

Minutes of the Farndon Parish Council held on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 6.00pm in the Small Hall, Memorial Hall, Farndon

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

**Also in attendance:** District Cllrs I Walker & K Walker, Mr Dodson and Mr Swanwick (FREG), Priest in Charge Liz Murray, Kelly Farmer (St Peter's Early Years) and 7 members of the public

- FPC18-025** Apologies for absence  
Received and accepted from County Councillor Mrs Saddington and District Cllr Mison.
- FPC18-026** Declarations of Interest  
It was AGREED that any declarations of interest would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.
- FPC18-027** Presentation by Eddie Curry, Nottingham City Council – Nottinghamshire WW1 Centenary Memorial  
In a change to the circulated agenda, the Chair introduced Eddie Curry, Nottingham City Council who would present on the Nottinghamshire WW1 Centenary Memorial.
- Mr Curry explained that a group of volunteers had collected all the names throughout the County from various locations, and the proposal was to bring them all into one place to mark the centenary of WW1. Having all the names in one place would safeguard them for perpetuity.
- The memorial would not just be for the military but also civilians who died in WW1. There was one conscientious objector from Nottinghamshire and it was proposed also include his name on the list.
- It was proposed to locate it in the memorial gardens to the rear of Victoria Embankment, Nottingham. The 14,000 names will be surname and initial in chronological order.
- Different options had been considered, including digital and web based memorials, but a permanent structure was considered to be the most appropriate.

The chosen design is a ring of stone and contracts were being entered in to. A hole cutting ceremony would be held during the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday. The memorial should be open in April 2019 in time for the June 1919 – June 2019 world peace anniversary.

There was a project budget of £300,000; £100,000 from Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County Council, £70,000 from the seven Borough and District Councils, £50,000 from businesses, public, etc. A Just Giving page has been set up so members of the public can donate should they wish to do so.

<http://nosf.org.uk/roll-of-honour.html>

Donations from Parish Councils would also be welcome.

Mr Curry advised that the project team would love to hear from anyone with a family story from WW1.

In response to a question from a member of the public, Mr Curry stated that, while the Embankment had fallen in to disrepair in previous years that was now not the case. There was a big focus on how all memorials were managed and submission for funding had been made to completely regenerate the memorial gardens to include a visitor centre, etc.

The Chair thanked Mr Curry for his presentation and reconvened the meeting at 6.48pm.

**FPC18-028** Minutes of the Parish Council – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**FPC18-029** To Welcome Revd Elizabeth Murray, the new Priest in Charge of Farndon with Thorpe, Hawton with Cotham

The Chair welcomed Reverend Liz Murray, Priest in Charge to the meeting.

Reverend Murray advised that she had 11 churches to look after so it was a busy parish. She was pleased to be at St Peter's and was enjoying getting to be known in the school and in the area.

**FPC18-030** To Welcome the New Chair of St Peter's Early Years, Kelly Farmer

The Chair welcomed Kelly Farmer, new Chair of Farndon St Peter's Early Years. Ms Farmer explained that she had recently moved to the village and had 2 small children of her own, one of which would be starting at Early Years shortly.

The nursery had 42 children, of which 36 were from the village, with 7 staff employed, 4 of whom lived in the village. Ms Farmer explained that Early Years wanted to be more involved with the village and an invitation was extended to the

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Parish Councillors to visit the nursery. It was felt important for the children to understand that they were part of a bigger picture, not just Early Years. The Chair thanked Ms Farmer for her attendance and reconvened the meeting

**FPC018-031** County Councillor Session – Cllr Mrs Saddington

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

**FPC018-032** Nottinghamshire County Council

(a) **Consultation on Nottinghamshire Local Geological Site Selection Criteria**

It was AGREED that the Clerk would liaise with FREG regarding whether the criteria could be used for the Farndon Ponds.

(b) **Completion of Installation of New Bus Shelter**

The Chair confirmed that the new Bus Shelter on Main Street had been installed. There had been an initial problem with the seat but that had been quickly fixed. A noticeboard had also been installed.

(c) **Great War Heritage Day – Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July – Rufford Abbey Country Park**

Details had been received of an event organised by Nottinghamshire County Council. Posters would be placed on the village noticeboards.

(d) **Advance Roadworks Bulletin – Temporary Road Closures – A617 Kelham Road**

Members received and noted information on the temporary road closures relating to the A617 Kelham Road on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

(e) **Garden Party Event – Farndon Boathouse**

The Clerk advised that the Countryside Access Team had contacted the Parish Council as a resident had expressed concern to them about an event planned for the Boathouse in July which they felt would prevent access to the public bridleway.

The Boathouse have stated that they will keep the route available at all times, with a minor diversion so the Team did not consider that a formal path closure was necessary. The Parish Council were asked to monitor the event and feedback if there were any problems.

