

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY 2023 AT 7.30PM in FARNDON WAR MEMORIAL
HALL**

Present: Cllr F Henderson, Cllr L Morris, Cllr S Rowlandson, Cllr P Amphlett, Cllr J Hillyer, Cllr D Finlay, Cllr V Roberts, Cllr M Rudd.

In attendance: Mrs C Taylor, Clerk, Cllr P Roberts, Ward Cllr, Mr E Barnston.

1.23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs H Williams, P Fish, M Jones and PCSO R McKeivitt. **Resolved:** that the apologies be noted.

2.23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None received.

3.23. OPEN FORUM.

Ed Barnston shared outline plans for a proposed extension at Monument Place. A public consultation would take place alongside the planning application.

Resolved: Noted.

4.23. COMMUNITY SAFETY.

Police monthly report received and circulated prior to meeting. PCSO McKeivitt not in attendance. The wards policing team was currently running at reduced capacity due to illness and retirement of officers. **Resolved:** Noted that Cllr P Roberts had offered to raise staffing levels with the PCC.

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5.23. 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)Broadband: Latest update was that Kloud9 had now pooled all resources to Kelsall to get that build finished. **Noted:** Cllr Roberts would find out when they planned on starting in Farndon & Churton having last heard they were waiting for more registrations before building anything.

ii)Public transport: Residents and visitors in Cheshire West and Chester were now able to save money on most bus services and "Get Around for £2", following the launch of a government scheme to cap fares for single bus journeys in England. From 1 January to 31 March 2023, over 130 bus operators would charge no more than £2 for their single tickets across over 4,600 routes nationally, helping families, commuters and other passengers save money on travel. This extended to the Number 5 bus serving Farndon. **Resolved:** Noted.

iii)Dog fouling: Complaints had increased regarding fouling with some owners not picking up and disposing of responsibly. **Resolved:** Suggestions for the location of an additional dog bin to be made to Cllr Roberts.

6.23 MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2022 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr V Roberts. Seconded Cllr J Hillyer.

7.23. CLERK'S REPORT.

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

- i)Community Resilience Plan: **Noted:** Cllr Henderson was in the process of setting up an emergency email to be used at times of need. Names of contractors still required to add to list of potential sources of help/assistance should they be required.
- ii)Neighbourhood Pride Grant: **Noted:** Quotes had been forwarded to CWAC to progress the applications for the public toilet area regeneration and the village gateway and both schemes had now been approved for completion by Mid-March.
- iii)Community Benefit Fund: **Noted:** An approach from the Farndon Scout Group had been made and they had been advised to complete and return the previously supplied application form and return as soon as possible.

8.23. 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.

22/02620/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.

22/01873/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.

22/03032/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.

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.

22/04171/FUL Sybersleigh Churton Road Farndon Proposed rear extension and internal alterations.

22/04250/FUL 40 Quarry Hill Farndon Extension to front of property in line with existing porch and adjacent property.

22/03991/FUL The Orrells 5 Townfield Lane Farndon Proposed partial garage conversion with alterations to side door and window. Proposed enlargement of existing driveway.

22/00172/NEWDEV Kingsmarsh Close Farndon Proposed Street name change to Sybbotts Grange.

New applications: None.

Decisions:

Approved: 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.

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

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

9.23. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

AS previously reported, the revised Farndon Neighbourhood Development Plan was still being worked on and would enter its Regulation 15 Consultation next (review by CWAC). Following this there would be a Regulation 16 Consultation (by Inspectors). Some additional reports had been requested by CWAC due to new legislation coming into force. **Resolved:** Noted.

10.23. FINANCE.

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

Proposed Cllr V Roberts Seconded Cllr F Henderson

11.23. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS AND INVITATIONS.

Received: correspondence, publications and invitations.

i) Election Information May 2023: Briefing details were shared. **Noted:** The Clerk would attend a CWAC briefing session in March.

ii) Prow update: The Clerk had requested an update from CWAC but the information supplied did not appear to correspond with the same application. CWAC had been made aware and a further request had been made.

iii) Chairmanship 2023/2024: Cllr Morris, if re-elected at the May elections, was due to take over from Cllr Henderson as Chair of the Parish Council with effect from the May meeting. Reluctantly, she had decided to give early notice that due to current commitments she would not be in a position to take up this position and members were thus informed. **Resolved:** Cllr Henderson, should she be re-elected at the May elections, would continue as Chair for a further six months whereupon the arrangement would be further discussed. During this six-month period Cllr Morris would remain as Vice Chair. Potentially, Cllr Morris would assume the position of Chair wef November 2023 commitments allowing.

12.23. FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB/MUGA.

i) Club: Cllr Hillyer reported that the club had enjoyed a very successful 2022 with increased hirings. The lottery grant funding was now almost spent.

MUGA: Reported as doing well.

ii) FCC structural survey to be discussed as Part 2 agenda item.

Resolved: Noted.

13.23. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

i) A pothole between Churton and Sibbersfield Lane turning was reported as having been particularly problematic but it was noted as having been filled in recently.

14.23. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Resolved: that the next Farndon Parish Council meeting would be held on Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7.30pm in Farndon War Memorial Hall.