

## FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL

<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021 AT 7.30PM, at Farndon War Memorial Hall.</b>
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**Present:** Cllr S Rowlandson, Cllr D Finlay, Cllr M Jones, Cllr P Fish, Cllr H Williams, Cllr P Amphlett, Cllr V Roberts, Cllr L Morris, Cllr F Henderson, Cllr M Rudd.

**In attendance:** Ward Cllr P Roberts, PC Gardner, PCSO McKevitt, Mr E Trevor Barnston, 5 members of the public and C Taylor, Clerk.

A warm welcome was extended to Cllr M Rudd and introductions made.

### **128.21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Hillyer

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

### **129.21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Cllr Rowlandson reiterated her statement made at the close of the June meeting in connection with any application from Greyside planning for the land at the edge of the village on Sibbersfield Lane. If a formal application was submitted, she would be declaring an interest as, albeit having no personal pecuniary interest, the landowner was related distantly. She would take no part in any discussion or decision in connection with any application. Cllr V Roberts had been asked to Chair any such part of a meeting and Cllr Rowlandson would abstain and leave the room.

### **130.21. OPEN FORUM.**

Members of the public attended to speak regarding the following:

i)Eco build on Townfield Lane: A young family attended to brief the Parish Council on their intention to embark on a self-build Eco home on a family-owned site on Townfield Lane. No pre application had been made and they sought the support of members for this family home.

**Resolved:** The Parish Council were not in a position to support/comment on the venture until more information was brought before them but were very interested to see the plans. Plans, when available, to be forwarded to the Clerk.

ii)Farndon Soapbox Derby 2022: Tim Kenney attended to update on the progress of arrangements and to advise that approval from the CWAC Event Safety Team was imminent. The vision was for this to be a medium sized event (500 to 5000 attendees) with engagement from both Farndon and Holt villages. A request was made for the Parish Council to consider sponsorship of hi vis branded jackets for the event.

**Resolved:** When further information was available and the event team had sourced and costed the jackets a further approach should be made.

iii) Parking on the High Street: A resident attended to raise concerns regarding parking on the High Street which on occasions was restricting access to properties with a suggestion that permit parking should be introduced from the junctions of River Lane to Churton Road.

**Resolved:** Clerk to speak to CWAC and the issue to be further discussed at the next meeting in September.

### **131.21. COMMUNITY SAFETY.**

Monthly report had been circulated prior to the meeting. PCSO McKeivitt and PC Gardner were in attendance.

PCSO McKeivitt further advised:

i) In response to the concerns raised regarding parking on the High Street, issues should be reported to the police at the time of occurrence if they are to be dealt with.

ii) There had been an attempt to remove coping stones at Rectory Close and this had been logged as a heritage crime.

iii) A new PC (Ali Birch) had been appointed for the area and he would be getting involved with Parish issues.

Cllr Finlay reported:

iv) The Community speed gun could now be deployed by Parish volunteers and he would be looking to arrange refresher training. There had been a request to deploy the gun in 20mph zones.

**Resolved:** Noted.

### **132.21. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.**

Monthly report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr P Roberts was in attendance and further reported:

i) Planning applications:

**20/04696/S73**, Former Gas Storage Site Sibbersfield Lane Farndon CH3 6NX Amendment to application 17/01363/S73 to layout and house types, had been approved unanimously having gone before CWAC Planning Committee earlier that day.

**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. Removal of part of a wall had already taken place which required planning permission.

ii) The Licensing Committee had published an application by The Farndon (to be known as The Raven) for outside hours and change to outside layout.

iii) Flooding: Any cases of known indoor flooding caused by storm Christoph and suchlike should be logged with Cllr Roberts.

iv) PROW: Cllr Roberts had been contacted by a resident adjacent to the land in question following his update in the PC newsletter. He had

responded direct. A response had also been received from CWAC following the Head of Streetcare services attendance at the May meeting.

**Resolved:** Clerk to write to the Chief Executive of CWAC to request the application be expedited.

v)Feedback from Head of Streetcare services: Response still outstanding from one team.

