

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup>  
OCTOBER 2022 AT 7.30PM in FARNDON WAR MEMORIAL HALL**

**Present:** Cllr F Henderson, Cllr H Williams, Cllr V Roberts, Cllr S Rowlandson, Cllr D Finlay, Cllr M Jones, Cllr M Rudd.

**In attendance:** Ward Cllr P Roberts, PCSO R McKevitt, Mrs C Taylor, Clerk.

A MINUTE SILENCE WAS OBSERVED PRIOR TO THE MEETING COMMENCING TO REFLECT ON THE PASSING OF HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II AND THE ACCESSION OF KING CHARLES III.

**130.22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P Amphlett, P Fish, J Hillyer and L Morris. **Resolved:** that the apologies be noted.

**131.22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None received.

**132.22. OPEN FORUM.** Nothing raised.

**133.22. COMMUNITY SAFETY.**

Police monthly report received prior to meeting. PCSO McKevitt in attendance. **Resolved:** Noted.

Further discussed:

- i) Police new speed gun: Training had been carried out and once recalibrated the gun would be deployed. The new gun could be used during darkness.
- ii) Community speed gun: **Resolved:** PCSO McKevitt to deliver some further refresher training. Cllr Finlay to liaise directly with PCSO McKevitt regarding a suitable date.

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**134.22. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.**

Monthly report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr P Roberts was in attendance. **Resolved:** Report noted.

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Further discussed:

- i) Neighbourhood Pride Scheme: Cllr Roberts continuing to liaise with CWAC. **Resolved:** Noted.
- ii) Broadband: The Parish Council hosted Questions and Answers session for residents with the CWAC Digital Co Ordinator had been held but had been ill attended. **Resolved:** Noted.
- iii) Speed limit A534: Cllr Roberts continued to press for progress. **Resolved:** Noted.
- iv) Crowdfunding: Nothing further to report. **Resolved:** Noted.
- v) Worthenbury Pumping Station: The proposed closure had no significant impact on Farndon. A consultation was underway. **Resolved:** Noted.
- vi) Closed riverside path: Cllr Roberts continued to press for progress. **Resolved:** Noted.

**135.22 MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.**

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

**Proposed Cllr V Roberts. Seconded Cllr S Rowlandson.**

### **136.22. CLERK'S REPORT.**

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

- i) Track off Churton Road/PROW application: Evidence was currently being tabled and a short submission being compiled ahead of 30 October comment deadline. To be circulated to full council prior to being submitted. **Resolved:** Noted.
- ii) Community Resilience Plan: Work in progress. **Resolved:** Members to forward any details of local tradespersons to Cllr Henderson to draw up a contact sheet for the plan.
- iii) Defibrillators. **Resolved:** A deadline of New Year be set to formalise/progress the siting of the gifted Taylor Wimpey defibrillator at the site currently identified/offered. If not able to progress the siting at this point to ask Barnston Estate if their offer of siting it at Top Farm could instead be accepted.  
**Resolved:** Cllr Henderson to register the defibrillator outside the pharmacy on the Circuit.
- iv) Premature flooding Denamere Lane. Cllrs Henderson and Roberts had met on site with the Denamere Lane resident who attended the previous meeting to express concerns regarding the flooding. The resident wanted the river to be dredged but understood that the Parish Council was not in a position to do any more. The resident intended to continue conversing with the Environment Agency and CWAC and would keep the Parish Council informed. **Resolved:** Noted.
- v) Community Benefit Fund: The local Scout group had indicated that they might be interested in submitting an application but nothing had as yet been received.  
**Resolved:** Noted.

### **137.22 PLANNING.**

**EXISTING APPLICATIONS where decision still awaited:**

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

**21/02184/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).

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

**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.

**22/02421/CAT** Mirabelle Cottage Church Lane Farndon Immediate removal of Mirabelle tree (1) deemed dangerous by tree surgeon. Removal of Mirabelle tree (2).

**22/02078/FUL** Rosemead Churton Road Farndon Demolition of existing conservatory and utility room side extension, erection of front porch, alteration to existing garage roof, two storey extension to rear, alterations to windows and doors, rendering application.

**22/02620/FUL** 9 Shearwater Road Farndon Re-locate 1.8m Side fence (West elevation) to boundary line.

**22/02362/FUL** Former Boarding Kennels and Cattery Sibbersfield Lane Farndon Erection of new dwelling with attached garage.