**FPC18-033** District Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.53pm for District Councillors to present their report.

Councillor I Walker advised that Members had recently been to visit sites where various new homes were being built.

Councillor K Walker also welcomed Liz Murray and remarked that she will be very busy as she is Cllr Mrs Saddington's vicar in her Civic year for the County Council, and will also be Cllr Walker's vicar in his Civic year for the District Council.

The Chair thanked Members for their report and reconvened the meeting at 6.56pm.

**FPC18-034** Farndon Residents Environment Group

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.57pm for a report from FREG.

Benches and road signs finished off. Two litter picks in June for the best kept village competition. Three sessions of Himalayan Balsam pull.

Biological control not got very far, 5-10 years away. July there will be another Himalayan Balsam pulling session.

The Chair thanked Mr Dodson for his report and reconvened the meeting at 6.58pm.

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

**FPC18-035** Public 10 Minute Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.58pm to allow members of the public to ask any questions.

A member of public expressed concern at the amount of rubbish in the laybys located on the old A46 between Farndon and East Stoke and asked if they could be closed.

At the invitation of the Chair, Cllr I Walker advised that from a District Council perspective they were seeing if anything could be done but the decision rested with the County Council. The concerns surrounded the amount of rubbish plus if lorries weren't able to park there they could be parked in the lorry park.

Concern was also expressed at the emptying of the bins in the village which were overflowing on Friday. The Clerk confirmed they were emptied twice a week and last week had been emptied on Tuesday and Sunday.

It was AGREED that the Clerk would speak to the handyman to see if he could alter his collection days, with one being before the weekend.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.02pm

**FPC18-036** Parish Council Matters

(a) **To consider an application for co-option**

Members had been circulated with an application from Mr Peter Parker to join the Parish Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Kingston, seconded by Councillor Mrs Bayne that his application be accepted.

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The Chair welcomed Mr Parker to the Parish Council and advised that the Clerk would arrange for him to sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the end of the meeting.

(b) **To ratify the appointment of a Planning Consultant**

The Chair referred to the decision previously made for the need to retain a planning consultant to advise the Parish Council should be application to develop land adjacent to the A46 be submitted.

Discussion had taken place with SSA Planning and a fee proposal had now been received in the sum of £898.86 plus VAT. It was AGREED that SSA Planning be retained to assist the Parish Council going forward.

(c) **To appoint representatives to the Farndon Memorial Hall Trustees Committee**

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council could nominate up to 6 representatives to sit on the Farndon Memorial Hall Trustees Committee. Current nominees were Mr Everington and Councillors Oldham and Teixeira-Gomes.

It was AGREED that Councillor Mrs Kingston be nominated as a fourth representative and a request be posted on the Farndon Residents Facebook page to see if there were any villagers interested in joining as a Parish Council nomination.

(d) **Parking in the Meadows – Resident Request**

The Clerk advised that a request had been received from a resident of The Meadows asking for the Parish Council's assistance in addressing the parking issues on the street. As this area was the responsibility of Newark & Sherwood Homes, it was AGREED that the correspondence would be forwarded to Cllr I Walker who would raise the issue with appropriate Officers.

(e) **Land ownership**

The Clerk confirmed that details of land ownership had now been received and would be reviewed with Councillor Duckmanton with a view to contacting owners regarding ways of addressing the fly tipping.

**FPC18-037** Update Reports from Chairs

(a) **Chair**

The Chair had no matters to report.

(b) **Planning**

**Environmental Impact Assessment Not Required - 18/SCR/00004 – 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 and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) with associated parking and access from Fosse Way.**

Noted that no Environmental Impact Assessment was required. No further information had been received on the application at this stage.

**Amended Plans - 18/00765/FUL – 1 School Lane, Farndon - Demolition of attached garage and erection of dwelling**

Discussion took place on the amended plans that had been received for the development.

It was noted that the Planning Officer was recommending that the application be approved in a report that was due to be considered by the Planning Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018.

Members were concerned at the dimensions proposed for the garage which it was considered could impact on neighbouring residential properties. They also considered that a condition was needed for the 8ft border.

It was noted that the applicant had tried to do what they could to help neighbours but had appeared to be hampered by Conservation.

It was unanimously AGREED that the Chair would meet with the Planning and Conservation Officer to try and reach an effective compromise for all.

**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)**

**18/01118/FUL - Future Fishing Ltd, Unit 17 Hardys Business Park, Hawton Lane, Farndon - Application to Retain Existing Building and Use Building for a Mixed Use of B1 (Business); B8 (Storage and Distribution) and Sui Generis for a Retail Warehouse Club**

**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)**

Councillor Baker advised that he would be visiting the units during the week and would advise Members if he felt there was any reason not to support the applications. This was unanimously AGREED.

