download the updated edition.

Ransome & Marles Bombing Commemoration

Correspondence had been received from the Town Mayor of Newark extending an invitation to the Chair to an event on Sunday, 6th March, to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the bombing and remember the 41 people who lost their lives on 7th March 1941.

It was AGREED that the Chair and Councillor Gomes would attend the event at Newark Town Hall at 4.15pm on Sunday, 6th March.

FPC15-281 To receive items for notification

Early Years

Councillor Duckmanton advised a 'lean-to' had been installed at the Early Years facility. The drain pipe that had been fitted emptied directly on to the hard standing.

The Clerk advised that no request for permission had been received for this addition. It was AGREED that the Clerk should seek clarification and Early Years should be informed that the drain pipe must be moved.

Allotments

Councillor Mrs Bayne asked whether or not consideration had been given to a 'garden lending scheme' as an alternative to allotments. It was confirmed that this had been considered but discounted given to the difficulties which would arise if there was a change in property ownership.

FPC15-282 Date of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.00pm