

Minutes of the Farndon Parish Council held on Monday, 23rd October 2017 at 6.30pm in the Small Hall

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

Also in attendance: District Councillors I Walker, County Cllr Mrs Saddington and 3 members of the public

FPC17-74 Apologies for absence

Received and accepted from Cllr M Oldham and District Cllrs N Mison and K Walker.

FPC17-75 Declarations of interest

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

FPC17-76 Minutes of the Parish Council – Monday, 25th September 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 25th September 2017 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

FPC17-77 County Councillor Session – Cllr Mrs Saddington

It was AGREED that this item would be taken as and when Cllr Mrs Saddington arrived.

FPC17-78 District Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.31pm to allow for District Councillor Walker to present his report.

Cllr Walker reported that the new District Council offices were working well.

One of the main issues facing the District Council was the shortage of houses, but a scheme had been granted for a major development at Thoresby Colliery.

The Chair thanked Cllr Walker for his report and reconvened the meeting at 6.32pm.

FPC17-79 Farndon Residents Environment Group

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.33pm to allow Mr Dodson to present his report.

The monthly litter pick had been held, with willow brash and willow trees cleared near the car park at the ponds. This had let a lot of light in to allow the trees to breathe. There was still some more work to do in the area.

Maintenance of Farndon Park will be undertaken next month.

Mr Dodson referred to an interesting report on Countryfile on Himalayan Balsam control. A fungus had been produced that was being trialled in limited research areas in a joint project with the Environment Agency and local Wildlife Trusts.

The Chair advised that information from FREG had been circulated to Members by the Clerk.

After discussion it was AGREED that the Clerk would approach the research organisation and ask if the ponds could be considered as a trial area if the Parish Council met the costs.

The Chair thanked Mr Dodson for his report and reconvened the meeting at 6.36pm.

FPC17-80 County Councillor Session – Cllr Mrs Saddington

With the arrival of Cllr Mrs Saddington, the Chair suspended the meeting at 6.37pm to allow her to present her report.

Cllr Mrs Saddington advised that access for residents would be maintained, wherever possible, during the drainage works on Village Way.

The Clerk was asked to let Cllr Mrs Saddington know if she became aware of any residents that may have a problem with restricted access.

A meeting had been held with residents of Grays Court. The County Council were not willing to meet the costs of any white lining but have suggested that the residents be consulted with regard to a 'H' bar, with a possibility of widening on either side. A response was awaited from residents.

A discussion had previously been held about providing bollards on the verges on Sandhill Road to prevent parking. This would not be possible because vehicles would have nowhere to go if they needed to move out of the way for emergency vehicles.

Discussion took place about the persistent problems caused by inconsiderate parking and driving by parents/carers visiting the school. The CCTV car had been requested but no response had yet been received. It was recognised that enforcement was an issue and it was AGREED that an invitation be extended to Inspector Clarke and the Beat Manager, the Headteacher of the School and Chair of Governors to the December meeting to discuss the problems with parking.

Cllr Mrs Saddington confirmed that she would make a contribution of £250 to FREG for the Carols on the Green event.

The Nottinghamshire Minerals Plan will be placed before Full Council on 23rd November and will then be put out for consultation.

The Chair thanked Cllr Mrs Saddington for her report and reconvened the meeting at 6.45pm.

FPC17-81 Nottinghamshire County Council

(a) **Advance Roadworks Bulletin – Closure of Village Way, Farndon – 13th November 2017 to Friday, 6th December 2017**

Members received and noted details relating to the closure of Village Way.

(b) **Removal of Farndon village sign, Fosse Road (not in parish boundary)**

Members noted correspondence received from County Highways seeking the Parish Council's views on the removal of the 'Farndon' village sign located on the verge opposite the Lord Ted, which was outside of the parish boundary. Members raised no objection.

(c) **Consultation on Admissions Arrangements**

Members received and noted correspondence from the County Council on Schools Admissions Arrangements. It was AGREED that details be placed on the village noticeboards and included in the next article in the Farndon Focus.

FPC17-82 Public 10 Minute Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.50pm for the public session.

A resident expressed concern at the number of vehicles parking on the verge adjacent where the new bungalow was being built on land adjacent to 9 Main Street and the damage that was being caused, not only to the verge itself, but also the emerging bulbs.

It was AGREED that the Clerk would report the matter to County Highways.

It was asked whether planning permission had been granted for a fence at 11 Chapel Lane. It was AGREED that the Clerk would notify the Enforcement Officer at Newark & Sherwood District Council.

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

FPC17-83 Parish Council Matters

(a) **Remembrance Sunday Arrangements**

Members received and noted arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday commemorations.

(b) **Extension of Duration of Christmas Tree Lights – Carols on the Green**

The Clerk advised that the Council's insurers had confirmed that the extension of the lights would be covered under the Council's public liability insurance.

A Seasonal Licence needed to be completed for County Highways and it was AGREED that the Clerk should liaise with FREG for it to be completed and submitted as soon as possible.

- (c) **Newark Healthcare Consultative Group – notes from the meeting on 29th September**
Councillor Mrs Bayne updated Members on the meeting. New services would be available at Newark Hospital. It was AGREED that this should be included in the Council's article for the next edition of the Farndon Focus.

It was AGREED that the notes should be circulated to Members for information.

FPC17-84 Update Reports from Chairs

- (a) **Planning & General Purposes**

A46 Trunk Road (Newark to Widmerpool Improvement and Slip Roads) – A46 Farndon Access

Members received and noted correspondence from Highways England.

Update on Enforcement Issues

The Clerk updated Members on the issues that had been investigated by the District Council's Enforcement Team.

