

FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PART ONE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 5th APRIL 2022 AT 7.30PM, at Farndon War Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllr S Rowlandson (Chair), Cllr F Henderson, Cllr M Jones, Cllr P Fish, Cllr P Amphlett, Cllr V Roberts.

In attendance: C Taylor, Clerk, Cllr P Roberts, Borough Cllr, Mr E Barnston, Barnston Estate and 2 members of the public.

38.22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Received from Cllrs D Finlay, H Williams, J Hillyer, L Morris, M Rudd.

Resolved: that the apologies be noted.

39.22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

40.22. OPEN FORUM.

Residents of The Boat House, Farndon attended to introduce themselves to the PC and vice versa. The current state of the riverside track was raised and confirmation of ownership requested. Although construction traffic had added to the damage to the surface of the track, they felt that the main problems had been caused by flooding in the area which had displaced the gravel and had caused large holes to appear in the surface. They advised that they were happy to level the displaced gravel and make good any damage caused by the construction traffic. They had met with CWAC Planners who had advised that they would want to see the track left as a rural track and did not ever envisage it being anything other than e.g., tarmac etc.

The PC confirmed that it had long been established that the track was public land and had been cared for by the County Council. The PC had however previously organised finings to be provided by CWAC to fill the holes and had recently met with the Environment Agency with whom they were now working with to take ownership of the strip of land on which the current fishing pegs were located.

Resolved: PC to ask CWAC if they could provide road finings to fill the holes/level the track. The PC would consider paying/sharing any costs arising.

With regards to the area in general: the residents advised that there was to be a planning application for cladding (in oak) of the Severn Trent measuring station kiosk. The lease was with England but National Resources Wales used it. The land where the cottage was would be landscaped.

Resolved: Noted.

41.22. COMMUNITY SAFETY.

No police presence. Monthly report yet to be circulated.

Resolved: Noted.

42.22. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Monthly report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Resolved: Noted.

43.22. MINUTES OF THE LAST (MARCH) MEETING.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 1st March 2022 be confirmed as a true record.

Proposed Cllr V Roberts Seconded Cllr P Amphlett.

44.22. CLERK'S REPORT.

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

- i) Remembrance Garden: **Noted:** Works had now started to improve the garden and were ongoing.
- ii) PROW application: **Noted:** An online meeting with CWAC had been held to discuss the present position. **Resolved:** To keep residents updated via the Autumn edition of the PC newsletter.
- iii) Queens Platinum Jubilee: **Noted:** Farndon Community Club intended marking the occasion by joining in with The Big Jubilee Lunch on 5th June with details to be circulated nearer the time. St Chads Church planned a Village Jubilee Concert on 22nd April.
- iv) Community Resilience Plan: **Noted:** In progress.
- v) Barnston Estate: **Resolved:** Thanks were extended to Edward Barnston for hosting a tour of the Barnston Estate on 31 March 2022 which had been both informative and enjoyable.
- vi) Community Project Fund: **Resolved:** To set up a subcommittee to look at the criteria and then present at a full PC meeting for agreement prior to being advertised in the Autumn newsletter.
- vii) Street lighting on approach to FCC: **Resolved:** Cllr Henderson to speak to the electrician regarding the lighting that was already there to assess if it could be brought back in to service.

45.22. PLANNING.

Existing applications where decision still awaited:

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

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.

21/02184/S73 The Boathouse High Street Farndon CH3 6PU Demolition of existing café/dwelling house buildings and erection of a replacement dwelling house. Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 15/02649/FUL (and 19/04100/NMA).

21/03991/FUL Townfield Farm Townfield Lane Farndon CH3 6QW Erection of 4 holiday chalets with associated works.

21/04589/FUL Oak Barns Townfield Lane Farndon Chester CH3 6QW Conversion of 3 dwellings to a single dwelling with associated alterations to fenestration.

21/04848/FUL Sibbersfield Lane Farm Sibbersfield Lane Farndon Chester CH3 6NX Construction of cow cubicle extension to existing building.

21/05018/FUL Former Gas Storage Site Sibbersfield Lane Farndon CH3 6NX Construction of pumping station, including compound, parking space and landscaping.

21/05050/FUL 16 Greenway Farndon 2 storey rear extension, alteration to front and side window.

21/05080/FUL 14 Ince Drive Farndon CH3 6NS Demolition of existing outrigger and construction of single storey rear and side wrap around extension.

22/00097/FUL Land adjacent to The Cottage Marsh Lane Kings Marsh Chester Erection of a stable building and a storage building and construction of an outdoor arena.

22/00228/FUL Farndon Bridge High Street Farndon Installation of a temporary overland water pipe across Farndon Holt Bridge.

22/00041/FUL Toll Bar Barton Road Farndon CH3 6NW Formation of a dropped kerb and removal of a section of existing hedge to provide new access for the existing dwelling.

New applications:

22/00857/FUL The Boathouse High Street Farndon CH3 6PU Construction of detached double garage with first floor studio. **Resolved:** Planning Sub Committee be asked to comment.

Decisions:

None.

Resolved: Noted.**46.22. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN.**

Cllr Henderson reported that part of the revised Farndon Neighbourhood Development Plan was currently being rewritten to take into account further information concerning employment statistics recently received. Next steps were to finish the Design Code.

Resolved: Noted and Clerk to make arrangements with the printer in readiness.

47.22. FINANCE.

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

Proposed Cllr V Roberts Seconded Cllr M Jones.

i)Audit: Resolved: Hacker Young be appointed internal auditor with immediate effect on the recent inability of Dotty About Accounts to continue providing the service.

48.22. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS AND INVITATIONS.

Received: correspondence, publications and invitations.

i)NALC: Letter to Smaller Councils: An invitation to raise any issues specific to small councils and suggest services NALC could consider offering. **Resolved:** Noted and any future issues to be forwarded to NALC.

ii)Complaint from resident regarding Dee Crescent property **.Resolved:** Noted that the complaint had been forwarded to Environmental Health to deal with as appropriate.

iii)Complaint from resident regarding riverside track surface. **Resolved:** Noted that the riverside track had been discussed at Item 38.22 on the agenda.

iv)CHALC: Revised Code of Conduct: May 2022. **Resolved:** The Clerk would attend a Chalc on line training event on 7 April and that the Council would adopt the revised Code with effect from the May meeting.

v)Digital Connectivity for Farndon: Cllrs V Roberts and M Jones along with the Clerk and Borough Cllr had met online with Kloud9 on 3 March. Kloud9 intended holding two drop-in sessions during May to engage with residents/local businesses and would be advertising the details in the very near future. **Resolved:** Noted.

vi)Track off Churton Road: Query received via the PC website. **Noted:** The Clerk had responded on behalf of the PC.

49.22. FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB.

Reported:

i)Big Lottery grant application: Farndon Community Trust had been successful with their application and had been granted £100k.

Resolved: Noted.

50.22. MUGA.

The tennis courts had now been marked out and the facility was being well used. An opening ceremony was planned for Spring.

Resolved: Noted.

51.22. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR MAY 2022.

The Clerk confirmed that there had been one nomination, duly seconded, for the appointment of the next (2022/2023) Vice Chair. Cllr L Morris would assume the position with effect from the May 2022 meeting.

Resolved: Noted.

52.22. SPRING NEWSLETTER.

Resolved: Noted that the print run was due to be delivered and would be available for collection for delivery to residents by the end of the week.

53.22. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

Nothing raised.

54.22. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Resolved: that the date and time of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 at 7.30pm in Farndon War Memorial Hall. This will be the Annual Meeting.