

Approved at a virtual meeting of FPC on 4 May 2021

Farndon Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING (PART 1) OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 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, J Griffiths (Items 1 and 2 only), V Roberts, H Williams.

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

**56.21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr L Morris.

**57.21 RESIGNATION.**

Cllr J Griffiths formally resigned from her position as Councillor having previously informed the Clerk of her intention to do so.

**Resolved:** The resignation be accepted. Thanks were given to Cllr Griffiths for her contributions to the Parish Council and the wider community and a bouquet was presented.

**58.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

No declarations of interest made.

**59.21 OPEN FORUM.**

A member of the public attended to speak about Planning Application 21/00539/FUL Land at Marsh Lane Kingsmarsh Farndon Chester and to outline his reasons for making an objection to the application. Cllr Roberts advised that he had called the application in.

Members agreed to bring discussion regarding this application, from Item 9 on the agenda, forward at this point.

**Resolved:** Following discussion Members agreed unanimously that the Parish Council would not make any objection to this application to the Planning Department.

The member of the public and J Griffiths left the meeting.

## 60.21 COMMUNITY SAFETY.

Monthly report from Police previously circulated to all Cllrs.

**Resolved:** Noted.

Further discussed:

i) Chalc online speeding event: Cllr Finlay reported that he had attended this event. It was evident that all villages were experiencing speeding and that it was not just a localised issue. He would look to deploy the speed gun as a campaign when CWAC sanctioned its use which had been halted during Covid. He also drew attention to an online petition on the CWAC website campaigning to lower the speed limit on the A41. He planned on liaising with Highways regarding the Chester/Churton/Farndon route and would report back to Members.

**Resolved:** Noted.

ii) Fly tipping: Further fly tipping was reported on Crewe Lane South.

**Resolved:** Clerk to report to PCSO.

iii) Police presence: Concern was raised that there had not been any PCSO presence at meetings for a long while.

**Resolved:** Escalate to PC Higginson.

## 61.21 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

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

**Resolved:** Noted.

Further discussed:

i) PROW (Churton Road) application: Cllr Roberts reported that he had raised the issue with the Deputy Chief Executive but had as yet not received any response. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to the Chief Executive.

ii) Hedges: In response to concern raised about overgrown hedges not being addressed when reported to CWAC it was acknowledged that any action would now be after the nesting season. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to the Chief Executive to express concern re lack of a timely response.

ii) Members Budget: Members requested £500 towards work in the Cremation Garden. **Resolved:** Cllr Roberts agreed to match fund a £500 spend by the Parish Council. Clerk to make an application to CWAC in early May post purdah.

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## 62.21 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD 2 MARCH 2021.

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 2nd March 2021 be confirmed as a true record.

**Proposed:** Cllr H Williams **Seconded:** Cllr V Roberts.

## 63.21 CLERK'S REPORT.

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

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

Discussed further:

i)Website: **Resolved:** Current website to be retained.

ii)Boardwalk repair: **Resolved:** Clerk to progress the repair of the boardwalk through the contractor.

iii)Noticeboard: **Resolved:** Clerk to progress the order for the supply and installation of the replacement noticeboard.

iv)Water pump at Kingsmarsh: **Noted:** Cllr Roberts reported that there was a possibility that the owner of the land on which the pump was situated might be willing to agree to an unofficial passage via a gate to access the pump but that it was an option that would have to be explored.

## 64.21 PLANNING.

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

### **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).

20/02999/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).

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

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

21/00456/FUL Ivy Cottage Barton Road Farndon Replacement of sashes, windows and doors, installation of boiler flue.

### **New applications:**

21/00937/FUL 1 Rock Cottages Church Lane Farndon Demolition of existing garden room and erection of a 2-storey rear extension, new timber garden shed and tarmacadam to existing driveway.

21/00796/FUL 36 Quarry Hill Farndon Single storey front extension.

21/00882/FUL Lewis' of Farndon The Gateway High St Farndon Retractable awning over enclosed patio.

21/00539/FUL Land at Marsh Lane Kingsmarsh Chester Erection of a stable building and a storage building for hay and straw with associated hard standing, construction of a 25m x 50m outdoor arena for exercising horses.

**Decisions:**

**Refused:**

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

**65.21 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 bi monthly.

**Proposed:** Cllr P Fish   **Seconded:** Cllr S Rowlandson

**66.21 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN.**

The Clerk outlined the proposed timetable for the process to elect a Vice Chair with effect from the May meeting.

