

Farndon Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING (PART 1) OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.30PM, VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING DURING COVID 19 PANDEMIC.

**Present:** Cllrs P Fish, S Rowlandson, P Amphlett, D Finlay, F Henderson, J Hillyer, M Jones, L Morris, V Roberts, H Williams, J Griffiths.

**In attendance:** Ward Cllr P Roberts, C Taylor (Clerk).

**16.21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

None received.

**17.21 OPEN FORUM.**

Nothing raised.

**18.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

No declarations of interest were made.

**19.21 COMMUNITY SAFETY.**

Monthly report from Police previously circulated to all Cllrs.

**Resolved:** Noted.

**20.21 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.**

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

**Resolved:** Noted.

Further discussed:

i) PROW (Churton Road) application: Nothing further to report due to CWAC Officers currently being deployed to deal with flood issues.

**Resolved:** Cllr Roberts to chase progress.

ii) CWAC had received a request from the Welsh MP to make an appearance on the Farndon/Holt Bridge on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Also invited were the Eddisbury MP, Borough Councillor and CWAC Environment Portfolio holders.

**Resolved:** Noted.

iii) Request for bin at Crewe By Farndon.

**Resolved:** Not to progress as under normal non Covid circumstances it was felt that a bin would not be warranted and that there were other sites within the Parish where one was needed more.

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## 21.21 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 be confirmed as a true record.

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

## 22.21 CLERK'S REPORT.

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

**Proposed:** Cllr P Fish **Seconded:** Cllr P Amphlett.

Discussed further:

i) Defibrillator gifted by Taylor Wimpey: Jeffs Hair Salon had indicated that they would be happy to site the defibrillator outside the salon and act as custodian pending the sale/purchase of the building. FPC have budgeted for a heated cabinet, consumables and installation of this additional defibrillator.

**Resolved:** Cllr Jones to contact Jeff to discuss. Clerk to put on March agenda.

ii) External defibrillator at Pharmacy: Members voted in the majority to purchase a replacement unlocked cabinet door to replace the current locked one at the January meeting and to obtain a quote. The Clerk had sourced a quote of £192 including vat and delivery.

**Resolved:** Clerk to purchase.

## 23.21 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.

**20/03952/FUL** Land at Crewe Hill Crewe Hill Lane Crewe by Farndon. Installation of a ground source heat pump (part retrospective).

### New applications:

**20/04696/S73** Former Gas Storage Site Sibbersfield Lane Farndon CH3 6NX Amendment to application 17/01363/S73 to layout and house types.

**20/04761/PIP** Land at 23 Dee Crescent Farndon Chester Permission in principle application for the development of 2 no residential dwellings.

**Resolved: Planning Sub Committee to prepare a comment to be made to Planning Dept by deadline of 8 February.**

**20/04780/FUL** The Laurels Sibbersfield Lane Farndon CH3 6NX Single storey extensions to annex.

**21/00086/CAT** Ivy Cottage Barton Road Farndon CH3 6NL Removal of 1 x acer tree (T1).

### Decisions:

Withdrawn: **20/04340/LDC** Kingslee Worthenbury Road Crewe by Farndon CH3 6PA. To confirm the extent of the residential curtilage.

### 24.21 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.

Hard paper copy to be forwarded to Cllrs Jones and Roberts for verification and signature.

**Proposed:** Cllr M Jones    **Seconded:** Cllr L Morris

### 25.21 BUDGET/PRECEPT SETTING.

Members had received advance copies of the budget proposal recommended by the Finance Working Group.

**Resolved:** Members agreed unanimously to a Precept request of £37000.

**Proposed:** Cllr P Fish            **Seconded:** Cllr H Williams

### 26.21 STANDING ORDERS.

**Resolved:** A Sub Committee be elected (Cllrs Finlay, Henderson, Morris, Rowlandson and Williams) to review FPC Standing Orders. Clerk to convene a meeting and Sub Committee to report at the March Ordinary meeting.

### 27.21 CORRESPONDENCE.

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

- i) Correspondence regarding memorabilia at the bridge at Farndon: Letters both of complaint and support had been received from members of the

public. A letter requesting information had also been received from the office of the Eddisbury MP representing constituents. A statement from the Parish Council, intended to be read out at Open Forum had members of the public been in attendance, was read out to all present.

