

Minutes of the Farndon Parish Council held on Monday, 3rd December 2018 at 6.30pm in the Parish Room, Memorial Hall, Farndon

Present: **Councillor M Baker, in the Chair**
 Councillor Mrs Bayne
 Councillor A Duckmanton
 Councillor Mrs Kingston
 Councillor Oldham
 Councillor Teixeira-Gomes

Also in attendance: **District Cllr I Walker (late) and 4 members of the public**

FPC18-094 Apologies for absence

Received and accepted from District Councillors N Mison & K Walker, County Councillor Mrs Saddington and Mr J Dodson (FREG).

FPC18-095 Declarations of Interest

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

FPC18-096 Minutes of the Parish Council – 22nd October 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 22nd October 2018 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

FPC18-097 County Councillor Session – Cllr Mrs Saddington

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

FPC18-098 Nottinghamshire County Council

(a) Local Improvement Scheme – Application Update

The Clerk advised that the winning entrant had produced an additional design, which depicted the Farndon Cricket Club. This had been scanned across to Malcolm Lane & Son for their designer to review.

The Clerk circulated a design that had been produced for Fledborough, which was a different design to that initially considered, with images in each quarter, rather than the Church in the middle and other images around. Members asked if the Clerk could liaise with Malcolm Lane & Son for a mock up of both designs to be produced so that a decision could be made.

The Clerk circulated information received from the Senior Highways Liaison Officer regarding the position of the two signs, produced after meeting with the Chair in November.

Members noted and AGREED the locations and the Clerk was asked to progress the relevant paperwork.

(b) Purchase of Via East Midlands

The Chair referred to correspondence received from Via East Midlands advising that Nottinghamshire County Council had decided to purchase Cornwall Council's 51% majority shareholding in Via East Midlands Ltd to become the sole owner of the company.

(c) Proposed bus Stop & Introduction of Bus Stop Clearway - Chapel Lane, Farndon

Members considered correspondence received from Via East Midlands Ltd outlining proposals for a proposed new bus stop and introduction of a bus stop clearway at the junction of Chapel Lane and Church Street on Main Street.

After discussion Members AGREED that the proposal be supported as it would ensure that the bus stop was clearly defined and provide a clear space for the bus to stop.

(d) Network Rail Failures

Members noted correspondence from Cllr Mrs Saddington sent to Network Rail highlighting continued concern at the failure of the automated level crossings along the Nottingham to Lincoln line.

(e) Bin at Bus Shelter – Main Street

The Clerk confirmed that the bin had been installed at the bus shelter on Main Street by contractors for Nottinghamshire County Council. Responsibility for the emptying of it would now pass to the Parish Council.

FPC18-99 District Councillor Session

This item would be taken when Cllr I Walker arrived.

The Chair referred to an article on the District Council's website which referred to the ongoing traffic congestion in and around Newark. A copy to be forwarded to the Council's Planning Consultant for information.

(a) Cleaner, Greener, Safer Initiative

It was AGREED that this be completed by the Clerk, in conjunction with the Chair, and returned to the District Council.

(b) Open Space Provision

It was AGREED that this be completed by the Clerk, in conjunction with the Chair, and returned to the District Council.

FPC18-100 Farndon Residents Environment Group

Mr Dodson had given his apologies for the meeting but had requested Members be advised of the proposed position of signs promoting the Carols on the Green event on

Wednesday, 19th December.

A sign would be placed on the verge, opposite the bus shelter, on Long Lane and also on the green at the junction of Main Street and Fosse Road. This should promote the event to a wider audience.

The Clerk confirmed that the November minutes had been received and circulated to Members for information.

FPC18-101 Public 10 Minute Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.50pm to allow for questions from the public.

A member of the public queried what a bus stop clearway was and whether it was suitable for a Conservation Area. Cllr Duckmanton explained that it would help the bus aligns with the kerb for better access for disabled passengers and pushchair users. The Parish Council was asked if the road markings could be painted to reflect that the clearway was in a Conservation Area. It was AGREED that this request be made to Via.

Two residents advised that they had recently moved in to the new bungalows built on Almond Grove. They queried how they could get a sign for their property. The Chair advised that this matter should be discussed with District Cllr Walker when he arrived as the property was a Newark & Sherwood Homes property.

A member of the public referred to a scheme run by the Lions Club providing medical awareness containers which could be used in the event of an emergency to ensure medical practitioners were aware of any health issues/medicines, etc. The Clerk to research in more detail with a view to an article in the next issue of the Farndon Focus.

A question was asked if there was still a ferry that crossed the River at Farndon. Members confirmed that this was no longer in use.

The Chair thanked members of the public for their questions and reconvened the meeting at 6.55pm.

