

Minutes of the Farndon Parish Council held on Monday, 6th August 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 M Oldham
Councillor P Parker
Councillor N Rhodes-Yeomans
Councillor J Teixeira-Gomes

Also in attendance: District Cllrs I Walker & K Walker (late) and 3 members of the public

FPC18-044 Apologies for absence
Received and accepted from County Councillor Mrs Saddington, District Cllr Mison and John Dodson (FREG).

FPC18-045 Declarations of Interest
It was AGREED that any declarations of interest would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.

FPC18-046 Minutes of the Parish Council – 25th June 2018
Subject to an amendment to FPC18-037 (c) 'Installation of Silent Soldier' to read 'had now been installed', the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 25th June 2018 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Mrs Kingston advised that District Cllr I Walker had not yet received the correspondence regarding the parking in The Meadows. The Clerk apologised and advised it would be forwarded.

FPC018-047 County Councillor Session – Cllr Mrs Saddington
As Cllr Mrs Saddington had given her apologies, no report was presented.

FPC018-048 Nottinghamshire County Council
(a) **Local Improvement Scheme – Application Update**
Members noted that all children at St Peter's Academy had taken part in the competition to design the village gateway sign. Cllr Mrs Bayne had attended assembly on Wednesday, 25th July when certificates and book tokens were presented to the children who had won the age groups and the overall winner. Certificates had also been presented to all children as a thank you for taking part.

Arrangements would now be made for the winner, Sophie McCrery to visit Malcolm Lane & Son and work with the designers to finalise the design.

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- (b) **Public Consultation – Draft Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan**
Members noted that the first stage of consultation on the Draft Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan was now out for consultation. The consultation period would run from 27th July through to 28th September. There were no sites included which would directly impact on the parish boundaries.
- (c) **Bus Shelter – Long Lane**
Further to the report by Cllr Teixeira-Gomes at the June meeting, the Highways & Transport section of Nottinghamshire County Council had been asked to review the condition of the bus lane at the end of Long Lane, with a view to replacing it with the same design as the one on Main Street, should it need replacing. Confirmation had been received that the condition would be assessed and the Parish Council would be advised accordingly. Any replacement would be dependent on funding.
- (d) **Lay Bys- Old A46**
Confirmation had been received from Cllr Mrs Saddington that the lay bys on Fosse Road, between Farndon and East Stoke, would not be closed as it would be too costly.
- (e) **Great War Commemoration Service – 6th November 2018**
Advice had been received that a Great War Commemoration Service and Armed Forces Covenant signing would take place at Southwell Minster on 6th November 2018 at 4pm for a 4.30pm start.

A more formal invitation would be sent out nearer the time. The invitation would be for two members of the council to attend.
- (f) **Chairman’s Charity Hog Roast – 15th September 2018**
Members noted that Cllr Mrs Saddington was to hold a Charity Hog Roast at Muskham Rural Community Centre on Saturday, 15th September 2018 from 7pm. The event would raise money for Nottingham Children’s Hospital.
- (g) **Advance Roadworks Bulletin – 12th August 2018**
Members received and noted the advance roadworks bulletin advising of temporary prohibition of driving and no waiting, loading and unloading, on various roads from 0700 to 1500 hrs on Sunday, 12th August for the Newark Half Marathon.

FPC18-049 District Councillor Session
This report would be taken if, and when, District Council members arrived.

FPC18-050 Newark & Sherwood District Council

- (a) **Bark in the Park Event – 21st August 2018**
The Animal Welfare Officer with Newark & Sherwood District Council had arranged an information event at Sconce and Devon Park on Tuesday, 21st August from

10.30am to 2.30pm. Details would be placed on the noticeboards and a request would be made for it to be placed on the Farndon Residents page.

- (b) **Planning Enforcement Matter – Telegraph Pole, The Willows**
The Clerk updated Members on the query raised by a resident on the installation of a telegraph pole to serve the new residents on The Willows.
- (c) **CIL Payments**
Following an enquiry to the Infrastructure/S106 Officer at Newark & Sherwood District Council, it had been confirmed that there was no CIL money due to Farndon village at present. All developments had either self-build exemptions or Social Housing exemptions.
- (d) **Review of Statement of Principles for the Gambling Act 2005 and Statement of Licensing Policy Consultation 2019/2024**
It was noted that the District Council were currently consulting on the above. The Clerk to review and respond if required, after consultation with the Chair.