It was noted that a personal interest would need to be recorded for Councillor Mrs Kingston and Councillor Duckmanton.

**18/01129/HPRIOR – 30 Brockton Avenue, Farndon - Householder prior approval for single storey rear extension The length that the extension extends beyond the rear wall of the original house: 4.387 metres Eaves height of the extension: 2.6 metres Maximum height of the extension: 3.887 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.

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**18/00869/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.**

After discussion it was unanimously AGREED that the application be not supported as it was in the conservation area and UPVC was not considered an appropriate material.

**18/01026/TPO – 14 Westfield Way, Farndon - Undertake work to tree protected by TPO N45 Group 1 Crown lift to 3m from ground level, 1 No. Holly Tree to provide clearance from neighbouring property – Permission Granted**

Members noted that permission had been granted to undertake the work outlined to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

**Decision Notice - 18/00421/FUL – Shine Car Wash, Fosse Road, Farndon, NG23 5QH – Change of use to a hand car wash & valeting service (retrospective)**

Members received and noted the decision notice granting retrospective planning permission.

**Decision Notice - 18/00686/FUL – Wayside, Marsh Lane, Farndon – Householder application for demolition of a single storey failing, unsuitable extension and its replacement with a single storey extension**

Members received and noted the decision notice granting planning permission for the extension.

(c)

### **General Purposes**

#### **DooDoo Watch Scheme**

The Clerk referred to information forwarded from FREG about an online scheme to highlight where there were incidences of dog fouling.

After discussion it was AGREED that the position of all the dog bins and litter bins throughout the village be plotted on a map and shared on the Farndon Residents Facebook, together with an explanation of where bags containing dog waste could be deposited.

The Clerk was also asked to investigate a scheme run by the National Trust to see if it would be of benefit.

#### **Installation of Silent Soldier**

The Silent Soldier was not installed on the green at the Main Street crossroads. Good feedback had been received from residents.

A discussion took place on where it should be in the long term. It was AGREED that it should remain in its present position over the Summer but that it should be relocated in to the Cemetery in time for Remembrance Sunday.

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### **Community Engagement through the Farndon Focus**

Councillor Rhodes-Yeomans reported that there had been a good response from the 6 to 11 year age groups to the football training recently arranged on the playing field. However, there had only been 3 in attendance from the 12-16 year age group.

Councillor Rhodes-Yeomans considered there was a lack of facilities for, and therefore engagement with, the 12-16 year age group.

After discussion it was AGREED that an article be placed in the next issue of the Farndon Focus to ask for ideas from the community of how this could be addressed and what facilities/events might see them more engaged.

Discussion also took place on whether the Memorial Hall could be used for a Youth Club. It was explained that this had been tried previously but there had been a number of issues. It was AGREED that Councillor Rhodes-Yeomans be nominated to also serve on the Trustees Committee as a Parish Council representative. This would mean he could raise matters directly with the Trustees and report back to a future meeting.

(d)

### **Playing Field**

#### **Damage to Play Area Gate**

The Clerk reported on damage caused to the play area gate, seemingly from a knife. The matter had been reported to the Police by a resident whose child had witnessed the damage being caused. The Clerk had been in contact with the Police but no crime report number had been provided. It was understood that names had been passed on to the Police.

#### **Release of Sky Lanterns & Helium Balloons – Request from NSDC**

Members received and noted correspondence from Newark & Sherwood District Council regarding their recently adopted policy on banning the release of sky lanterns and helium balloons from land in their ownership.

A request had been made for Parish Councils to adopt the same stance and this was unanimously AGREED by Members.

#### **Playing Field Weed Spray**

The Clerk advised that no contractor had yet been found to undertake the annual weed spray. Councillors Mrs Kingston and Parker advised that they were aware of a contractor in East Stoke and would make contact with them.

#### **Football Goals**

Councillor Duckmanton reported that, as previously discussed, the current small goalposts could be made slightly bigger. It was AGREED that this be undertaken.

### **Football Team**

Councillor Duckmanton reported that an enquiry had been received from a football team that wanted to relocate to Farndon. It was AGREED that this be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

(e)

### **Cemetery**

#### **Work by Sexton**

Councillor Mrs Bayne reported on the excellent work being undertaken by the Sexton in the Cemetery.

#### **Purchase of New Mower & Other Equipment**

Members were advised of the purchase of a new mower which could be used in the Church yard as well as in the Cemetery. It would reduce the need for strimming and better control the grass.

Additional equipment had also been purchased as outlined in the payment schedule.

(f)

### **Ponds & Riverside**

Councillor Teixeira-Gomes expressed his thanks to FREG for the work they had undertaken in helping to get the village ready for the best kept village competition.

