

**Minutes of the Farndon Parish Council held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 6.30pm in the Parish Council Room**

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

**Also in attendance:** 1 member of the public

**FPC17-40** Apologies for absence

Received and accepted by Cllr Mrs Bayne, Cllr N Mison and Cllr Mrs Saddington.

**FPC17-41** Declarations of interest

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

**FPC17-42** Minutes of the Parish Council – Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**FPC17-43** County Councillor Sessions – Cllr Mrs Saddington

No report was presented as Cllr Mrs Saddington had given her apologies.

**FPC17-44** District Councillor Session

No report was presented.

**FPC17-45** Farndon Residents Environment Group

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.35pm to allow Pauline to present her report.

A litter pick and pulling of the Himalayan balsam had taken place over the last month. It was reported that the balsam pull would continue as long as it was safe to do so.

The Chair thanked Pauline for her report and reconvened the meeting at 6.36pm.

**FPC17-46** Public 10 Minute Session

No questions were raised.

**FPC17-47** Parish Council Matters

(a) **Trade Waste Disposal**

The Clerk confirmed that the green waste bins had been delivered and were now sited behind the mortuary. They were only to be used for green waste generated by the

handyman.

(b) **Invitation to Attend NHS Newark & Sherwood CCG Annual Public Meeting – 14th September 2017**

Members received and noted the invitation to the Annual Public Meeting scheduled to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

(c) **Draft Minutes from the Newark Healthcare Consultative Group – 30th June 2017**

Members received and noted the minutes from the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

(d) **Best Kept Village Competition – Prize for Best New Entrant & Preparations for 2018**

Members were pleased to note that the Parish Council had been successful in winning the Best New Entrant in the 2017 Best Kept Village Competition. Presentations would take place at the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Council's AGM in November.

It was AGREED that an item would be included on the October agenda to plan the way forward for the 2018 competition.

**Recycling point for the village – offer from CHP (Midlands) Ltd**

Discussion took place around a query received from CHP (Midlands) Ltd.

At present moment not aware of any available land, that hadn't previously been explored. However, contact details of the Memorial Hall Committee to be passed on for the enquirer to make direct contact.

In response to a suggestion by Councillor Gomes, it was AGREED that the Clerk should contact County Highways to enquire if the stopped up highway across from Main Street could be utilised.

**Feedback from the 4th July Fun Run**

The Chair referred to an email received from Peter Davis which outlined the success of the Fun Run held on 4<sup>th</sup> July and extended thanks to the Parish Council for their assistance.

**FPC17-48** Update Reports from Chairs

(a) **Planning & General Purposes**

Stopping up of Highway – California Road

The stopping up of the highway on California Road to facilitate the development of a bungalow had been confirmed.

Decision Notice – 1700216/FUL – Development of 1 x 2 bed bungalow – land between 4-6 California Road, Farndon

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

Decision Notice – 17/00042/FUL – Demolition of garage court and the development of 2 x no 2 bed bungalows – Garage courts adjacent 27-29 Almond Grove, Farndon  
Members received and noted the decision notice granting planning permission for the development.

Decision Notice - 17/00218/FUL – Development of 6 x 2 bed residential dwellings & 2 x 3 bed residential dwellings (phase 1) – land at Staveley Court, Farndon  
Members received and noted the decision notice granting planning permission for the development.

Decision Notice - 17/00758/FUL – Householder application for the erection of a two storey extension to side of existing dwelling – 21 Marsh Lane, Farndon  
Members received and noted the decision notice granting planning permission for the development.

Decision Notice – 17/00866/FUL – Householder application for erection of a first floor extension to form ensuite – Manor Barns, Main Street, Farndon  
Members received and noted the decision notice granting planning permission for the development.

Decision Notice – 17/01087/FUL – Householder application for erection of an oak framed single garage in front garden – 3 Prebends Close, Farndon  
Members received and noted the decision notice granting planning permission for the development.

