

## Farndon Parish Council

<p>MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING (PART 1) OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM, VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING DURING COVID 19 PANDEMIC.</p>
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**Present:** Cllrs P Fish, S Rowlandson, H Williams, V Roberts, P Amphlett, D Finlay, M Jones, J Hillyer, F Henderson.

**In attendance:** Cllr P Roberts, C Taylor (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

### 135.20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Griffiths and L Morris.

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

### 136.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were made.

### 137.20 GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.

Ed Barnston confirmed the following:

- i) Christmas tree: He would be happy to supply and place a village tree as in previous years.
- ii) Top Farm: Renovation was under way and some planting would follow.
- iii) Defibrillator: A wall mounted external defibrillator was to be placed at Monument Place Industrial Units (outside Unit 1) in the next 2 weeks. It was a top of the range model which automatically triggered a First Responder response.

Members thanked Ed for his contributions to the village.

### 138.20 COMMUNITY SAFETY.

Monthly report from Police previously circulated to all Cllrs.

**Resolved:** Noted.

- i) Operation Shield kits: **Noted** that the Parish Council had been given a small quantity of spare kits to distribute on a first come first served basis. Distribution point to be explored and kits publicised.
- ii) Operation Shield street signs: **Noted** that the damaged sign at the end of Greenway would be replaced.
- iii) Monthly Police reports: **Agreed** to post on Parish Council website.

### 139.20 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Monthly report from Cllr P Roberts previously circulated to all Cllrs.

**Resolved:** Noted.

Further discussed:

i) Verges on Quarry Hill: Cllr Roberts advised that he had requested some mesh samples and would fund the project from his Members Budget if the Parish Council would purchase it.

**Resolved:** Noted and agreed that the Clerk would apply to CWaC for the funding when Cllr Roberts had agreed on a supplier.

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### 140.20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

**Proposed:** Cllr M Jones **Seconded:** Cllr P Fish.

### 141.20 CLERK'S REPORT.

**Resolved:** that the clerk's report in entirety be noted and approved.

**Proposed:** Cllr S Rowlandson **Seconded:** Cllr P Amphlett.

- i) Cllr Finlay advised that refresher speed gun training was still awaited from CWaC.

### 142.20 PLANNING.

Planning applications/decisions received by the Parish Council since/outstanding from the last meeting:

**Noted:**

**Existing applications where decision still awaited:**

**17/04616/FUL** Land rear of Del Rio and Rivercrest Townfield Lane Farndon Chester Construction of greenhouse (proposed) and fish food store, open barn and fish holding tanks (in retrospect).

**18/03599/FUL** Land at Pinnington Fields Farndon. Recreational chalet with fishing platform and change of use of land to recreational purposes (in retrospect).

**20/02962/FUL** 2 Nightingale Close Farndon Single storey front extension, to include rendering and replacement tiles to side.

**20/02999/FUL** Farndon Sports and Social Club Sibbersfield Lane Farndon Installation and use of replacement floodlights and fencing.

**20/03262/FUL** The Laurels Sibbersfield Lane Farndon Alterations to fenestration to rear elevation of main house and single storey extension to existing annexe.

**New applications:**

None received.

**Approved:**

**20/01796/FUL** 34 Maddocks Close Farndon Chester CH3 6AB

Installation of 2 flues.

**20/02718/S73** 23 Dee Crescent Farndon Chester CH3 6QJ Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on planning permission 20/00337/FUL.

**Resolved: Noted.**

Further **noted** that the Planning Sub Committee had commented to CWaC regarding the White Paper Planning proposals which had been acknowledged by Louise Gittins, Leader of CWaC.

### 143.20 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.

**Resolved:** Post Covid a meeting would be held to formally sign the monthly Invoice and Income summary reports which would normally be signed at face to face meetings.

**Proposed:** Cllr M Jones    **Seconded:** Cllr D Finlay.

### 144.20 BUDGET.

Members were asked for suggestions for consideration as part of the upcoming budget setting process. There were two considerations raised:

i)The need for a replacement noticeboard at Top Farm car park. At this point Edward Trevor Barnston offered to fund 50% of the cost of a replacement which Members gratefully accepted.

ii)Possible request from FCT for financial assistance to fund a replacement heating system at FCC.

**Resolved:**

i)A suitable noticeboard to be identified and approved by Members at the December meeting if possible.

ii)Finance Sub Committee (Cllrs Fish, Rowlandson, Henderson and Hillyer plus the Clerk) to meet early January to discuss the budget for the next financial year and agree a suggested Precept for bringing before full Council at their February meeting for approval to meet February CWaC deadline. Clerk to circulate finance papers to aid the process and some suggested dates to convene meeting.

### 145.20 CORRESPONDENCE.

i) Taylor Wimpey: Defibrillator donation.

Noted that Taylor Wimpey had gifted their site defibrillator to the Parish Council to be used within the village.

**Resolved:** Clerk to ask Village Surgery if they wanted it to site externally at the surgery.

ii) External Audit (AGAR): Conclusion report.

**Resolved:** Noted that the Audit had been successfully concluded.

iii) CWaC: Community Food Offer.

**Resolved:** Initiative noted.

iv) CWaC: New local Covid testing sites.

**Resolved:** Noted.

v) COCH NHS Foundation trust: Stakeholder Briefing.

**Resolved:** Noted.

vi) CHALC: Invitation to H & S Risk Assessment Session.

**Resolved:** Noted.

vii) Complaint re tree felling at Walkers Lane.

**Resolved:** Noted that the Clerk had written to the complainant to assure them that all planning applications including those for tree works were carefully considered by the Parish Council.

#### 146.20 TRACK OFF CHURTON ROAD.

**Noted:** Taylor Wimpey had removed the signs they had erected on the track advising that it was private driveway access for residents and their visitors only. Cllr Roberts had written to a senior officer within CWaC requesting an update on the progress of the PROW application but had not as yet received a response.

**Further raised and agreed:** An additional PROW application for a previously identified path at Townfield Lane should also be lodged in the near future.

#### 147.20 FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB.

i) Removal of dog waste bin: **Noted:** CWaC had now replaced the bin.

ii) Insurance of FCC field: **Noted:** To be added to Parish Council policy at no additional cost with effect from 9 November 2020. FCC to retain responsibility for risk assessments conditional to the addition and cover remaining in force.

iii) Heating system: **Noted:** Cllr Hillyer had made an application on behalf of the Parish Council to CWaC for a grant in the form of pre development funding towards the cost of a heating system. The expected decision had been delayed by a further 2 weeks but was expected imminently.

iv) **Noted:** FCC was to close with effect from 4 November 2020 as per Government Covid 19 regulations.

#### **148.20 MUGA.**

The planning application was still pending (re lighting and fencing) but otherwise the project was ready to progress. There had been a further successful grant forthcoming from the Morgan Foundation of £20k. The Clerk had applied to draw down S106 funding from CWaC.

**Resolved:** Noted.

#### **149.20 PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS.**

The annual play area inspections had been carried out by Morral Play Services and the reports had been circulated to Members.

**Resolved:** Noted.

#### **150.20 STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.**

Nothing raised.

#### **151.20 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

**Resolved:** that the date and time of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st December 2020 at 7.30pm. This will be a virtual meeting pending Covid 19 restrictions.