

Minutes of the Farndon Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 26th September 2022 in the Parish Room, Memorial Hall, Farndon

Present: **Councillor M Baker,**
 Councillor Ms H Bayne
 Councillor Mrs Kingston
 Councillor Parker

Also present, John Dodson and Stephen Swanwick (FREG)

Prior to the commencement of the meeting a minutes' silence was held in memory of the late HM Queen Elizabeth II.

- FPC22-56** Apologies for absence
Received and accepted from Councillors Mrs Bayne, Chrimes, Duckmanton, Rawlings, District Councillor I Walker and County Councillor Mrs Saddington.
- FPC22-57** Declarations of Interest
It was AGREED that these would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.
- FPC22-58** Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council – 1st August 2022
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 1st August 2022 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- FPC22-59** **County Councillor Session**
No report was presented as Cllr Mrs Saddington had given her apologies.
- However, Cllr Mrs Saddington asked if the Parish Council had any roads or footways that could be put forward for next year's Maintenance programme. After discussion, it was AGREED that Chestnut Grove be put forward for resurfacing. It had suffered regularly with potholes and the surface was disintegrating.
- The condition of Wyke Lane, between West End and Church Street, was raised by Cllr Bayne which was falling away. The Clerk explained this had been reported previously and would be followed up.
- FPC22-60** **Nottinghamshire County Council**
(a) To note information on Devolution Deal
Members received and noted the information on the Devolution Deal. The Chair commented that this would not impact at Parish Council level. It was expected there would be an election in May 2024, one for Mayor and the other for the two Police & Crime Commissioners.

- (b) To note a request for a Street Light on North End and response from Via
The Clerk referred to a request received from a resident on North End for an additional streetlight on the road, which had been passed to Via.

A response had been received advising that the site had been reviewed by the Lighting Design Manager who had advised that the current column position was likely due to issues with restricted footway widths or land ownership, so was not something Via would look to change.

Discussion took place on whether it would be possible to install a solar light(s) in the area. The Clerk to feedback to the resident on the response from Via and establish if any other form of lighting could be utilised.

FPC22-61 District Councillor Session

No report was presented as Cllr I Walker had given his apologies.

FPC22-62 Newark & Sherwood District Council

- (a) Amended Planning Scheme of Delegation & Training Event

Members noted the amendments that had been made to the planning scheme of delegation. A training date had been arranged for 26th October that Cllr Mrs Kingston and the Clerk would be attending. Cllr Chrimes had also advised he would like to attend.

- (b) To receive details of the Chairman's Civic Service

Members noted that the Chairman's Civic Service would be held at Southwell Minster on Sunday, 9th October 2022. The Chair confirmed that he would be attending as the Parish Council's representative.

- (c) To consider information received regarding parking within the village

Members noted the proposal from Newark & Sherwood District Council to pull together a Project Plan to capture actions, milestones and target dates, working with the Parish Council on a collaborative plan.

The survey questions proposed were agreed and, after discussion, it was AGREED that the following streets be included:

Oak Avenue; Almond Grove; California Road; The Willows; Hawthorne Crescent and The Meadows.

The Clerk would feed back to Newark & Sherwood District Council.

FPC22-63 Farndon Residents Environment Group

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.45pm to allow Mr Swanwick to present the FREG report.

A monthly litter pick had been held around the village and there had been one session with the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust at the Willow Holt. Work had also been undertaken at Farndon Park.

Permission was requested to cut back the brambles by the revetment. Councillor Parker AGREED this would be appreciated. The Clerk would advise the Sexton.

The Chair referred to a resident who had been planting bulbs underneath the village gateway sign. The Sexton had spoken to them and advised that a licence was required to plant in the highways.

Councillor Parker advised he had spoken to the young people who had been gathering at Cottage Lane nature reserve and requested they respect the space.

(a) Minutes – August & September 2022

Members received and noted the minutes from the August and September meetings.

(b) Request for Financial Support

Discussion took place around the request for financial support from FREG due to the unexpected expenditure that had been required to replace the garage roof following the recent burglary.

It was proposed by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Mrs Kingston, and unanimously AGREED that a grant of £250 be made.

Councillor Parker offered assistance in establishing a GoFundMe page for FREG if that would be helpful. It was considered that, while residents may not have the time to volunteer, they may support financially as they were aware of the work that the organisation undertook in the village.

(c) To note correspondence regarding the Christmas Tree

Members noted the changes proposed regarding the village Christmas Tree. The Chair AGREED to a donation of £120 from the Chairman's Allowance to replace the tyres on the trailer that transports the tree.

FPC22-64 Public 10 Minute Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.42pm to allow for the public session.

FPC22-65 Parish Council Matters

(a) To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

The Chair reported on the meeting of the Staythorpe Power Station Local Liaison Committee he had recently attended.

Cllr Ms Bayne reported on the Memorial Hall Trustees meeting

- (b) To note information received regarding the COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkit
Members noted the information contained within the COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkit. Councillor Parker will share the information on the Resident's Page.
- (c) To consider the Remembrance Sunday Service
It was noted that Remembrance Sunday was on 13th November. The Parish Council would need to nominate a representative to read the lesson in Church.
- It was expected that an invitation would be received to the Air Museum Service organised by Balderton Parish Council.
- (d) To note arrangements that were put in place following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II and to accept the Proclamation into the Parish Council's archives
Members noted the arrangements that had been put in place following the sad loss of HM Queen Elizabeth II. The Proclamation that had been displayed in the Parish would enter the Council's archives, as would the Book of Condolence.
- (e) To note a letter of condolence to be sent from the Parish to the Royal Family
Members noted and AGREED the letter of condolence to be sent from the Parish to the Royal Family which would be signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
- (f) TR010065 – A46 Newark Bypass – EIA Scoping Notification and Consultation
Clerk to share details. Delegated authority to PJP and MB to respond. Clerk referred to an event to be held on Tuesday, 4th October. Details to be shared.