FPC18-051 Farndon Residents Environment Group
Apologies had been received from Mr Dodson.

He had advised that the main activity this month has been litter picking and continued Balsam pulling.

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

- (a) **Trees on the Trent – Tree Planting Opportunity**
The Environment Agency had advised that, working in partnership with Woodland Trust, they were offering the opportunity for parish council to plant native trees along the Trent Valley. John Dodson was raising this at the FREG meeting and would feedback on whether it would be of benefit.

Mixed tree packs were available, containing between 30 and 150 trees.

FPC18-052 Public 10 Minute Session
The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.52pm to allow members of the public to ask any questions.

A resident queried why the bus stop close to the Grays Court entrance was allowed to be in a clear material, while the one at School Lane was wooden. Both were within the Conservation Area. The Clerk to query with the County Council's Transport Department.

As a resident asked a question regarding the potential development on land adjacent to the A46 roundabout, the Chair agreed to bring forward agenda item 9(d)

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'Update from Planning Consent'.

The Clerk advised that no application had yet been submitted, the Planning Consultant was monitoring the District Council's website and would advise as soon as any application as submitted. A public meeting would be arranged as soon as possible after receipt of notification of an application being submitted.

It was noted that the Robin Hood Hotel had been granted planning permission for a Travelodge recently. This may or may not have an impact.

The Chair thanked residents for their questions and reconvened the meeting at 7pm

FPC18-053 Parish Council Matters

(a) **Best Kept Village Competition**

The Clerk advised that, unfortunately, the village had not been successful in getting through the second round of the competition. The winner in the category was Radcliffe-on-Trent, with runner up Farnsfield. Comments from judges would be sent over the next few weeks.

(b) **Invitation to East Midlands Ambulance Service AGM – 7th August 2018**

Members were invited to attend the East Midlands Ambulance Service Annual General meeting at EMAS Headquarters in Nottingham at 5pm on Tuesday, 7th August.

(c) **Ownership of Land**

The Clerk would review the title deeds and compile a list of owners of land and liaise with Cllr Duckmanton to make contact regarding controlling access down to the river.

(d) **Update from Planning Consultant**

FPC18-054 Update Reports from Chairs

(a) **Chair**

River Trent

The Chair advised that, prior to the meeting, he had witnessed a child (approx. 4 years old), jumping in and out of the River Trent at the slipway. A call had been placed to Emergency Services and an officer was attending due to the age of the child.

It was noted that there had been a number of calls to the Police regarding young people jumping off the Newark Crusader in to the River Trent, by Cllr Baker and Cllr Parker. The Crusader was clearly marked 'private property'. Different responses had been received to the calls, but a request had been made for reports to continue so that a picture could be built up by the Police.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should arrange a 'No Swimming by order of Farndon Parish Council' sign to be placed at the slipway.

Staythorpe Power Steering Group

The Chair advised that he had attended a meeting of the group recently. A question had been asked on how far reaching their CCTV coverage was and had been advised that it just covered the power station.

The Chair explained about the blackout clause which provided back up supply.

District Councillor Session

With the arrival of District Councillors I and K Walker, the Chair suspended the meeting at 7.32 pm to allow them to present their report.

Cllr I Walker apologised for their late arrival, due to a meeting at Castle House.

Cllr Walker asked if the village had a number of waste bins all together. If so, the District Council could look at re-locating them. The Clerk advised that this did not apply at Farndon.

It was generally quiet at the District Council due to the August recess, however, it was expected that a planning application would be submitted for lodges around the lake at Hawton shortly.

Given the concerns outlined by the Chairman at the recent anti-social behaviour, Cllr I Walker suggested that the Clerk contact the Anti-Social Behaviour Officer at Newark & Sherwood District Council. Work had recently been undertaken at Balderton which had been successful and may be of interest to the Council.

Cllr Mrs Bayne stated that she was interested in the response of Newark & Sherwood District Council to the recent decision taken by Nottinghamshire County Council for a unitary authority and asked if there would be a referendum.

Cllr K Walker advised that this would have been pushed through without consultation with District Councils' but he had spoken against this and consultation would now take place.

The Newark Half Marathon would be started by Cllr Walker, as Chairman of the District Council, on Sunday, 12th August.