17/01314/TWCA – 3 Prebends Close, Farndon - 1 No. Silver Birch - reduce height by up to 3m and sides to match & 1 No. Cherry Plum - Reduce by up to 2m all round  
Members noted the application for work to trees in the conservation area at 3 Prebends Close.

17/01407/TWCA – Land off North End, Farndon - Section fell dead Lombardi stem and stump grind; Section fell dead Copper Beech and stump grind; Target pruning of medium English Oak off adjacent building roof (Boathouse) and side back to boundary line; and Pollard Horse Chestnut to crown break leaving stem at approx 4.5mts  
Members noted the application for work to trees on the Council's land at the Picnic Area and on the Riverside car park.

It was AGREED that the tree survey previously undertaken be reviewed to establish if any problems had been identified with the trees now requiring work.

Condition of Pavements - California Road and The Copse  
Councillor Oldham referred to the poor state of repair of the pavements around The Copse and California Road.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should log these on the online portal and ask for an inspection to be made. Councillor Mrs Saddington to also be made aware.

Vegetation overhanging Footpath

Councillor Mrs Gafney raised a problem reported by a resident regarding a boundary hedge overhanging on to the footpath from West End to Thorpe.

It was AGREED that this should be reported to the County Council's Rights of Way department and an inspection requested.

After discussion, it was AGREED that an annual footpath inspection walk be arranged so that Members could walk all the footpaths in the village. This would ensure continuance of access and also identify any areas that needed addressing.

Land at 9 Main Street

Members expressed their concern at the height of the development on land at 9 Main Street.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should seek clarification from Newark & Sherwood District Council that the development was being built in lines with permission granted.

Bus Shelter – Main Street

The Clerk confirmed that the damage to the roof had previously been logged with Nottinghamshire County Council.

It was AGREED that an update be requested and any information circulated to Members so that they were kept informed.

Bridge to Hawton

Councillor Mrs Gafney asked if a mirror could be requested at the bridge to provide a visual aid for drivers.

It was noted that this was outside of the Parish Council's boundary but the request would be passed on to Councillor Mrs Saddington to investigate.

Verge on Main Street

Councillor Gomes asked if the railings around the trees could be added to the maintenance list as they required painting.

(b) **Playing Field**

Enquiry to use playing field by football team - update

Councillor Duckmanton advised that the previous enquiry was no longer valid as the team had folded.

However, an enquiry had been made from another team regarding the possibility of using the field for football training and matches on a Sunday between 9.30am and 1pm.

Enquiries would need to be made of the Cricket Club regarding use of changing rooms and potential storage of the goalposts, and of the Council's contractor regarding marking out of the pitch.

After discussion it was AGREED that Councillor Duckmanton and the Clerk should liaise on whether this was viable and report back to a future meeting.

Early Years request to erect a pergola – update

Following the request to erect a pergola, a further request had been made to put polycarbonate sides on to allow greater protection for the children in inclement weather. This had been AGREED after consultation with Councillor Duckmanton and the Chair, subject to the Parish Council having the right to request they be replaced should they be looking worn.

Quotation for works to play area

The Clerk advised that a quotation had now been received for work to the equipment on the play area. Given the substantial cost, due to the original manufacturers no longer trading, it was AGREED that the Clerk should pursue replacement equipment from Wicksteed.

Quotation for replacement bins for play area

A quotation to replace the bins in the play area had been received in the sum of £152.23 per bin.

It was AGREED that two bins be purchased and installed as soon as possible.

It was further AGREED that the liner in the sum of £37.40 be purchased if it met requirements.

Works to Container

The Clerk updated Members on the work undertaken at the container to allow the Council's ride on mowers to be stored in it. The wooden ramp was working well and had been substantially cheaper than the quotations received for a metal ramp.

Update on Farndon Cricket Club President's Day/Village Fete – 9th September 2017

Members received and noted the update on arrangements for the President's Day/Village Fete on 9<sup>th</sup> September.