Footpath to Thorpe - Update

The Clerk confirmed that the Rights of Way Officer had been contacted for clarification on the route of the footpath. It had been confirmed that the footpath had been diverted and anyone using the footpath would be pointed along the side of the A46, across the Hawton Lane bridge and then to Thorpe.

To confirm date for Footpath Inspections

After discussion it was AGREED that this would take place on Saturday, 4th November at 10am, departing from the Memorial Hall car park.

- (b) **Playing Field**

Play Area Inspection Report

The Clerk confirmed that the report had now been received, and a copy circulated to Cllr Duckmanton and the Village Handyman.

A copy had also been forwarded to the Area Representative for Wicksteed and a request made for a visit as soon as possible to review areas that needed attention. Given that the report made a number of recommendations in terms of fixings, etc, it was AGREED that a stock should be retained so that they could be replaced during the year.

Football Club

The Clerk to forward costs to Cllr Duckmanton.

Boundary Hedge

The Clerk advised that the Council's contractor had been asked to look at the hedge with a view to reducing its height to enable better maintenance by the Village Handyman.

Cllr Milner advised that a van had been observed parked on the verge adjacent the gap in the hedge. The Clerk would be advised if it was parked there again and a note taken of the number plate so that the Bowls Club could be notified.

Cricket Club

On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chair extended his congratulations to the Cricket Club on their recent Fair Play Award.

(c) **Cemetery**

Visit by Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust

The Clerk was seeking to confirm a meeting on Wednesday, 1st November in the afternoon with Officers of the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust.

Church Yard

A meeting with the Parochial Church Council to discuss the best way of maintaining the Church Yard had been requested. This would be arranged during week commencing 13th November.

(d) **Ponds & Riverside**

Environment Agency – Survey of Ponds

The Clerk confirmed that the Environment Agency would be surveying the ponds as part of their winter netting scheme on Wednesday, 22nd November. They would be on site from 8am to 4pm.

The Council's full and part time Handymen would be seconded to the area on the day to assist as necessary and to answer any questions from members of the public.

Repairs to Clapper Gates

Members received and noted correspondence from the Rights of Way Officer concerning works the Canals and Rivers Trust had been asked to make to the clapper gates.

Winter Maintenance

A meeting to be arranged with the Council's contractor to discuss the winter maintenance after the October half term.

Opportunity would also be taken to look at a suggestion from FREG regarding the revetment during this meeting.

FPC17-85 Financial Matters

- (a) **To consider accounts for payments in accordance with the circulated schedule**
- (b) **To note any receipts in accordance with the circulated schedule**
- (c) **To note the Council's financial position as at 30th September 2017**

The Clerk advised that due to technical problems with the software it had not been possible to produce the reports. As soon as these issues were resolved the reports would be circulated to Members.

(d) **To note the resignation of the Council's Internal Auditor**

Members noted correspondence received from Roger Snowdin of his resignation as an Internal Auditor for the Council's accounts.

It was AGREED that the Clerk would request information from the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils on registered internal auditors for the 2017/18 audit.

(e) **To note the completion of the External Audit**

Members received and noted that the External Audit by Grant Thornton was now complete. The recommendations contained in the report would be actioned by the Clerk.

FPC17-86 Newark & Sherwood District Council

(a) **Parish Event – 16th October 2017**

The Chair reported to Members on the Parish Event held at Castle House, the new Newark & Sherwood District Council offices, on Monday, 16th October 2017.

(b) **Submission of Newark & Sherwood Amended Core Strategy**

Members received and noted correspondence confirmation that the Amended Core Strategy had now been submitted to the Secretary of State.

FPC17-87 Notts Association of Local Councils

(a) **Letter re GDP Regs**

Members noted the update regarding the changes to the Data Protection Regulations. The Clerk was attending a training event organised by NALC on 28th November 2017.

(b) **DCLG Consultation on Planning for Homes**

It was AGREED the Clerk should review this with the Chair and respond appropriately.

(c) **Annual General Meeting and Nomination to Executive Committee – 15th November 2017**

The Chair reminded Members that the NALC AGM was being held on Wednesday, 15th November at Epperstone, commencing at 6.30pm. Other Members were welcome to join the Chair and Clerk should they wish to.

FPC17-88 To receive any correspondence

(a) **Letter from Robert Jenrick MP**

Members received and noted correspondence from Robert Jenrick MP advising of a consultation on a new policy on travellers which would be circulated in due course.

FPC17-89 To receive items for notification

(a) **Newark Air Museum – Remembrance Sunday Service**

An invitation had been received from Balderton Parish Council to a commemoration service at Newark Air Museum at 3pm on Sunday, 12th November. It was AGREED that Councillor Teixeira-Gomes would attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

(b) **Telephone Kiosk – Main Street**

In response to a question from Councillor Teixeira-Gomes, the Clerk confirmed that the telephone kiosk had now been transferred to the Parish Council. It would be placed on the winter maintenance schedule for painting and refurbishment.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should look to converting this in to an information point for the village.

(c) **Fly Tipping**

Cllr Duckmanton asked the Clerk to chase costs for collection of fly tipping by the District Council.

Cllr Mrs Bayne observed that Nottingham City Council had removed the charge for the collection of bulky waste and this had seen a reduction in fly tipping in the City.

It was AGREED that the Clerk would contact Farndon Marina to identify if any CCTV was due to be installed that would cover the road that led to the ponds.

(d) **Bins for Play Area**

In response to a question from Cllr Millner, the Clerk confirmed that the new bins had been received for the play area. These would be installed shortly.

(e) **Fire Service Consultation**

The Chair advised Members of a consultation currently being undertaken regarding the operation of the Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service. A link would be circulated to Members.

FPC17-90 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 4th December 2017

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.