**22/02278/FUL** Farndon River Gauging Station High Street Farndon Demolition of existing building, erection of single storey building to include stepped access.

**22/02133/FUL** Church View High Street Farndon Erection of timber shed.

**22/01873/FUL** Bridge End Church Lane Farndon Demolition of existing garage, erection of front porch, single storey side extension, timber frame and canopy to rear, erection of detached garage.

#### **NEW APPLICATIONS:**

**22/03490/TPO** Telephone Exchange Quarry Hill Farndon Felling of Elder (T1) Acer (T2) and Elm (T3). Crown lift and side prune. Mixed shrub and Scots Pine (G4) to create 2ft clearance from neighbours property.

**22/03193/PDQ** Marsh House Marsh House Lane Kingsmarsh Chester. Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling.

**22/03032/FUL** Coniston 2 Greenway Farndon Alterations to existing garage to include single storey extension, change of doors to windows and new roof, alterations to driveway entrance gate posts.

#### **DECISIONS:**

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

**Approved: 22/00972/FUL** Wynton Crewe Lane Farndon CH3 6PG Replacement side extension conversion of existing garage into kitchen and alterations to existing front porch area.

#### **138.22 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN.**

The revised Farndon Neighbourhood Development Plan was out for Regulation 14 Consultation (6 weeks) and would then proceed to a Regulation 15 Consultation (review by CWAC). **Resolved:** Noted.

#### **139.22. FINANCE.**

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

#### **Proposed Cllr D Finlay Seconded Cllr H Williams:**

**i)Noted:** Conclusion of Audit: The Notice of Conclusion of Audit and External Auditor Report and Certificate had been received and was deemed in accordance with Proper Practices with the exception that Section 2, Box 8 was incorrectly stated as £55,717. It should be £51,633 to agree to the bank reconciliation submitted for review.

#### **140.22. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS AND INVITATIONS.**

Received: correspondence, publications and invitations.

i)Walkers Autumn planter refill: **Resolved:** To confirm annual order.

ii)WaterPlus bill: Elevated water bill for the allotments received due to previous estimated meter readings. **Resolved:** Clerk to pay invoice. Clerk to look at plot rental

fees charged at other local allotments with a view to comparing with current rental fees collected from Farndon plot holders.

iii) Property Asset Strategy Consultation 11 October 2022: **Resolved:** Noted.

iv) Christmas tree install: The Clerk advised that the usual contractor had declined the installation this year due to operational reasons. Walkers had requested confirmation of small tree order. **Resolved:** Clerk to confirm usual order with Walkers. Alternative installer to be found.

v) Community Orchard initiative: Information shared with local landowner. **Resolved:** Noted.

vi) Riverside bench: **Resolved:** To be listed on Parish Council asset register/covered under Public Liability Insurance.

vii) CWAC Warm Homes initiative: Feedback received from Cllr Williams following attendance at an on-line event. **Resolved:** Noted.

#### **141.22. FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB.**

i) An application for Lottery funding for an upgrade of the emergency lighting and fire system had been rejected on the basis that insufficient consultation had been undertaken with the community. **Resolved:** noted.

ii) Hedges and ditches had been cleared out which would hopefully alleviate flooding. A request was made for the Parish Council to keep this maintained.

**Resolved:** Clerk to arrange a meeting with club trustees to discuss responsibilities regarding ongoing maintenance.

#### **142.22. MUGA.**

A split had appeared in the surface and discussions were ongoing with the installer. **Resolved:** Noted.

#### **143.22 REMEMBRANCE GARDEN WORKING GROUP.**

The gardener continued to mow the lawn and intended reseeding where required when the damper weather arrived. Mole activity had ceased. Cllr Morris had bulbs to sow. **Resolved:**

i) Clerk to chase water board again regarding action required to sinkhole in the cordoned off area.

ii) Clerk to confirm amount left in budget/ number of cuts to lawn outstanding.

#### **144.22 WINTER NEWSLETTER.**

**Resolved:** To go to print by end of October in readiness for distribution mid-November. Items were agreed and shared out for article writing. Items to be forwarded to Cllr Henderson by 14 October latest.

**145.22 STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.** Nothing raised.

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

**Resolved:** that the date and time of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 7.30pm.