**Resolved:** Clerk to forward correspondence to Cllr Roberts to chase.

### **133.21 MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING.**

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

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

### **134.21. CLERK'S REPORT.**

**Resolved:** that the clerk's report be noted. Further discussed:

**i)Defibrillators:** Cllr Jones reported that Jeffs Hair Salon were still happy to host and be responsible for the gifted Taylor Wimpey defibrillator but that it would be approximately October before arrangements could be progressed to site it. Further to the Clerks report regarding the defibrillator at the Pharmacy/Post Office it was **resolved** to make a further visit to secure assurance that a handover from past to current tenant had either taken place or was in hand and that continuous custodianship was ensured.

**ii)CWAC Community Resilience Plan:** Further information on this initiative had been circulated to all.

**Resolved:** Chairman to read through all papers and look toward setting up a volunteer group to complete a plan. To be progressed at September meeting.

**iii)Boardwalk:** A section of the boardwalk has rotted and a contractor has been to assess the damage with a quote awaited. Possible funding streams for the repair were discussed. Cllr P Roberts advised that the Borough Council was joining with other Councils to bid for more funding for recovery from Storm Christoph and as the boardwalk had been affected by this it was possible that the Parish Council may be able to access this if successful.

**Resolved:** Cllr Roberts to keep the Parish Council informed.

### **135.21. PLANNING.**

**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).

**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.

Notification received of going before CWAC Planning Committee  
6/7/2021.

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

**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.

**21/00882/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.

**21/00940/FUL** 10 Strawberry Close Farndon Alteration to front of property to replace garage door with bay window.

**21/01315/FUL** 1 Raven Close Farndon Single storey rear extension, garage conversion.

**21/01469/FUL** Rose Villa Crewe Lane Farndon CH3 6PG Alteration to re locate doors to side.

**21/01400/FUL 1 Dee View Farndon CH3 6PR** Erection of garden wall and three brick pillars to the front of the property with wooden gates to be hung on two of the brick pillars. Removal of existing kerbstones, reshape drive and replace kerb with Marshalls traditional tumbled kerb.

**21/01475/FUL** 3 Quarry Avenue Farndon CH3 6NT Single storey rear extension.

**New applications:**

**21/01983/FUL** 2 Nightingale Close Farndon CH3 6RA New driveway to be formed off Limetree Drive.

**21/02009/FUL** Orchard Cottage Old Lane Farndon CH3 6Qx. Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of single storey side and rear extensions, alteration to garage doors, erection of timber framed carport and fence to rear boundary (east), alteration to the height of front brick boundary wall and gateposts.

**21/02201/FUL** Border House High Street Farndon CH 3 6PT Change of use for part of the building from business to residential, Installation of a balcony to the rear elevation, rendering of part of the front elevation and cover spalled brickwork and creation of a new entrance door from the High Street.

**21/02079/FUL** Electrical Substation Chester Road Churton by Farndon Electrical substation.

**21/02032/FUL** Mayfield Crewe Lane South Farndon CH3 6PH Single storey extension to rear.

**21/01051/FUL** 6 Strawberry Close Farndon CH3 6SJ 2 storey rear extension, alterations to side windows.

**21/02184/S73** The Boathouse High Street Farndon CH3 6PU Demolition of existing café/dwellinghouse buildings and erection of a replacement

dwellinghouse. Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 15/02649/FUL (and 19/04100/NMA).

**Decisions:**

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

**Now carried out: 21/01797/TPO** St Chads Church, Church Lane, Farndon Advisory fells are to be felled as per Tree Survey.

**Approved: 21/01162/FUL** 2 Smithy Cottages Churton Road Farndon Part demolition of single storey outbuildings, single storey side and first floor extension, alterations to windows/doors.

**Resolved:** Noted.

**136.21 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN.**

i)Update: The NDP team had circulated a position statement regarding the FNDP review survey.

ii)Cheshire Community Action survey of residents: Residents had been written to on behalf of Greyside Planning.

**Resolved:** Noted.

**137.21. FINANCE.**

**Resolved:** that the payment of salaries and expenses, the payment of invoices for goods received and services rendered be approved and the receipts and balances be noted.