(c)

**Cemetery**

Tree works

A request had been received from a resident of a neighbouring property for a Silver Birch to be pruned as it was overhanging. The Council's contractor had inspected the tree and agreed that work was required.

It was AGREED that this work be undertaken as soon as possible.

Works to Mortuary

The Clerk advised that quotations were awaited to complete the security works to the mortuary.

(d) **Ponds & Riverside**

Riverside Car Park

Councillor Gomes expressed his disappointment that the car park had still not been cleared effectively.

It was AGREED that the Clerk discuss this with the Handyman who had been tasked with the work.

Repairs to Revetment

It was AGREED that this item be deferred to the September meeting.

Tree works

This had been covered under Planning and General Purposes.

Diversion of Public Bridleway – Boathouse Summer Garden Party – 22nd July 2017 – feedback on diversion

Members noted that the Boathouse had adhered to the instructions issued by Nottinghamshire County Council to divert the Bridleway.

Vandalism

Members noted that there had been an incident where bales of straw used at the Boathouse Summer Garden Party had been moved on to the picnic area and set alight. The Fire Brigade had attended and a major fire averted by their quick response.

The straw had been moved by the Council's staff and disposed of.

After discussion, it was AGREED that the Clerk should liaise with the Boathouse over the way the straw had been stored following the event on 22<sup>nd</sup> July and assurance sought that this would not be repeated.

**FPC17-31** Financial Matters

(a) **To consider accounts for payments in accordance with the circulated schedule**

Members received and noted the accounts for payment in accordance with the circulated schedules.

(b) **To note any receipts in accordance with the circulated schedule**

Members received and noted receipts received in accordance with the circulated schedules.

(c) **To note the Council's financial position as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017**

In a change to the agenda item, Members received and noted the Council's financial position as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

(e) **External Audit – Update**

Members were advised that the public inspection period closed on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Only one request had been received from a member of the public. Their enquiry had been dealt with by the Clerk after consultation with the Chair.

**FPC17-32** Newark & Sherwood District Council

(a) **Newark & Sherwood Publication Amended Core Strategy Development Plan Document Representation Period**

It was AGREED that the Clerk should review the documentation and respond in conjunction with Councillor Oldham.

**FPC17-34** Notts Association of Local Councils

**Good Councillors Guide to Finance & Transparency**

Members received and noted the guide that had been circulated electronically for information.

**FPC17-35** To receive any correspondence

**Decision Notice – 17/00219/FUL – Land at Staveley Court, Farndon – Development of 1 Bedroom Bungalows and 1 x 3 Bedroom Bungalow (Phase 2)**

The Clerk advised that the decision notice had now been received regarding Phase 2, granting planning permission.

**Decision Notice – 17/01155/LBC – Chestnut Farm, 36 Main Street, Farndon – Replace 1 First Floor window exactly as it is but use very slim double glazing units in the glass**

The Clerk advised that the decision notice had now been received which granted permission.

**Decision Notice – 16/01903/FUL – 9A Cross Lane, Farndon – Conversion of Outbuilding to Form Dwelling**

The Clerk advised that the decision notice had now been received which granted planning permission.

**Memorial Bench**

The Clerk advised that the wording had been agreed for the memorial bench. It would be sited at the Ponds and discussions were being held with the family to determine an appropriate time to coincide with anniversary dates.

**Adopt a Kiosk**

The Clerk advised that BT had acknowledged receipt of the signed contract and payment. Arrangements would now be made for removal of the telephony. The Parish Council would receive a completion notice by email.

**Information from Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils**

Members received and noted information received from the Association regarding a

message from Notts Police re recent Ram Raids and from the Environment Agency regarding Fly Tipping.

Notification had also been received regarding the Annual General Meeting which would be an agenda item on the September meeting.

**Thank You Card**

A card had been received thanking the Parish Council for the floral bouquet sent to a resident celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**FPC17-36** To receive items for notification

(a) **Cottage Lane**

The Chair updated Members on the discussions that had been held with the owner of land at Cottage Lane.

**FPC17-37** Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.