

Minutes of the Farndon Parish Council held on Monday, 26th March 2018 at 6.40pm in the Parish Room

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, K Walker, N Mison and B Laughton, Mr Swanwick (FREG), and 2 members of the public

FPC17-140 Apologies for absence

Received and accepted from Cllr M Oldham and County Cllr Mrs Saddington.

FPC17-141 Declarations of interest

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

FPC17-142 Minutes of the Parish Council – Monday, 26th February 2018

Subject to an amendment to reflect that Councillor K Walker had been in attendance, and Councillor I Walker had given his apologies, together with an amendment on page 3 to read 'Parish Council' instead of 'Parish Church' the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 26th February 2018 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

FPC17-143 County Councillor Session – Cllr Mrs Saddington

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

FPC17-144 Nottinghamshire County Council

(a) **Local Improvement Scheme 2018-21 Village Gateway Sign Application**

The Clerk referred to correspondence received which outlined suggestions for judging the competition.

After discussion Members decided that they would like to see all entries in the competition and that all children at the school should be eligible to enter.

The Clerk was asked to enquire if Members could judge entries at the school.

(b) **Launch of the Veterans Together Network**

Members received and noted information received from Nottinghamshire County Council on the launch of the Veterans Together Network.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should display the information on the noticeboard. The information could also be included in the Farndon Focus.

FPC17-145 District Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.43pm for Cllr Walker to present his report.

Cllr K Walker introduced Cllr Laughton who had responsibility for Newark & Sherwood Homes in his remit. Cllr Laughton, accompanied by Cllr I Walker, had visited Almond Grove and Oak Avenue to view the parking situation prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Cllr Laughton explained that Newark & Sherwood Homes needed to delivery 340 homes over a 5 year period. To help deliver this, Newark & Sherwood Homes had been successful in receiving Government funding of £42,000 per property, which had not been factored in to the original budget so had reduced the cost significantly.

The project was coming to the end of its first year, with building taking place all over the District. It was recognised that some of the areas had parking problems.

Cllr Duckmanton asked if the £42,000 per property could be used towards alleviating parking problems that were being experienced by residents in Farndon. Cllr Laughton advised that he could take that request back for discussion with Housing Officers and report back to a future meeting of the Parish Council. Any proposals would have to be subject to consultation with residents.

Cllr Duckmanton referred to the fact that the Parish Council had objected to the proposals but permission had been granted. The residents needed to know that they were being heard.

On other matters, Cllr I Walker referred to the storage of lorries on land adjacent to the A46 which had now been removed. The investigation was ongoing.

An investigation was also being undertaken on a potential noise nuisance to the village from a business located between Cotham and Hawton.

Cllr Mison advised that fly tipping was on the increase across the district. There was now an option to report any tipping directly through the District Council's website. More funding was being made available for fly tipping enforcement.

With permission from the Chair, a member of the public asked if it would be possible to close the two laybys between Farndon and East Stoke as they suffered with litter deposits and also had no facilities for overnight parking.

The Chair thanked District Members for their report and reconvened the meeting at 7.03pm.

FPC17-146 Farndon Residents Environment Group

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.04pm for a report from FREG.

Mr Swanwick advised that two litter picks had been arranged in the last two weeks but had been cancelled due to the weather and the river being in flood. One had taken place on Sunday, 25th March.

Work was scheduled for the Church yard in April.

The Chair thanked Mr Swanwick for his report and reconvened the meeting at 7.05pm.

FPC17-147 Public 10 Minute Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.06pm to allow members of the public to ask any questions.

No questions were asked and the meeting was reconvened at 7.07pm.

FPC17-148 Parish Council Matters

(a) To consider an application for co-option

Members had been circulated with an application from Mr Rhodes-Yeomans for co-option on to the Parish Council.

After consideration, Members were pleased to accept the application and welcomed Mr Rhodes-Yeomans as a Member of the Parish Council.

The Clerk would liaise and arrange completion of appropriate documentation and inform Newark & Sherwood District Council.

(b) Best Kept Village Competition

The Clerk summarised the initial meeting that had been held on Wednesday, 14th March 2018.

The next meeting was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 4th April when consideration would be given to a letter for circulation to local businesses and organisations outlining the competition and asking for support in cascading information.

(c) Licensing of New Priest – Wednesday, 11th April at 7.30pm

The Clerk advised that an invitation had been extended From the Churchwardens to Members to attend the licensing of the new priest, Liz Murray, at St Peter's Church at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th April. Cllr Mrs Bayne and Cllr Teixeira-Gomes confirmed they would be able to attend.

The Clerk was asked to enquire if the back two pews on the left hand side of the Church were reserved for the Parish Council.

(d) Newark Healthcare Consultative Group – 9th March 2018

Members noted receipt of the minutes of the Group held on 9th March. Copies had been forwarded to Cllrs Oldham and Mrs Bayne and it was AGREED that a copy be

forwarded to all Members.

(e) **WW1 Commemorations**

Members noted that Silent Soldiers had now become available and that an order had been placed for one for the village. The cost would be met from the Chairman's Allowance.

FPC17-149 Update Reports from Chairs

(a) **Chairman's Report**

The Chair advised that Cllr Oldham had advised that he wanted to resign from the Parish Council due to ongoing health issues. The Clerk was in correspondence with him to see if he would like to continue as a Member and attend when his health allowed. A response was awaited.

A Planning Officer would be needed to take over Cllr Oldham's duties in reviewing applications. After discussion it was AGREED that Cllr Millner would take over these duties, with support from the Chair.

