Farndon Parish Council

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

**Present:** Cllr L Morris (Chairman), Cllr P Fish, Cllr F Henderson, Cllr M Jones, Cllr J Griffiths and Cllr H Williams.

**In attendance**: 5 members of the public, PCSO Jon Hurst andMrs C Taylor (Temporary Clerk).

**42.18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Rowlandson, Cllr J Hillyer, Cllr V Roberts, Cllr K Wakefield and Cllr H Greenwood.

**Resolved: that the apologies be noted.**

Tribute was paid to Albert Stewart who had recently passed away and sympathy extended to the Stewart family.

**43.18 GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

Members of the public attended the meeting to speak about the following issues:

**Walkers Lane Access:** Residents raised concern regarding damage to property being caused by large delivery vehicles accessing Border Business Systems via Walkers Lane. It was also possible that the audible alarm systems were being turned off on vehicles when reversing.

Cllr Fish declared an interest.

**Resolved: Clerk to write to Border Business Systems requesting they address the concerns with the relevant carriers. Clerk to also write to DelSol and Whistl regarding the concerns and request they use smaller vehicles.**

**Resolved: PCSO Hurst to confirm legality of using audible alarm system.**

**Proposed: Cllr M Jones Seconded: Cllr F Henderson**

**Parking in Church Street:** Residents raised concerns regarding parking issues in Church Street. Issues centred around the need of residents with no off-road parking to park roadside and additional parking in the area by visitors to local amenities. PCSO Hurst advised that it was an offence to park on the pavement as it was considered an obstruction but that discretion would be shown if it was possible to pass by. If an official complaint was received Advisory notices would be given in the first instance but could lead to Fixed Penalty notices.

**Resolved: The Clerk to write to Highways again requesting advice and an article be included in the Spring Newsletter requesting considerate parking.**

**44.18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Fish made a declaration of interest at Item 43.18.

**Resolved: Noted.**

**45.18** **VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR**

Notification had been received from the CWAC Elections Officer that the vacancy could be filled by co-option. The Clerk had advertised the vacancy with no applications received by the deadline of 28 February 2018.

**Resolved: Noted.**

**46.18 COMMUNITY SAFETY**

PCSO Jon Hurst reported on the following:

* The monthly newsletter had been circulated and would continue to be by the end of each month
* SID had been deployed in Churton and this would have a knock-on effect on Farndon
* Farndon Primary school had requested No Parking cones to be used for short periods of time as and when required.
* Rural policing was to be subject to a further review and it was possible that Farndon might be linked with other areas.
* Operation Shield had brought about a reduction in house burglaries but outbuildings were not being marked and continued to be targeted. Some kits were still to be delivered.

**Resolved: Noted**

In response to concern raised regarding cars obstructing the junction at Lloyds Close PCSO Hurst advised that as an offence the action would be a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Resolved: PCSO Hurst to attend and issue advisory notices in the first instance.

**47.18 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

In the absence of and on behalf of Cllr Greenwood the clerk reported on the following:

**Enforcement Notice:** An enforcement notice had been served on the chalet at the riverbank with effect from 28 March 2018. The chalet to be dismantled and removed within six months of this date.

**Resolved: Noted.**

**Litter:** Alison Butler, Street Scene Commissioner, had agreed to address the issue of litter falling out of bin lorries with the collection contractor.

**Resolved: Noted.**

**48.18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 6th February 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

**Proposed by Cllr Fish, seconded by Cllr Henderson.**

**49.18 CLERKS REPORT**

Further discussion regarding the provision of C56 bus service: Stagecoach had confirmed that they were to meet with both Chester and Wrexham Councils week beginning 12 March to discuss the service.

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

**50.18 PLANNING**

The following planning applications received by the Parish Council since the last meeting were considered:

**Applications:**

18/00700/FUL Proposed new dwelling – resubmission of 17/04884/FUL. Land at Masons Close, Farndon.

**Resolved: No objections.**

**Decisions:**

**None received.**

**51.18 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 Henderson and seconded by Cllr Jones.**

**52.18 CREMATION GARDEN**

A proposal to make a donation in order to buy a bench and tree for the cremation garden was received. The donor requested permission to level the height of the trees in the garden overlooking the river to the existing fence height to open up the view of The Dee.

**Resolved: The offer be accepted by the Parish Council with grateful thanks. Resolved: Permission be granted to lower the height of the trees.**

**Resolved: The Parish Council contact a further resident who had made recent enquiries regarding making a donation towards the cremation garden.**

**53.18 SPRING NEWSLETTER**

The clerk reminded Councillors that all items for inclusion were now due.

**Resolved: All outstanding items for inclusion to be sent direct to Cllr Wakefield to facilitate a draft for approval at the 3rd April Parish Council meeting.**

**Resolved: Additional items to include parking issue in Church Street, access onto the playing field at Elan Homes boundary and litter.**

**54.18 PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL DINNER**

**Resolved: To be held Tuesday 20 March 2018 at The Farndon.**

**Proposed: Cllr Morris Seconded: Cllr Henderson**

**55.18 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The Referendum had taken place on Thursday 22 February 2018 with a 95%vote in favour of the Farndon Neighbourhood Plan.

**Resolved: Noted.**

**56.18 CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS AND INVITATIONS**

**Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) – Dog Control:** Letter received from CWAC detailing a public consultation running to 28 April 2018 on proposals relating to the control of dogs across the Borough. Link to the consultation had been circulated by the clerk.

**Resolved: Clerk to recirculate the link.**

**57.18 FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB**

**Noted: Nothing to report.**

**58.18 STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS**

The following highways issues were reported/discussed:

Hedge at Ivy Cottage, Barton Road had previously been reported as maintained but obstructing pavement:

**Resolved: Clerk to make further request to cut back.**

Parking in Church Street:

**Resolved: Dealt with at public speaking time.**

Access issues at Walkers Lane:

**Resolved: Dealt with at public speaking time.**

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

**Resolved: Article to go in Spring Newsletter. Wording for sign to be agreed at April meeting.**

Temporary road closure notice received 13 March 2018 for 1-day Micro Asphalt Prep Works Crewe Lane from Barton Road to limit.

**Resolved: Noted.**

Hanging baskets in the High Street:

**Resolved: To be taken to Walkers as in previous years during March.**

Concern was raised regarding large lorries coming through the centre of the village.

**Noted: Probably accessing Lloyd Close and works were coming to an end.**

**59.18 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

**Resolved: that the date and time of the next meeting will be Tuesday 3RD April 2018 at 7.30pm. This to be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm.**