FPC18-102 Parish Council Matters

(a) **Remembrance Sunday Commemorations Review**

Members reviewed the commemorations held in the village for Remembrance Sunday. There had been a good attendance at the memorial hall, with most people also going to Church. The Chair referred to timings during the service in the memorial hall and also that there was a suggestion the service may just be in the Church next year. It was noted that the two venues were used as there were memorials to the fallen in both places.

Cllr Mrs Bayne outlined the work she had done with the school for the

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commemorations in the Cemetery on Friday, 9th November. Crosses were placed by the children on the 5 war graves and at the silent soldier.

The service in Church afterwards was a whole school event which demonstrated some very impressive work by the children.

(b) **Siting of Silent Soldier**

A survey had been conducted on the Farndon Residents page on the permanent siting of the silent soldier, whether it should remain in the Cemetery or be moved back to the green on Main Street. Residents were in favour of moving the soldier back to Main Street, by a large majority.

After discussion, it was AGREED that the soldier be moved back to Main Street but noted that it could not be moved again.

The Clerk was asked to investigate the silhouette on display at North Hykeham and report back to the next Parish Council meeting, with a view to perhaps siting something similar on the wall of the Memorial Hall (subject to permission from the Trustees).

(c) **Lamp Post Poppies**

All Members AGREED that the poppies should be removed from the lamp posts as to keep them up would detract from their symbolism. An idea for consideration next year would be to put Christmas type decorations up as the poppies come down.

(d) **Newark Healthcare – Notes of Meeting 10th August 2018**

It was AGREED that the notes of the meeting held on 10th August be circulated to Members for information.

(e) **Best Kept Village Competition – Additional Feedback**

Members received and noted the additional feedback from the organisers of the Best Kept Village Competition. Enhanced information on the involvement of the local community to be included in the noticeboards for the competition next year.

(f) **Farndon Village Clock**

Cllr Teixeira-Gomes had been asked by the resident of Crane Cottage if the clock tower could be called the 'Farndon village clock'.

After discussion, Members AGREED that they were happy for the clock to be referred to as 'Farndon village clock' but the Parish Council would not accept any liability or responsibility for its upkeep and maintenance.

FPC18-103 Update Reports from Chairs

(a) **Chair**

A46 Roundabout

The Chair referred to correspondence received from Highways England outlining

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improvements to 3 of the roundabouts on the A46 bypass starting in the New Year.

The Chair explained the difficulties around the completion of the Farndon roundabout. A discussion had been held with the Town Clerk of Newark and it had been agreed that Cllr Baker would continue to liaise with Highways England on moving the project forward.

The Chair would update Members as and when he could.

Police Stakeholder Update & Beat Manager

Members noted receipt of the Police Stakeholder Update from Inspector Sutton.

Cllr Mrs Bayne expressed her concern at confidential information being circulated to potentially hundreds of people. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Inspector Sutton regarding using the BCC tool and to suggest that only information that was in the public domain should be shared.

The Chair confirmed that the new Beat Manager for Farndon was Police Constable Ben Hemsall. It was AGREED that the Clerk extend an invitation for PC Hemsall to attend the January meeting of the Parish Council.

(b)

Planning

18/SCR/00017 - Land Opposite 44 To 26 Fosse Road, Farndon - The erection of a Mixed-Use Development comprising petrol filling station, drive throughs, offices and hotel, landscaping, flood attenuation lagoon, associated engineering operations (including flood compensation measures) and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) along with associated vehicular and cycle parking and access from Fosse Way and all ancillary works

The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council, nor any other consultees, were required to submit any comments on this application at this point.

18/02143/FUL – 6 Long Lane, Farndon - Householder application for proposed two storey side & rear extension

This application was with the Chair for review.

Decision Notice – 18/01820/LBC – Chestnut Farm, 36 Main Street, Farndon – Install wooden door in the existing architrave/doorway to downstairs ante-room

Members received and noted the decision notice granting planning permission.

Decision Notice – 18/01568/LBC – 10 Cross Lane, Farndon – Replace old windows with new bespoke wood windows

Members received and noted the decision notice granting planning permission. Cllr Mrs Bayne expressed concern at the implications for other residents in the vicinity that this permission may have.

Decision Notice - 18/01504/FUL – 5 Sandhill Road, Farndon – Householder application

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for proposed single storey extension to rear of semi-detached property and erection of a detached outbuilding

Members received and noted the decision notice granting planning permission.

Decision Notice – 18/01503/FUL – 7 Sandhill Road, Farndon – Householder application for proposed single storey extension to rear of semi-detached property

Members received and noted the decision notice granting planning permission.

Decision Notice – 18/0118/FUL – Future Fishing Ltd, Unit 17, Hardys Business Park – Application to Retain Existing Buildikng and Use as a Sui Generis Retail Warehouse Club with ancillary B1 (Business) and B8 (Storage and Distribution) uses.

