

Farndon Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.30PM, IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, FARNDON.

Present: Cllr P Fish, Cllr F Henderson, Cllr V Roberts, Cllr S Rowlandson (Chairman), Cllr K Wakefield and Cllr H Williams.

In attendance: Cllr H Greenwood, 5 members of the public and Mrs C Taylor (Temporary Clerk).

18.18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Griffiths, Cllr M Jones, Cllr L Morris and Cllr J Hillyer.

Resolved: that the apologies be noted.

The Chairman advised that Cllr N Lewis had tendered his resignation from the Parish Council which had been acknowledged by the Clerk.

Resolved: The Chairman would write to Cllr Lewis on behalf of the Parish Council and the Clerk would advertise the vacancy.

19.18 GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

Members of the public present at the meeting expressed continuing concerns regarding the current operational situation regarding the C56 bus service. A request was made for the bus stop before the junction of Greenway to be recognised as an official stop.

The Chairman outlined the current position following a meeting between Stagecoach, affected Parish Councils, Cllr Greenwood and a CWAC representative. CWAC had stated that they would fund a service to Chester for 12 months post April in the first instance. A meeting between Wrexham Borough Council and Stagecoach was planned.

Resolved: Clerk to write to Stagecoach requesting the stop at Greenway be made permanent.

Edward Trevor-Barnston reported that the Farndon car park was to be upgraded by the Barnston Estate at end March/early April. A suggestion was made that some of the scrapings could be used to alleviate the situation with the road surface at Brewery Lane.

Resolved: Noted and Edward to make enquiries with regards to Brewery Lane.

20.18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

21.18 COMMUNITY SAFETY

No member of the Community Safety team was in attendance.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to the police requesting their presence at the next meeting.

22.18 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Greenwood reported that following liaison with Streetscene the Christmas trees awaiting collection from The Greyhound car park would be removed the following day.

Resolved: Noted.

Cllr Greenwood reported that an enforcement notice was going to be served on the chalet at the riverbank and once the notice period had been observed the chalet could be removed.

Resolved: Noted.

23.18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 2nd January 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Roberts, seconded by Cllr Williams.

24.18 CLERKS REPORT

DEFIBRILLATOR: Noted that the defibrillator was now out of warranty.

Resolved: Clerk to purchase battery and pads.

Resolved: That the remainder of the report from the Clerk be noted.

25.18 PLANNING

Applications:

17/04616/FUL Land to rear of Del Rio and Rivercrest, Townfield Lane, Farndon. Construction of greenhouse, fish food store, barn and fish holding tanks.

Previously resolved (197.17): No objections as appeared to be retrospective. Decision still awaited.

Decisions:

17/04884/FUL Land at Masons Close, erection of one house.

Previously resolved (197.17): Withdrawn.

APPEAL DECISION APP/AO665/W/17/3187692: 17/03232/FUL 23 Dee Crescent, Farndon CH3 6QJ. Proposed development of 5 no. residential dwellings consisting 1 no. detached bungalow and 4 no. storey and a half detached dwellings. **Appeal dismissed by The Planning Inspectorate 29 January 2018.**

26.18 FINANCE

Resolved: that the payment of salaries and expenses, the payment of invoices for goods received and services rendered were approved, receipts and current balances noted.

Proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Williams.

27.18 BUDGET

TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE WORKING GROUP FOR THE BUDGETRY REQUIREMENTS FOR 2018/19; ALSO, TO AGREE THE PRECEPT REQUEST TO BE SUBMITTED TO CW&C.

The clerk provided copies of the budget proposal (with options) produced by the Finance Working Group by a process of identifying relevant budget headings and apportioning costs.

Also taken into consideration was money that had been 'ring-fenced' for specific projects such as the new burial ground which currently stands at £6331.

Resolved: Staff costs budget heading to be discussed as a Part 11 item to further inform the decision-making process.

Resolved: Members present unanimously agreed to a Precept request of £29,000.

Proposed by Cllr F Henderson, seconded by Cllr P Fish.

Resolved: all agreed.

28.18 INTERNAL AUDIT

Resolved: Helen Wellfield (Dotty about Accounts) be retained as Internal Auditor for 2018/19.

29.18 CREMATION GARDEN BOUNDARY

Agreement reached between resident and Parish Council regarding the issue of the boundary and Rectory Close.

Resolved: Clerk to invoice resident.

30.18 BURIAL GROUND CHARGES

Burial Ground charges have not been reviewed since 2016.

Resolved; Charges to increase by 10% with effect from 1 April 2018 with the exception of the administration charge which will decrease from £84 to £40.

Proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Fish.

31.18 MEETING WITH STAGECOACH

Noted: This Item discussed at Item 2.

32.18 WEBSITE

Cllr Wakefield had spent time updating the website and making it more informative and user friendly.

Resolved: Cllrs should use the site and pass any comments to Cllr Wakefield.

33.18 SPRING NEWSLETTER

Intention is to circulate the newsletter at the end of April.

Resolved: All items for inclusion to be received by Cllr Wakefield by 6 March to facilitate a draft for approval at the 3rd April Parish Council meeting.

Clerk to invite Stagecoach to submit an article.

34.18 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Resolved: To be held at 7pm prior to the 3rd April Parish Council meeting.

35.18 PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL DINNER

Venue to be confirmed at March meeting.

Resolved: To be held Tuesday 20 March 2018.

36.18 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Noted: Referendum to take place Thursday 22 February 2018.

37.18 CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS AND INVITATIONS

Letter received from HM Courts & Tribunals Service Re. Admiral Taverns v Cheshire West & Chester Council and Farndon Parish Council regarding Tribunal Case No: CR/2016/0022 stating "The appeal by Admiral Taverns Ltd ("the appellant") does not succeed".

Resolved: Decision noted.

Letter received from a resident requesting a dog/litter bin be installed at the stables/Barton Road. Further complaining regarding litter on grass verges/in ditches.

Resolved: Streetscene to assess the area.

Letter received from an allotment holder requesting permission to install a second gate on their plot.

Resolved: Agreed at allotment holders expense but no further changes to plot to be sanctioned.

38.18 FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB

Noted; nothing to report.

39.18 STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS

The following highways issues were reported/discussed:

Hedge at Ivy Cottage, Barton Road had been reported as maintained but obstructing pavement but had not yet been cut back.

Resolved: Clerk to monitor.

Litter/dog bin at Old Lane/Church Lane reported as overflowing.

Resolved: Clerk to raise with Streetscene and request schedule for collection.

Dog fouling on pavements reported as a hazard.

Resolved: Clerk to raise with Streetscene.

Parking in Church Street: Noted that the clerk had contacted Highways and the police regarding parking issues.

Resolved: For discussion at March meeting.

The fence between the playing field and the Elan Homes boundary had been breached and access was still being made onto the field.

Resolved: Clerk to request suggested wording for signage from Highways.

40.18 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Resolved: that the date and time of the next meeting will be Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 7.30pm.