#### **Installation of Disabled Picnic Bench**

The Clerk reported that the bench was now installed on the picnic area.

With the agreement of the Chair, a resident reported a broken picnic bench. After discussion it was identified that this was on land owned by the Riverside Inn. The resident also expressed concern that the area around the closed public toilets was being used as a toilet. It was AGREED that the Clerk would contact the owners.

#### **Parking on the Slipway**

The Clerk reported that vehicles had recently been seen parked on the grass area by the slipway.

Given the potential health & safety risk of accessing this area across the slipway, it was AGREED that a knee rail be installed along the length of the grassed area.

#### **Nitrous Oxide Canisters**

The Clerk advised that a number of used canisters had been found around the village. It was AGREED that the Clerk should make the Handyman aware and also liaise with the school.

**FPC18-038**

### **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.

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- (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 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018**  
Members received the Council's financial position as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018.
- (d) **To note the completion of the Internal Audit**  
The Clerk confirmed that the Internal Audit had been completed. One error had been detected which had been rectified. The accounts could now be submitted for external audit.
- (e) **To receive and approve the Annual Governance Statement**  
Members received and approved the Annual Governance Statement as at 31st March 2018 and AGREED that it should be signed by the Chairman.
- (f) **To receive and approve the Accounting Statement for the Financial Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018**  
Members received, noted and agreed the Accounting Statement as at 31st March 2018 and AGREED that it should be signed by the Chairman.
- (g) **To note the dates of the period for the exercise of public rights**  
Members noted that the Annual Return would now be submitted to the external auditors and notices outlining the period for the exercise of public rights from 2<sup>nd</sup> July through to would be posted on the noticeboards and on the Council's website.

**FPC18-039** Notts Association of Local Councils

- (a) **Judicial Review Decision**  
Members received and noted information from NALC regarding a judicial review undertaken following a claim brought against Ledbury Town Council
- (b) **The Beat - Newsletter**  
Members noted receipt of The Beat Newsletter which had been circulated for information.

**FPC18-040** To receive any correspondence

- (a) **Decision Notice – 18/00770/LDC - Land to the North of Corner House Farm, Hawton Lane, Farndon**  
Members received and noted the decision notice granting a Certificate of Lawful Use.
- (b) **Chubb – Site Non Compliant**  
The Clerk referred to correspondence received from Chubb Fire & Security Ltd following the annual fire extinguisher service. The engineer had identified that two

of the extinguishers were non-compliant and a quotation had been received in the sum of £391.44 to replace.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should liaise with the Memorial Hall to ascertain whether the extinguishers were a requirement of the lease. If it was then alternative quotations to be sought.

(c) **1st Farndon Brownies**

The Clerk advised that correspondence had been received from 1<sup>st</sup> Farndon Brownies returning the grant of £100 made to the Unit last year as the camp had not gone ahead. After discussion it was AGREED that the Unit Leader be advised that the grant could be retained as a donation.

(d) **Letter re Facilities at Playing Field**

A group of young people had submitted a letter asking if it would be possible for the skatepark to be extended in to the area where the zip wire was.

The Clerk advised that the play area inspection report was awaited but explained that the zip wire had been removed because of a knot in the seat chain and difficulties in sourcing one that could not be knotted.

There were funds set aside from the returned Section 206 monies to make changes to the play area and the request could be considered as part of that review.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should respond to the letter to that effect.

(e) **Letter from Residents**

The Chair referred to a letter received from a resident objecting to the planning application 18/SCR/00004.

This would be submitted to the Planning Authority at the appropriate time.

**FPC18-041** To receive items for notification

(a) **Parking on Oak Avenue**

Councillor Oldham commented on the fact that the Parish Council's concerns about parking on Oak Avenue had come to fruition with the development of the garage sites. The Chair referred to Councillor Laughton's involvement, with a report expected to be submitted to the Strategic Housing Committee in July.

(b) **Bollards on Sandhill Road**

Councillor Duckmanton referred to the continued parking on the verge on Sandhill Road. The Chair advised that this matter had been discussed with the Highways Authority but no action was proposed. The Clerk would forward a copy of the minute following the on site visit.

(c) **Long Lane Bus Stop**

Councillor Teixeira-Gomes referred to the condition of the bus stop on Long Lane. It was AGREED that the Clerk should liaise with Transport Services at the County Council to see if it could be replaced with the same model used on Main Street.

(d) **BT Kiosk**

The Chair congratulated Mr Swanwick on the work undertaken in painting the BT kiosk. It was noted that the glass panels at the top needed to be replaced. The Clerk to look at kiosks in Rolleston and Maplebeck.

**FPC18-042** Date of Next Meeting  
Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.