**Resolved:** Noted.

**67.21 ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE.**

**Resolved:** Clerk to start the process of relisting both The Farndon Public House and The Hare as Assets of Community Value through CWAC.

The Farndon: **Proposed:** Cllr V Roberts   **Seconded:** Cllr M Jones

The Hare: **Proposed:** Cllr J Hillyer   **Seconded:** Cllr D Finlay

**68.21 CORRESPONDENCE.**

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

Received:

- i) CHALC: Online event 20.4.2021: National Planning Reform: Planning for the Future. **Resolved:** Cllrs Williams and Finlay to attend.
- ii) CHALC: Online event 12.4.2021: Planning Training: Dealing with Individual Planning Applications. **Resolved:** Cllrs Williams and Finlay to attend.
- iii) Residents request to attend meeting following expressing concerns regarding idling cars and pollution. **Noted:** Not in attendance.

- iv) Residents request to discuss Farndon Soapbox Derby. **Noted:**  
Discussed at Annual Parish Meeting. **Resolved:** Cllr P Roberts offered to fund the request for a £500 grant/donation from his Members Budget. Clerk to apply for at end of purdah when applications reopened. With regards to the request to use the field at Farndon Community Club for parking on the day however it was felt that this would not be possible. The field was used by the footballers and was also now maintained to a very high standard for their use which should not be spoilt. It was possible however that the scrubland to the left of the club could be utilised. Cllr Amphlett to report back to the Events Management Team.
- v) CWAC: Notification of tree works required in churchyard. **Resolved:** Noted.
- vi) CCA: Advice re holding face to face meetings. **Resolved:** Noted.
- vii) Letter from Denamere Lane resident re lack of flooding response from CWAC. **Resolved:** Noted.
- viii) CHALC: CWAC online Covid resource pack: Information on how to self-isolate. **Resolved:** Noted.
- ix) Letter from resident regarding possible site for a Forest school.  
**Resolved:** Clerk to forward contact details to Ed Trevor-Barnston.
- x) Correspondence received regarding a Housing Needs Survey – Rural Exception Site Proposal. **Noted:** A Part 2 Extraordinary meeting of the Council had been called to discuss the survey with Cheshire Community Action. **Resolved:** Clerk to invite the NDP team.
- xi) Letter received from member of the public requesting additional safety features at the riverside car park. **Resolved:** Noted as dealt with in Clerk's report.
- xii) Letter from Cheshire Police regarding a request received for additional safety features at the riverside car park. **Resolved:** Noted as dealt with in Clerk's report.
- xiii) Insurance renewal invited: **Resolved:** Clerk to accept renewal quote of £998. Proposed: Cllr S Rowlandson  
Seconded: Cllr P Fish

#### 69.21 NEWSLETTER.

**Resolved:** Newsletters to be compiled and distributed end of June and October. All articles for the June edition to be forwarded to Cllr Henderson by end of May.

#### 70.21 FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB.

Update: The floor and ceiling had both now been removed.

The heating report had been received.

The claim to the Police Safety Community Fund for CCTV was still pending.

**Resolved:** Noted.

Further discussed:

i) Climate Emergency Fund: The second stage applications to CWAC had been invited.

**Resolved:** Clerk to submit application prepared by FCT on behalf of FPC.

Proposed: Cllr P Fish          Seconded: Cllr V Roberts

ii) Dugouts: **Noted:** The dugouts had been donated and would be situated shortly.

iii) Removal of underfloor piping and wall heaters in the main hall: **Resolved:** FPC to pay the invoice to be financed from the ring-fenced sum set aside in this year's budget for financial assistance to FCC.

Proposed: Cllr S Rowlandson          Seconded: Cllr D Finlay

iv) Replacement fire door: **Resolved:** FPC to finance from the ring-fenced sum set aside in this year's budget for financial assistance to FCC.

Proposed: Cllr S Rowlandson          Seconded: Cllr V Roberts

v) Ditch adjacent to skatepark: **Resolved:** Cllr Hillyer to look at the lease to establish responsibility for the ditch.

#### **71.21 MUGA.**

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

**Resolved:** Members agreed to a letter being sent by the MUGA Team on behalf of the Parish Council to the Planning Officer regarding the length of time the application was taking.

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

Ed Trevor-Barnston advised that he would be writing to the Chief Executive of CWAC to highlight the lack of or poor response to many issues repetitively discussed by the Parish Council to include potholes, flooding, planning, public rights of way and hedges.

**Resolved:** Noted.

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

**Resolved:** that the date and time of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30pm. This will be the Annual Meeting. This will be a virtual meeting due to current Covid 19 restrictions.