

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 1st
NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.30PM in FARNDON WAR MEMORIAL HALL**

Present: Cllr F Henderson, Cllr H Williams, Cllr P Amphlett, Cllr S Rowlandson, Cllr P Fish, Cllr M Jones.

In attendance: Mrs C Taylor, Clerk.

147.22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Hillyer, D Finlay, V Roberts, M Rudd, L Morris, Ward Cllr P Roberts and PCSO R McKeivitt **Resolved:** that the apologies be noted.

148.22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None received.

149.22. OPEN FORUM. Nothing raised.

150.22. COMMUNITY SAFETY.

Police monthly report received prior to meeting. PCSO McKeivitt not in attendance.

Resolved: Noted.

Further discussed:

i) Community speed gun: **Noted:** PCSO McKeivitt had delivered some further refresher training.

151.22. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Monthly report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr P Roberts was not in attendance. **Resolved:** Report noted.

Further discussed:

i) Neighbourhood Pride Scheme: Cllr Roberts was continuing to liaise with CWAC. It was thought likely that CWAC was now going to ask scheme applicants to progress any approved requests as opposed to them carrying out the works. **Resolved:** Noted.

152.22 MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2022 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr M Jones. Seconded Cllr S Rowlandson.

153.22. CLERK'S REPORT.

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

- i) Track off Churton Road/PROW application: Evidence had been tabled and a short submission compiled and submitted to the Inspector by the 31st October comment deadline. **Resolved:** Noted.
- ii) Community Resilience Plan: Work in progress. **Resolved:** Members to forward any details of local tradespersons to Cllr Henderson to populate a contact sheet for the plan. Request also to be shared to Facebook asking interested tradespersons to forward their details for inclusion in the plan. List of tradespersons also to be posted on the Parish Council website for general use.

- iii) Community Benefit Fund: St Chads bellringers had indicated that they might submit an application in the New Year to help with printing costs associated with a recruitment drive.

Resolved: Noted.

154.22 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.

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. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to CWAC Planning concerning the proximity of this application to a neighbouring property.

New applications:

22/03541/FUL Mount View High Street Farndon Demolition of existing sunroom and erection of replacement single storey rear extension.

22/03043/FUL 31 Nightingale Close Farndon Alterations to roof to increase ridge, replacement roof tiles, single storey and first floor front extension, two storey side and rear extension, single storey rear extension and dormer, alterations to windows and doors, application of render and cladding to all elevations.

22/03278/S73 Former Gas Storage Site Sibbersfield Lane Farndon Erection of 6 dwellings – variation of Condition 2 of application 17/01363/S73 and 19/02310/REM substitution of approved house types to include those submitted with this application.

Decisions: None.

Resolved: Noted.

155.22 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

The revised Farndon Neighbourhood Development Plan Regulation 14 Consultation (6 weeks) had now concluded and it had now entered its Regulation 15 Consultation (review by CWAC). Following this there would be a Regulation 16 Consultation (by Inspectors). **Resolved:** Noted.

156.22. 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 M Jones Seconded Cllr S Rowlandson

157.22. BUDGET.

Members identified alterations to facilitate the reopening of the riverside path and the restoration of the Old School sign stone as being items of expenditure that should be discussed at budget setting this year. **Resolved:**

- i) Clerk to obtain a quote from a stonemason for the restoration of the stone.
- ii) Any further suggestions to be made at the December meeting.
- iii) Clerk to convene a Finance Working Group meeting early January to agree a draft budget proposal for recommendation to full council at their February meeting.

158.22 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE TENDER.

Resolved: To tender for a 3-year contract as opposed to a 1-year contract with effect from renewal at 1 April 2023. To be advertised locally via notice boards, websites, and social media. Extent of tender to be agreed at December meeting. (Currently divided into 3 separate tenders (St Chads closed burial ground, Parish Council owned section of burial ground at St Chads and land to the side of Farndon Community Club).

159.22. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS AND INVITATIONS.

Received: correspondence, publications and invitations.
Nothing not already covered elsewhere on the agenda.

160.22. FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB.

Update: The bar refurbishment had started. There had been a further leak in the main hall and it had been ascertained that the gable end wall had movement. A verticality survey had been commissioned.

- i) The Clerk had arranged for representatives of the Parish Council to meet with club trustees to discuss responsibilities regarding ongoing maintenance and this meeting had taken place on 31 October. Hedges and ditches had recently been cleared out by a volunteer which would hopefully alleviate flooding and the trustees request was for the Parish Council to keep this maintained. It was agreed that the Parish Council would get quotes for the hedge cutting and maintenance with a view to considering paying for or contributing to the cost. There was a proposal that the club would take back the cutting of the grass to the side of the club which was currently paid for by the Parish Council. **Resolved:** To be discussed further at the December PC meeting and a decision made regarding future responsibilities.
- ii) Dog fouling on field: A Complaint had been made to the Ward Councillor regarding a perceived increase of fouling on the field. **Resolved:** Noted. Many responsible dog owners used the field to exercise their dogs and it was very difficult to police instances of fouling which sadly affects many parts of the village.

161.22. MUGA.

The split that had appeared in the surface had been repaired and the installer had been informed that a relay would be requested if it did not solve the issue.

Resolved: Noted.

162.22. REMEMBRANCE GARDEN WORKING GROUP.

Cllr Morris had bulbs to sow. The Clerk had chased the water board again regarding action required to the sinkhole in the cordoned off area and they were investigating further. **Resolved:** Noted.

163.22. WINTER NEWSLETTER. Noted: Expected back from the printer by the end of the week in readiness for distribution by mid-November. **Resolved:** Clerk to ask Broxton Air Cadets if they would be willing to assist Councillors with the distribution.

164.22. CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS.

i) Tree order and install: Cllr Henderson and the Clerk to progress arrangements.

ii) Light up dates: Village tree on the 3rd December and small street trees 10th December.

iii) Electricity supply for large tree: Usual supply point to be used outside Little Churtons.

Resolved: Agreed.

165.22. PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL DINNER.

Noted: Confirmed for the evening of the 7th December 2022 at The Hare.

166.22. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

i) Sycamore tree at the corner of The Crofts reported as obscuring light from the lamppost. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to CWAC.

167.22. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Resolved: that the date and time of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 7.30pm.