**Resolved:**

- a) The Clerk to respond to the office of the MP for Eddisbury enclosing a copy of the statement and a copy of the CWAC Roadside Memorials Guidance/Protocols.
- b) Members voted unanimously in favour of forwarding any further correspondence regarding the memorabilia direct to CWAC for them to respond within their protocols.

- ii) CWAC Waste Strategy Consultation 21 January 2021 to 18 March 2021. Cllr Williams reported on the webinar she had attended on behalf of FPC.

**Resolved:** Noted and Cllrs were encouraged to complete the online consultation individually.

- iii) CWAC Extended Garden Waste collection suspension to 1 March 2021.

**Resolved:** Noted.

- iv) CWAC Adoption of Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) 13 January 2021: House Extensions and Domestic Outbuildings.

**Resolved:** Clerk to recirculate to all and Planning Sub Committee to consider. To be discussed further at March meeting.

- v) CWAC and CHALC advisories regarding flood risk preparations ahead of Storm Christoph.

**Resolved:** Noted.

- vi) CWAC Covid Online reflection book re-launched.

**Resolved:** Noted.

- vii) Dog fouling complaint received from resident.

**Resolved:** Noted that the Clerk had responded and agreed that Cllr Henderson would also speak to the school to request a reminder be sent to parents/carers as an increased problem had been noticed by the school at start and finish of school day. Sadly, it was acknowledged that this was a National problem, not just Farndon.

- viii) Complaint re grass verge being badly damaged due to cars being parked on it received from a resident.

**Resolved:** Agreed to monitor and review before the March meeting and if issue persists to report to CWAC for them to deal with according to their protocols.

## 28.21 FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB.

- i) Climate Emergency Fund: Final Grant Agreement received and £3883 credited to account.

The feasibility report determining a suitable heating system and quotes was expected by the end of February.

- ii) Shower area: A firm had been found to provide a quotation.

iii) CCTV: The original funding stream identified had not been suitable and an alternative suggested by the police had been applied for but FCT have been advised that the scheme has been inundated with applications.

iv) Supreme Court Ruling: Covid Business Interruption Insurance. Insurance company still looking at the Supreme Court decision.

v) Water damage to hall ceiling: Demolition of roof (part) commencing w/b 8 February.

vi) Play area: Fawns inspection requested and scheduled for 1 February with report awaited.

**Resolved:** Noted.

vii) Bin at Crewe Lane end of FCC field: This bin was replaced by CWAC as original was damaged. A second bin has subsequently appeared and FCT wonder if it could be relocated elsewhere within the Parish.

**Resolved:** Cllr P Roberts to make enquiries of CWAC.

### **29.21 MUGA.**

i) The Clerk had requested a drawdown of S106 funding and CWAC had made an offer of transfer of commuted sum funds totalling £9543.08.

**Resolved:** Clerk to formally accept the offer.

**Proposed:** Cllr M Jones      **Seconded:** Cllr S Rowlandson

ii) The planning application was still pending (re lighting and fencing). Cllr P Roberts had spoken to CWAC Planning to ascertain why a noise study was now being requested and a response had been circulated.

**Resolved:** Noted.

iii) Steve Morgan Foundation (SMF) grant: As the awarded grant of £10385 could not be spent before the end of March SMF had requested that the grant be returned.

**Resolved:** Clerk to repay the sum of £10385 to SMF.

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

i) Access to Farndon Primary School: The school were looking into installing a gate to create an additional access point into the playground from the footpath off the Taylor Wimpey development. Planning permission would apparently not be required. This would have the potential to reduce traffic volume outside of the school.

**Resolved:** Noted.

ii) Riverside bin: Notified that the bin had been washed away in the recent floods.

**Noted:** Cllr P Roberts had reported this to CWAC and asked for the process for getting it replaced.

iii) Various overgrown hedges were reported.

**Resolved:** Clerk to report to CWAC.

### 31.21 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

**Resolved:** that the date and time of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm. This will be a virtual meeting due to current Covid 19 restrictions.