Members received and noted the decision notice granting planning permission. The Chair highlighted the reference to the flood risk contained within the decision.

The Chair referred to the ongoing concerns at Mr Bike which would continue to be monitored.

(c) **General Purposes**

Siting of Donated Planters

Members considered the siting of the donated planters. It was AGREED that they be placed as follows:

- Green at Sandhill Road
- Roundabout in the Cemetery
- Adjacent to the Memorial Bench on the playing field

The Clerk to discuss with the Church whether it would be possible to site one at the Church Yard.

Management Review of Trees

The last review of the trees was undertaken in 2014, when all trees were surveyed, including those that weren't under direct responsibility of the Parish Council.

It was AGREED that a new review be undertaken, starting with the Cemetery.

(d) **Playing Field**

Lights at St Peter's Early Years

An approach had been made to the Early Years to establish if any CCTV was available following the recent attempted break in at the Cemetery. Correspondence had been received from the Chair regarding the lights and the reason for them not being on at night.

It was AGREED that the Clerk and Sexton/Handyman would liaise with the Early Years with a view to establishing a way forward with their lights, either by infra red or by adjusting their direction. Investigation to also be made in to fitting infra red lights at the Cemetery.

Rose & Crown Football Team

The Clerk confirmed that the football team had settled their invoice for the season,

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but the signed agreement had not yet been returned. A reminder would be sent. No complaints had been received from adjacent residents.

A 20ft container may have been found but negotiations were ongoing on whether it could be released.

9 A Side

Cllr Duckmanton to liaise with Cllr Rhodes-Yeomans on how regular the 9 a side sessions were being held.

Completed Work at Play Area

The Clerk advised that the cable runway seat had now been received and would be installed by the Sexton/Handyman.

(e) **Cemetery**

Attempted Break in at Mortuary

The Clerk updated Members on the recent break ins at the mortuary.

Review of Cemetery

It was hoped to complete the final survey of the Cemetery on Saturday, 15th December.

(f) **Ponds & Riverside**

Annual Maintenance Plan Review of Ponds

Members received and noted the annual maintenance plan for the ponds had been reviewed by the Clerk and Sexton/Handyman in conjunction with FREG. A copy had been circulated to Members.

Work would commence in January.

An offer of two half days a week voluntary labour had been received from one of the Council's bailiffs. It was AGREED that this be gratefully accepted with their work being directed by the Sexton/Handyman.

Installation of Posts – Slipway

The Clerk confirmed that the posts had been installed along the grass area to prevent vehicles from parking on it.

District Cllr Walker arrived at 8.15pm.

FPC18-104 District Councillor Session

With District Cllr Walker's arrival, the Chair suspended the meeting to allow him to present his report.

Congratulations were extended to Cllr Baker for his Chairmanship of the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Council's Annual General Meeting on 14th

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November. The Parish Council could be proud of him.

Cllr Walker advised he had been contacted about the proposed development, all of which would be taken into account.

On 1st December, Cllr Walker and Cllr Mrs Crowe had joined with the Police on operational duty in Newark town centre. It was interesting to see the work being done by the Police to reduce crime.

The Chair thanked Cllr Walker for his report and reconvened the meeting at 8.20pm.

FPC18-105 Financial Matters

- (a) **To consider accounts for payments in accordance with the circulated schedule**
Members received and noted the accounts for payments in accordance with the circulated schedule, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
- (b) **To note any receipts in accordance with the circulated schedule**
Members received and noted the receipts received in accordance with the circulated schedule, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
- (c) **To note the Council's financial position as at 30th November 2018**
Members received and noted the Council's financial position as at 30th November 2018.
- (d) **Insurance Claim – Container**
The Clerk confirmed that an insurance claim had been made and settled for the damage to the mowers when the container was broken in to recently.
- (e) **To consider the Council's budget for the 2019-20 Financial Year**
The Chair advised this would be considered at the 3rd December meeting.

FPC18-106 Notts Association of Local Councils

- (a) **November Personnel Newsletter**
The November Personnel Newsletter would be circulated for information.

FPC18-107 To receive any correspondence

There was none to report.

FPC18-108 To receive items for notification

- (a) **Development on Oak Avenue**
The Clerk to be aware that a request may be made for access from the playing field to a property on Oak Avenue which had recently been granted planning permission for an extension.
- (b) **Anti-Social Behaviour & CCTV**
A meeting had been arranged for 4.30pm on Thursday, 6th December 2018 with Officers from Newark & Sherwood District Council.
- (c) **Christmas Lights**
An article to be included in the next issue of the Farndon Focus re a residents Christmas Lights competition in 2019.

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FPC18-109 Date of Next Meeting
Monday, 28th January 2019

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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