

Farndon Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.30PM, IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, FARNDON.

Present: Cllr L Morris (Chairman), Cllr P Fish, Cllr J Griffiths, Cllr F Henderson, Cllr Jones, Cllr V Roberts, Cllr S Rowlandson, Cllr K Wakefield, Cllr H Williams.

In attendance: 6 members of the public and Mrs C Taylor (Clerk).

PART 1

18.19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs D Finlay and J Hillyer.

19.19 GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.

The following issues were raised:

Townfield Lane: Correspondence received from a resident regarding actions taken by CWAC on potholes/soil accumulations. Resident attended and outlined actions to date.

Resolved: Clerk to be kept informed of progress.

Millfield Close: Resident attended to make a complaint regarding a neighbouring fence.

Resolved: Resident was advised to take their own advice from the Citizens Advice Bureau. Clerk to write to both the Barnston Trust and the owner of the fence requesting clarity on any covenant in force.

20.19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were made.

21.19 COMMUNITY SAFETY.

No member of the Community Safety Team in attendance.

22.19 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Cllr Greenwood reported:

Riverside cabin: The validated planning application still awaited an officer to be assigned due to a back log of planning cases.

Resolved: Noted.

The Boathouse: No issues on the application just awaiting an Environment Agency report on flooding.

Resolved: Noted.

23.19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th January 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Rowlandson, seconded by Cllr Williams.

24.19 CLERK'S REPORT.

Defibrillator: Now in situ. Currently accessed by ringing 999 to get pass code.

Tattenhall First Responders to provide training session(s) in near future.

Resolved: Code to be displayed on exterior of cabinet to facilitate quicker access.

Boardwalk: Repairs now carried out.

Resolved: Noted.

Skatepark: Repairs now carried out.

Resolved: Noted.

Quarry Hill Play Area: Repairs now carried out.

Resolved: Noted.

Farndon Community Club Play Area: Following a visit a further investigation is to be carried out by Fawns on the net.

Resolved: Noted.

Field: Michael Trevor- Barnston has met with the garage leaseholders regarding the clearance works behind the garages. Work will commence as soon as weather improves. Clerk has offered to fund a skip on behalf of the PC.

Resolved: Noted.

Ward speed gun: Still on order. Two residents have offered to support its deployment.

Resolved: Noted

25.19 PLANNING.

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

Existing Applications where decision is still awaited:

15/02649/FUL Farndon Boathouse and Café. Demolition of existing café/dwelling house buildings and erection of a replacement dwelling house.

18/03599/FUL: Land at Pinnington Fields Farndon. Recreational chalet with fishing platform and change of use of land to recreational purposes.

18/04236/FUL: 3 Nightingale Close, Farndon. Extension to single storey garage including conversion to accommodation.

18/04624/FUL: Hardley Farm, Barton Road, Farndon. Construction of agricultural building.

Resolved: Noted.

New applications:

None received.

Resolved: Noted.

Decisions:

Approved:

18/03156/FUL: 1 Belmont House, Churton Road, Farndon. Erection of garage and carport.

Resolved: Noted.

26.19 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 Henderson.

27.19 CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS AND INVITATIONS.

CWAC:

Invitation to Lord Mayors Banquet received.

Information received regarding an online Licence Application for street furniture.

Resolved: Noted.

RESIDENTS:

Dog Fouling: Complaints received from residents and Headteacher of Farndon Primary School.

Resolved: Clerk to ask editor of Over the Wall and My Village News to draw attention to the problem and request dog owners to act responsibly. Parish Council to chalk spray pavement as a reminder/deterrent. Dog Warden to be contacted if problem persists.

Churton Road: Complaint received regarding excessive speed.

Resolved: To identify as site to deploy Ward speed gun when available.

Sibbersfield Lane/A534 Junction: Concerns raised regarding continuing/worsening safety issues at this Junction.

Resolved: Clerk to write to Highways to reiterate previous concerns raised by Parish Council.

OTHER:

Grass cutting contract: Terms of renewal received from contractor.

Resolved: Agreed. Proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Jones.

ChALC: Invitation to attend Elections Support Training received.

Resolved: Noted.

ChALC: Invitation to CW&C Town and Parish Conference.

Resolved: Noted.

SCOPE: Request received to site a textile collection bank.

Resolved: Not required as TRAIID bank already in situ at Farndon Memorial Hall. TRAIID to be asked to empty.

Burial Ground: Request received to make an Out of County transfer to St Chads.

Resolved: Approved.

28.19 WEBSITE.

Resolved: Clerk to update website going forward.

29.19 NEWSLETTER.

Resolved: Cllrs Henderson and Williams to compile newsletter going forward. Draft Spring edition to be made available at March meeting for discussion.

30.19 BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE.

Reformation of the Burial Ground Committee was considered.

Resolved: Agreed. Committee Members to be Cllrs Fish, Morris, Roberts and Rowlandson.

31.19 FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB.

An open night was planned for new residents to Farndon ahead of an event (Fete/Beer Festival) scheduled for June. Cllr Jones volunteered to contact Revd Scurr to invite the involvement of the church. Edward Trevor-Barnston had written to Cllr Williams regarding future community engagement for the good of the village and had submitted a short piece to go in the next newsletter asking residents for their ideas.

Resolved: Noted.

Permission was requested to create 2 football pitches at the end of the field between the current goal posts and the scout hut plus the siting of a container to house equipment. Help to improve the facilities had been offered free of charge. In order to pursue grant

applications for ongoing maintenance there was a requirement for a minimum 10-year lease on the field to be in place. Any additional grass cuts required would be funded from revenue generated by the club. The issue of fencing and signage was discussed to address the problem of dog fouling.

Resolved: The Parish Council agreed in principle. Clerk to write to Barnston Estate regarding the lease and the siting of a container. Preference would be for additional signage as opposed to fencing. Cllr Henderson to supply suitable wording for signage.

32.19 BRASS BAND.

Negotiations were ongoing. No further update.

Resolved: Noted.

33.19 MUGA.

Cllr Henderson reported that the grant application had now progressed through the first stage with Sports England and an invitation had been extended to submit a formal application.

Resolved: Noted.

34.19 STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

The following issues regarding highways and footpaths were raised:

Quarry Hill verges: Request received for grasscrete to be laid where verge is in disrepair.

Resolved: Clerk to raise with Highways.

Barton Road drainage works: Works commenced but halted to allow CWaC to investigate alternative sewer connections.

Resolved: Noted.

Townfield Lane: Sign reported missing has now been returned.

Resolved: Noted.

Greenway Operation Shield sign: Sign needs replacing following damage.

Noted: Clerk has reported.

Overgrown hedge: reported at Avondale.

Resolved: Clerk to write to resident.

Traffic lights on Farndon/Holt Bridge: Insufficient time between light changes to allow safe crossing.

Resolved: Clerk to report to Highways.

Pothole at end of Church Street still not repaired.

Resolved: Clerk to report again.

Potholes on A534: Still not repaired.

Resolved: Clerk to re report.

Twychooks: Bollard reported missing at bottom.

Resolved: Clerk to report again.

Twychooks: Metal door in wall reported as having been opened and a safety issue.

Resolved: Clerk to report.

Barton Road (old section) walk through: Grass is encroaching on walkway and causing a safety issue.

Resolved: Clerk to report.

35.19 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

To confirm that the date and time of the next meeting is Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 7.30pm.