It was understood that the consultation on parking had been undertaken. The Clerk advised that no residents had been contacted, as promised by Cllr Laughton. The email trail to be forwarded to Cllr Walker.

The Chair thanked District Cllrs for their report and reconvened the meeting at 7.42pm.

(b)

Planning

Decision Notice – 18/000869/FUL – Wyke Lodge, Church Street, Farndon – Householder Application to remove existing conservatory (leaving the brick base in place) and to replace with new UPVC frames with glass roof.

Members received and noted the decision notice granting planning permission for the replacement conservatory. The Clerk had requested clarification from the Planning Officer as to why UPVC frames had been permitted in the Conservation Area.

Decision Notice – 18/00651/FUL – Trent Cottage, 6 West End, Farndon – Householder Application for proposed part single storey and part two storey rear extension

Members received and noted the decision notice granting permission for the extensions.

Decision Notice – 18/00731/FUL & 18/00732/LBC – Crane Cottage, 38 Main Street, Farndon – Install Clock Tower on hip roof of attached garage

Members received and noted the decision notice refusing planning permission and listed building consent. It was expected that a new application would be submitted.

Decision Notice – 18/00765/FUL – 1 School Lane, Farndon – Demolition of attached garage and erection of dwelling

Members received and noted the decision notice granting permission for the new dwelling. The decision notice outlined that a CIL payment would be required.

Tree Works – Farndon Boathouse – Re-pollard of 3 no Lime trees (T1, T2, T3) and 25% volume reduction of 1 no Horse Chestnut

Members received and noted the tree works as outlined in the decision notice.

Tree Works – Land adjacent to 3 Old Hall Close, Farndon – Reduce by approximately 5m 1 no tree overhanging 3 Old Hall Close due to concerns it presents a danger following a branch loss

Members received and noted the tree works as outlined in the decision notice.

18/01423/FUL – 4A School Lane, Farndon - Householder application for new UPVL conservatory

It was AGREED that Members would review the application at the end of the meeting and advise the Chair if there were any objections.

18/01326/FUL – The Orchard, 4 Old Hall Close, Farndon - Householder application for proposed games room in raised garage roof and lifting tree canopy.

It was AGREED that Members would review the application at the end of the meeting and advise the Chair if there were any objections.

18/01168/HPRIOR – 77 Fosse Road, Farndon - Householder prior approval for single

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storey rear extension The length that the extension extends beyond the rear wall of the original house: 5.5 metres Eaves height of the extension: 2.3 metres Maximum height of the extension: 4 metres

As this was a Householder Prior application, which was to determine whether the proposal is permitted development which does not require planning permission, no consultation was undertaken with the Parish Council. The application was on the agenda so that Members were aware of the proposals.

18/01018/FUL – Bellwood, 3 Church Street, Farndon - Householder application to increase the existing perimeter brick wall and entrance gate to side of house (adjacent to Church Street), insert railings and re-fit copping stones.

Members noted that the Conservation Officer had expressed concern at the proposed railings as it was felt they were not in keeping with the character of the area. It was AGREED that objection be raised.

(c) **Playing Field**

To consider changes to the play area boundary fence

Cllr Duckmanton updated Members on the recent problems experienced by neighbours adjacent to the play area and damage caused to equipment at the same time.

Costings were awaited for a potential change to the boundary fence to create a gap between property boundaries and the start of the play area.

New Football Team

No contact had yet been received from the Secretary of the Rose & Crown team to confirm that they would like to have the field as their home ground. The Clerk to liaise with Cllr Duckmanton for contact details and to establish an annual rent and terms and conditions.

Prices were currently being sought for an additional container to separate the Council's equipment from the football teams.

Play Area repairs

The playground inspection report was still awaited.

Playing Field Weed Spray

Contact details had now been received for a contractor who could spray the field. The Clerk to make contact and seek advice on the best time to undertake the work.

(d) **Cemetery**

Cemetery Regulations

It was agreed that 50 booklets be produced at a cost of £59.

WW1 Commemorations additional to Remembrance Sunday

Cllr Mrs Bayne would discuss further with St Peter's Academy after the summer

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holidays. There are four war graves in the Cemetery, two from the 1st World War, and two from the 2nd. Three had Commonwealth War Graves headstones, while one did not. It was hoped to be able to include marking these graves in a ceremony prior to Remembrance Sunday.