**Proposed Cllr H Williams    Seconded Cllr L Morris.**

**Clerk: Resolved:** Rate of remuneration to be reviewed wef 1 September at next meeting.

**138.21. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS AND INVITATIONS.**

Received: correspondence, publications and invitations.

i)Quarry Hill play area: Complaint received regarding overgrown grass.

**Resolved:** Noted that CWAC had now cut the area.

ii)CWAC: Local Plan Early Conversation 2021: Consultation 23/6 to 15/9/2021.

**Resolved:** Noted.

iii)CWAC: Delta Covid 19 update.

**Resolved:** Noted.

iv)Cheshire West Safety Advisory Group: Events management update/advice (Covid).

**Resolved:** Noted.

v)Proposed additional gate access at Farndon Primary School: Complaint from resident.

**Resolved:** Noted that the Clerk had acknowledged and advised that as this was a school initiative the complaint had been passed to the school to respond direct.

vi)CHALC: Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2/6/2022: Guide to taking part received.

**Resolved:** For further discussion at September meeting.

vii)CWAC: Rural Localities: Invitation to Parish Council to a Farndon Walk About with Service Team members 12/7/2021.

**Resolved:** Cllr Fish and the Clerk to attend.

viii) Letter from resident received requesting a public statement re Greyside Planning situation.

**Resolved:** Noted that a PC statement had been prepared and posted on the PC website.

ix)St Chads Church: Burial ground remaining capacity was discussed. Barnston Estate advised that their new natural burial ground at Monument Meadow was entirely separate but complimentary to the offering at St Chads.

**Resolved:** Barnston Estate to convene a meeting with the Parish Council when their new burial ground was open to revisit previous discussions with the PC and clarify the way forward.

x)CWAC: Crowdfunding Initiative: Project Creator Workshops 22/6/2021 and 15/7/2021.

**Resolved:** Noted.

xi)CHALC: Local Plan Conversation 2021: Town and Parish Connections Event 15 July.

**Resolved:** Cllrs Fish and Amphlett to attend.

xii)CHALC: Members invited to sign bullying petition.

**Resolved:** Noted.

xiii) Dotty About Accounts: Confirmation that while the trading name and branding of Dotty about Accounts would continue the business would be relocating to move in with The Uncommon Accounts based in Wrexham.

**Resolved:** Noted.

### **139.21 FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB.**

Cllr Williams reported:

i)The trusses in the roof had now been signed off as safe.

ii)The refurbishment had commenced.

**Resolved:** Noted.

iii)Hedge between kennels and club: As this was overgrown again the hedge should be scheduled for an annual cut going forwards.

**Resolved:** Cllr Williams to arrange for it to be cut and FCC to pay.

### **140.21. MUGA**

Cllr Henderson reported that CWAC had requested some further information but that the planning application now appeared to be moving forward.

**Resolved:** Noted.

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

i)Farndon crossroads A534/Sibbersfield Lane/Crewe by Farndon junction: Concern was raised yet again about the frequency of road traffic accidents occurring at this junction. Ward Cllr Roberts confirmed that he had

contacted CWAC on several occasions and advised that all incidents should be reported. It was felt that a roundabout should be campaigned for. Ed Trevor Barnston said that he would be happy to give up some of his land adjacent to the area of concern towards facilitating extra space needed for any roundabout.

**Resolved:**

- a) A petition be started to campaign for a roundabout, to be presented to the next CWaC Full Committee on 21 October 2021. Neighbouring Parishes to be invited to sign also.
- b) Clerk to contact Holt Community Council to ask if they would be prepared to join in the effort to reduce accidents along this stretch of A534 as they too experienced frequent accidents at the junction into Holt village.
- c) Cllr Finlay to ask the police for RTA data at this junction.
- d) FNDP team to consider if the issue could be built into the next survey.
- e) Cllr P Roberts to raise the issue with CWAC Officers on the Farndon Walk About planned for 12 July.
- f) To be discussed further at September meeting.

ii) Boardwalk repairs: Discussed at Item 134.21 (iii).

**Resolved:** Noted.

**142.21. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

**NO MEETING IN AUGUST.**

**Resolved:** that the date and time of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm in Farndon War Memorial Hall.

Advance apologies received from Cllrs Fish and Henderson.