(b) **Planning & General Purposes**

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

This was a retrospective application, the site had been in operation as a car wash since 2011. There was a concern about dumping of rubbish from the site and what arrangements were in place for trade waste, both storage and collection. It was noted that FREG had found large canisters of car wash on the river bank which may have come from the site.

After discussion it was AGREED that the Chair and Cllr Millner would visit the site and discuss the concerns in more detail.

18/00314/FUL – 18 Oak Avenue, Farndon – Householder application for erection of two storey side extension

The application would be reviewed by Cllr Millner and the Chair.

18/00230/FUL – Hollytree Cottage, 2 North End, Farndon – Householder application for two storey extension to side of dwelling

The link to the application on the District Council's website would be forwarded to the Chair and Cllr Millner for review.

17/02303/FUL – Land at Orston House, 109 Fosse Road, Farndon – Formation of New Vehicular Access to serve Existing Dwelling. Erection of New Dwelling to be served by Existing Vehicular Access

The link to the application on the District Council's website would be forwarded to the Chair and Cllr Millner for review.

Parking on the Verge – Sandhill Road

Cllr Mrs Gafney raised a concern from a resident about a van consistently parking on the grass verge on Sandhill Road. It was AGREED that the Clerk would report the matter to County Highways.

(c) **Playing Field**

Farndon Bowling Club – Dates for allocated vehicular access

Members noted that the Bowls Club had advised of 3 of the allocated 4 vehicular access dates as follows:

Sunday, 15th July

Sunday, 5th August

Saturday, 1st September

The fourth date would be notified as soon as a decision had been made.

It was AGREED that the Clerk would purchase 5mph signs to use along the route as the temporary ones had worked well in 2017.

Quotation for Electricity Connection

Members noted the quotation from Western Power Distribution to provide an electricity connection to the play area. It was AGREED that no further action be taken.

Request from resident – Tennis Courts

Members considered the request from a resident regarding the provision of tennis courts in the village. After discussion it was AGREED that the resident be informed that, at this present time, there was no available land to provide such a facility but that there were courts available on Sherwood Avenue, Newark and at Newark Tennis Club on London Road.

Repairs to Play Area

The Clerk advised that the new handholds had been placed on the climbing wall. The Sexton/Handyman would be attending a Play Area Inspection training course on 1st May 2018.

(d) **Cemetery**

Cllr Mrs Bayne reported that there was little to report, but that positive comments had been received about the works undertaken to the conifers.

The search for additional land for a Cemetery was ongoing.

(e) **Ponds & Riverside**

Report from Environment Agency

Members received and noted the report produced by the Environment Agency following their visit to evaluate the ponds in November 2017.

It was AGREED that the report be circulated to all Members so that they were aware of

all the recommendations. A copy to also be forwarded to FREG for information.

Bins at Ponds

Cllr Teixeira-Gomes asked that the bins on the ponds be inspected as they were looking worn and may need to be replaced.

Dog Bin

The Clerk advised that the new dog bin had been installed on the green at the junction of Fairfield Avenue and Marsh Lane.

Cllr Teixeira-Gomes asked if the number of dog bins could be reviewed at the ponds and another one installed if one was in stock.

Picnic Tables for the Disabled

Cllr Teixeira-Gomes noted that there were no picnic tables for disabled people to sit at in the village. It was AGREED that the Clerk should investigate cost and report back to a future meeting.

Right of Access to the Ponds

The Clerk was asked to review the deeds to the ponds to identify if there was a right of access granted to the Parish Council.

FPC17-150 Financial Matters

- (a) **To consider accounts for payments in accordance with the circulated schedule**
Members received and noted the accounts for payment.
- (b) **To note any receipts in accordance with the circulated schedule**
Members received and noted the receipts received.
- (c) **To note the Council's financial position as at 26th March 2018**
Members noted the Council's financial position as at 26th March 2018.

FPC17-151 Notts Association of Local Councils

- (a) **GDPR Update**
The Clerk advised that information had been received from the Association regarding the new GDPR rules. It was a comprehensive document which the Clerk would review and then report back to Members.
- (b) **Notts Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter – The Beat**
Members received and noted the Newsletter from the Police & Crime Commissioner.

FPC17-152 To receive any correspondence

- (a) **Planning : Nuts and bolts**
The Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils had arranged two sessions covering the basic principles of planning, including policy, applications, appeals and

enforcement.

One session was on Wednesday, 20th June at Shelford Village Hall, the second on Thursday, 28th June at Elkesley Memorial Hall. Both sessions were from 1pm to 4pm.

After discussion, Cllr Teixeira-Gomes stated that he would like to attend a session. The Clerk to forward details and book as appropriate.

FPC17-153 To receive items for notification

(a) **Long Lane**

Cllr Duckmanton requested permission to liaise with the Clerk to identify those who owned the land on the road down to the River Trent, with a view to engaging in a discussion to install a gate at the top of the lane. It was AGREED that the Clerk be authorised to obtain office copies as required through the Council's solicitors.

(b) **Street Light – Oak Avenue**

Cllr Millner advised that the street light on Oak Avenue was still not working. The Clerk was asked to report again.

(c) **Litter Bin – California Road**

Cllr Millner reported that the District Council's litter bin on California Road was now missing. It was AGREED that the Clerk would report it to Waste Services.

(d) **Community Based Activities**

New Member, Nick Rhodes-Yeomans, asked if there were any community based activities in Farndon organised by the Parish Council. He suggested that a fishing club or youth club might be beneficial.

(e) **Annual Footpath Walk**

It was AGREED that the Clerk would liaise with Members to arrange a mutually convenient date for the footpath inspection.

FPC17-154 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 23rd April 2018

The meeting closed at 9pm.