(e) **Ponds & Riverside**

To put together a contract and specification for the resurfacing of the Council's car park

Discussion took place on the best way forward for the Council's car park. The Clerk had requested a mandate to approach a structural engineer to put together a contract and specification for resurfacing of the area. However, Members were not sure if they wished to proceed at this time given the usage by customers of the Riverside and Boathouse.

It was AGREED that an invitation be extended to the Directors of the Boathouse and Riverside to attend the September meeting of the Parish Council to discuss a way forward.

Urgent Tree Works To Horse Chestnut

The Clerk advised that the Horse Chestnut adjacent to the slipway had a dead branch in the crown break that would need to be removed. As it was in the Conservation Area permitted had been requested from Newark & Sherwood District Council.

Replacement Memorial Bench

The Clerk advised of a request from the Butlin family to replace a memorial bench that is located just inside the boundary of the ponds on the riverside. A bench had been ordered which would be fitted by the Sexton/Handyman. The family would meet the cost of the new bench.

FPC18-055 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 31st July 2018**

The Clerk advised that it had not been possible to reconcile the account as the statement had not yet been received. Members would be circulated with an updated report once the account had been reconciled.

(d) **To consider changes to the Council's deposit account**

The Clerk advised that the Yorkshire Bank no longer supported accounts with a pass book. Details had been sent of other accounts that the Council might consider

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transferring the funds to.

Discussion took place on whether now might be a pertinent time to change banks given that the Yorkshire Bank no longer had a branch in the town.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should look at the Natwest Bank as an alternative and report back to the September meeting.

FPC18-056 Notts Association of Local Councils

(a) **Review of Constitution**

The current constitution of the Association was adopted in December 1973 (amended September 1976) and is in need of a review and update..

The proposed new constitution is attached has been received and suggested comments or amendments are requested by Friday, 14th September for adoption at the AGM on 14th November.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should forward a copy to Members for comment.

(b) **Consultation Bye Laws on Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)**

It was AGREED that the Clerk should seek to identify the criteria for identifying an SSI.

(c) **Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, 14th November 2018**

Notification had been received that the 73rd Annual General Meeting of the Association would take place on Wednesday, 14th November at Epperstone Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

It was AGREED that the Chair should be nominated to service on the Executive Committee for 2018/19.

FPC18-057 To receive any correspondence

(a) **18/01117/FUL – PHP Gymnasium Unit, 4 Hardys business Park, Hawton Lane, Farndon – Application to retain existing building and use building and forecourt for use as a Gym (use Class D2)**

Members received and noted the decision notice granting permission as outlined above.

(b) **18/01121/FULM – Units 10-12, 13-16 and 20 Hardys Business Park, Hawton lane, Farndon – Application to retain existing buildings and use buildings for a mixed use of B1 (business); B2 (General Industry); and B8 (Storage and Distribution)**

Members received and noted the decision notice granting permission as outlined above.

(c) **NHS Newark & Sherwood Clinical Commissioning Group Annual Public Meeting**

An invitation had been received to the Annual Public Meeting which was scheduled

to be held at Everyday Champions Centre, Newark on Wednesday 5th September between 4.30pm and 7.30pm.

(d) **Parish Council Conference**

Correspondence had been received from North Muskham Parish Council advising of a Parish Council Conference scheduled to be held at the Muskham Rural Community Centre on Saturday, 13th October 2018. Suggested topics from parish councils were requested.

FPC18-058 To receive items for notification

(a) **Land at Junction of Main Street and Fosse Road**

Cllr Teixeira-Gomes asked if it would be possible to identify the owner of land at the junction of Main Street and Fosse Road. The Clerk advised that a Land Registry search would be done and any information reported back to the next meeting.

(b) **Footpaths**

Cllr Parker reported that the footpath that ran from Marsh Lane to the River Trent was overgrown (after the gate to Crees Lane). The Clerk advised that it would be reported to the Rights of Way Officer.

Cllr Teixeira-Gomes reported that the footpath to Thorpe was also overgrown (across the old A46). This would also be reported.

(c) **Crees Lane**

Cllr Parker asked for clarification on the application to have Crees Lane added to the definitive map. The Chair explained the process that had been followed and the conclusion reached that it was not a public right of way.

FPC18-059 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 24th September 2018

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.