

Farndon Parish Council

<p>MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING (PART 1) OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER 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, L Morris.

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

152.20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Griffiths and F Henderson.

Resolved: that the apologies be noted.

153.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were made.

154.20 GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.

Ed Barnston raised the following:

i)Village Fete: The last Fete had been cancelled due to Covid and it was hoped that arrangements could be made to hold another as soon as restrictions permitted. **Resolved:** Noted.

ii)Platinum Jubilee: An offer was extended to plant a commemorative village tree. **Resolved:** To put on January Agenda.

Members thanked Ed for the village Christmas tree which was now insitu.

Member of the public raised the following:

- i) Wanting to put back into the community,an offer was made to help should it be needed with tree/hedge works etc. Willing also to help with removal of old Christmas trees in the New Year.

Resolved: Noted and thanks extended.

155.20 COMMUNITY SAFETY.

Monthly report from Police previously circulated to all Cllrs.

Resolved: Noted.

i)Police funding: **Resolved:** Clerk to follow up Cllr Hillyer's request to access this funding to part fund CCTV at FCC with PCSO McKeivitt.

156.20 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

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

Resolved: Noted.

Further discussed:

- i) PROW (Churton Road) application: **Resolved:** Clerk to forward a formal complaint to the Chief Executive of CWAC regarding lack of progress and to the Local Government Ombudsman if necessary, thereafter.
- ii) Verges on Quarry Hill: **Resolved:** Cllr Roberts to progress the application to install mesh through CWAC with the help of the Clerk.

157.20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd November 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr V Roberts **Seconded:** Cllr M Jones.

158.20 CLERK'S REPORT.

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

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

Discussed further:

- i) Defibrillator gifted by Taylor Wimpey: Awaiting a response from the Surgery regarding siting. Ed Barnston offered Top Farm (back of Little Churtons) as a possible reserve option. Other possible nearby options raised. **Resolved:** Clerk to chase a response from the surgery. Raise on January Agenda.

159.20 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.

New applications:

None received.

Withdrawn:

20/02907/FUL Kingslee Worthenbury Road Crewe by Farndon Change of use of land from agricultural to residential and associated development (hardstanding, back pillar gateway and tennis court (retrospective)- resubmission of application 19/03348/FUL.

Approved:

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

Appeal results:

App/AO665/W/20/3248547

Land to the rear of 1-4 Churton Road, Churton Road, Farndon CH3 6QR.

An appeal was made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant planning permission. The application Ref 19/01843/FUL was refused. The development proposed was to redevelop the land to the rear of 1-4 Churton Road for 3 dwellings. Decision: Appeal dismissed.

(i) CWaC Planning for the Future Presentation: Report circulated prior to meeting.

160.20 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.

Proposed: Cllr P Amphlett **Seconded:** Cllr V Roberts.

161.20 BUDGET.

Members gave further consideration as part of the upcoming budget setting process to the following:

i) Repairs to boardwalk: Suggestions for repair had been obtained and circulated to all members. **Resolved:** Clerk to request a quote for a hot bitumen repair option.

ii) A suitable replacement noticeboard had been identified and the details circulated to all Members for approval.

Resolved: Suggested model be approved and budgeted for accordingly.
Proposed: Cllr S Rowlandson Seconded: Cllr P Fish.

It was noted that the Memorial Hall may not require to apply for the annual grant of £2500 from the Parish Council in the next financial year as they had benefitted from other successful grant applications this year.

162.20 CORRESPONDENCE.

To receive correspondence, publications and invitations and agree action and attendees.

i) CHALC: Advisory received re Avian Influenza Outbreaks.

Resolved: Noted.

ii) Notification received of retirement of Farndon Cub Scout Group Leaders.

Resolved: Parish Council to send letter of thanks for service to the community.

iii) Request received for grant assistance from Holt Brownies.

Resolved: One off grant of £40 approved.

iv) Enquiry received regarding grass cutting arrangement at Scout Hut.

Resolved: Scout Group to be advised that it was not possible for the PC to incorporate this into their current grass cutting arrangements.

163.20 CHRISTMAS.

Noted: Street Christmas trees would be positioned 11/12 December.

164.20 TRACK OFF CHURTON ROAD.

Noted: PROW discussed at Item 156.20 (i).

Further raised and agreed: The additional PROW application for a previously identified path at Townfield Lane should also be lodged in the near future. **Resolved:** Cllr Williams and the Clerk to progress.

165.20 FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB.

i) To receive feedback from a meeting held 4 November 2020 between representatives of FPC and FCT:

Noted: Minutes previously circulated to all Members. It had been felt that this joint meeting had been both positive and productive and agreed that future meetings would be held both periodically and in response to emerging needs as and when required. The commitment of all who

volunteer tirelessly towards the good of the club was acknowledged and thanks were extended.

ii) To receive any update on grant applications:

The application for the Aviva funding for the showers had been unsuccessful but the Climate Emergency Fund application (4K) had been approved for the feasibility study to determine which kind of heating system was required at the Club. It was hoped that a further second stage application would be similarly successful. Applications for 50K or more were invited for the second stage applications.

The application to The Big Lottery was still on hold due to Covid.

Resolved: Noted.

iii) To receive any request for financial assistance (2021/2022 Year) for consideration ahead of Budget Setting in January:

Showers would be needed in July on the opening of the MUGA at an expense of approximately 25K.

Resolved: The PC agree in principle to put a sum of money into the budget to be ringfenced for the showers. Finance Committee to consider level of assistance at their January meeting and present options to full PC at the February meeting as part of budget/precept setting at that meeting.

iv) Hedge maintenance: Clarification was sought as to who was responsible for maintenance of the hedges at the club.

Resolved: To be discussed at the next subcommittee meeting of FPC/FCT.

166.20 MUGA.

The planning application was still pending (re lighting and fencing).

Resolved: Noted.

167.20 STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

i) Effluent on road at Sibbersfield Lane raised.

Resolved: Cllr Amphlett to check and report to CWAC if necessary.

ii) Ruts in the gravel caused by heavy vehicles during work on Boathouse raised.

Resolved: Monitor.

iii) Flashing lights at school (permanently on) reported.

Resolved: Clerk to report to CWAC again.

iv) Complaint re overgrown hedge at Avondale raised.

Resolved: Clerk to write to resident again.

v)Cllr P Roberts advised that CWAC were to hold an Active Travel Forum meeting on 7 December and were seeking feedback on the 20mph limits.
Resolved: Noted.

168.20 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Resolved: that the date and time of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th January 2021 at 7.30pm. This will be a virtual meeting pending Covid 19 restrictions.