FPC22-66 Update Reports from Chairs

- (a) Chairman's Report
The Chair reminded Members that it had been agreed to review the situation with CCTV on Main Street. It was understood there had only been two occasions of anti-social behaviour, one of graffiti and another regarding noise.
- The Chair had raised a query regarding the alarm sounding from Staythorpe Power Station that had been a recent concern on the Resident's Page at the Steering Committee he had recently attended. It had been confirmed that the siren is tested every Monday as the emergency warning/evacuation signal. There is an emergency if it lasts longer than 30 seconds. The Chair would share this information on the Residents Page.
- (b) Planning
Applications
22/01539/FUL – Farndon Cricket Club, Marsh Lane, Farndon - Single storey steel store
After discussion, it was AGREED that this application be supported.

22/01518/HOUSE – 6 Almond Grove, Farndon - Demolition of garage and garden room. Single storey side & rear extension, alterations to form new porch and all associated external works.

After discussion, it was AGREED that this application be supported.

22/01792/HPRIOR – 24 Sandhill Road, Farndon - Householder prior approval for demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a proposed rear extension The length that the extension extends beyond the rear wall of the original house: 4 metres Eaves height of the extension: 2.95 metres Maximum height of the extension: 3.80 metres

Members noted the application that had been submitted for householder prior approval. This application was supported.

Decision Notice

22/01249/FULM – A46T Roundabout, Hawton Lane, Farndon - Proposed new roundabout on the A46 Farndon Bypass to provide a link with the Newark Southern Link Road

Members noted the decision notice granting permission for the development as outlined.

Tree Works

22/01361/TPO - 1Westfield Way, Farndon - Proposed works to tree protected by TPO N41 Remove 1no Dead Tree

Members noted the tree works as outlined.

Planning Appeal

22/00408/FUL – Land to the Rear of 74 and 76 Fosse Road,, Farndon, Newark – Construction of Residential Development Comprising Two Detached Dwellings on Land to the Rear of 74 and 76 Fosse road, Farndon (Re-submission of 21/01913/FUL)

Members noted that an appeal had been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate following the refusal of planning permission for the development.

(c) General Purposes

There was nothing to report.

(d) Cemetery.

The Clerk advised that a discussion had been held with Councillor Mrs Bayne and revisions agreed to the Cemetery Regulations. An item would be placed on the October agenda.

(e) Playing Field

To note the Construction Programme for the new Pavilion

Members noted details of the construction programme that had been previously circulated.

To consider a review of the play area

After discussion, Members AGREED that the Clerk investigate with Play Area Suppliers

a review of the play area, and potential funding streams.

(f) Ponds & Riverside

To note quotations received for the resurfacing of the Council's Riverside car park

Members noted the receipt of one quotation for the resurfacing of the Council's Riverside car park. Comparative quotations would be sought.

To note the diversity of recorded wildlife in the ponds

Members received and noted the diversity of recorded wildlife in the ponds. The information would be shared with Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust.

To note enquiries regarding responsibility for the mooring at the Slipway

Members noted enquiries made by the Clerk to try and establish responsibility for the mooring at the Slipway. A response was awaited from the Canal & River Trust Area Manager.

FPC22-67 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 31st August 2022

Members noted the Council's financial positions as at 31st August 2022.

The Clerk advised that a half yearly budget report would be prepared after the 30th September and circulated to Members.

(d) To note the completion of the limited assurance review for the year ended 31st March 2022 and the notice of the conclusion of audit

Members noted the completion of the limited assurance review for the year ended 31st March 2022. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit would now be posted in accordance with the regulations on the Council's website and a noticeboard.

(e) To consider correspondence regarding the option to opt out of the SAA central external auditor appointment regulations

After consideration of the information received, Members AGREED that they would not seek to opt out of the central external auditor appointment regulations.

FPC22-68 Notts Association of Local Councils

(a) To note information regarding the 2022 Annual General Meeting

Members noted the Annual General Meeting would be held on 17th November at Oxtou Village Hall.

After discussion, it was AGREED that Councillor Mrs Kingston be appointed the Parish Council's voting delegate. It was further AGREED that Councillor Baker be nominated for election to the Executive Committee for 2022-23.

(b) To note the Civility & Respect Newsletter and consider the adoption of a Dignity at Work Policy

Members noted the correspondence on the Civility & Respect Newsletter and AGREED to adopt the Dignity at Work Policy.

FPC22-69 To receive any correspondence

(a) To note correspondence received from a resident

Members noted the correspondence received from a resident who had requested that a copy be forwarded to them all. The Clerk was in the process of putting a response together to answer the matters raised.

FPC22-70 Items for Notification

(a) Referral to Planning Committee

The Clerk advised that the application for a 4 bedroom bungalow on land off Fosse Road would be considered by the District Council's Planning Committee.

(b) 22/01817/HOUSE | Home office. Revised parking and drive layout | 109A Fosse Road Farndon Newark On Trent NG24 3TL

Members noted the planning application for revisions as outlined. It was AGREED that this application be supported.

FPC22-71 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 24th October 2022

The meeting closed at 9pm