

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023 AT 7.30PM in FARNDON WAR MEMORIAL HALL**

**Present:** Cllr F Henderson (Chair), Cllr L Morris (Vice Chair), Cllr S Rowlandson, Cllr M Rudd, Cllr P Amphlett, Cllr M Jones.

**In attendance:** PCSO McKevitt, Mr A Waddelove.

**PART 1**

**32.23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from the Clerk, Cllr J Hillyer, Cllr H Williams, Cllr V Roberts, Cllr P Fish, Cllr D Finlay, Ward Cllr P Roberts. **Resolved:** that the apologies be noted.

**33.23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None received.

**34.23. OPEN FORUM.**

i) Accidents at Barton Garage raised: PCSO advised that this was not always a speed related issue. **Resolved:** Noted.

**35.23. COMMUNITY SAFETY.**

Police monthly report received and circulated prior to meeting. PCSO McKevitt in attendance.

i) Complaint regarding anti-social behaviour: PCSO was aware of the issue and was dealing with it. **Resolved:** Noted.

ii) Lloyd Close junction: PCSO reported that this had been monitored and was no busier than normal. **Resolved:** Noted.

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**36.23. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.**

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

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Further discussed:

i) Parking issues: High St/Lloyd Close and Churton Road/Brewery Motors: Cllr Roberts not in attendance to expand on. As above PCSO McKevitt reported that there does not appear to be any increased traffic issues at High St/Lloyd Close junction.

ii) Accidents at Barton Service Station: **Noted:** CWAC/Police were looking at changing the white lining.

iii) Request for security cameras: Cllr Roberts not in attendance to expand on.

**37.23 MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING.**

**Resolved:** that the Minutes (Part 1 and 2) of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

**Proposed Cllr S Rowlandson. Seconded Cllr M Jones.**

**38.23. CLERK'S REPORT.**

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

i) Community Resilience Plan: **Noted:** Nothing further to report.

ii)Siting of additional defibrillator: Farndon Surgery had agreed to allow the PC to site the additional defibrillator on one of their external walls. There were conditions attached including that they would not be responsible for its care or maintenance and they would require an ownership sign to be displayed clearly saying that the surgery had no responsibility for it and that this lay with the PC. The surgery would however pay for the electricity supply to the heated cabinet. The Clerk was waiting for further information (a contact) from the surgery in order to proceed. **Resolved:** Cllr Amphlett would be the custodian of the defibrillator and would therefore be responsible for its registration, maintenance and rescue readiness.

iii)Kings Coronation: The Church had activity planned for the Friday and FCC for the Sunday. **Resolved:** PC to proceed with bunting on the High St initiative. Cllr Amphlett offered to knock on doors where bunting would be put up to ensure there was agreement to do so and price up bunting.

iv)Election briefing reminder: Members had received details of the process via email as and when they were received. All aware of the process.

### **39.23 PROW APPLICATION.**

Awaiting report and decision. **Resolved:** Clerk to chase if not heard anything within a week.

### **40.23. PLANNING.**

Applications dealt with between meetings of the Parish Council and any decisions received.

#### **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.

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

**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.

#### **New applications:**

**23/00262/FUL** The Pines Brewery Lane Farndon Single Storey Rear Extension.

**23/00355/CAT** The Old Doctors Church Lane Farndon To have Holly tree section felled, rigged and replace it with a smaller tree, possibly an Acer which will allow the branches of the Plane tree to spread freely.

**23/00544/FUL** 3 Deva Terrace Farndon First floor rear extension.

**23/00569/LDC** Del Rio Townfield Lane Farndon Application for lawful development certificate for an existing use as a single dwelling for more than 4 years.

**23/00568/LDC** Riverside Townfield Lane Farndon Application for lawful development certificate for an existing use as a single dwelling for more than 4 years

**23/00567/LDC** Rivercrest Townfield Lane Farndon Application for lawful development certificate for an existing use as a single dwelling for more than 4 years.

**Resolved:** Comment to be made to Planning regarding applications 23/000569/LDC, 23/00568/LDC and 23/00567/LDC with a possible view to enforcement being required.

**Decisions:**

**Approved: 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.

**41.23. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN.**

Still ongoing with housing numbers updated for the review. Existing plan may stand.

**Noted:** any actions should be carried out before planning framework changes beginning of April.

**42.23. FINANCE.**

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

**Proposed Cllr M Jones    Seconded Cllr S Rowlandson**

**43.23. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS AND INVITATIONS.**

Received: correspondence, publications and invitations.

i)Zoom subscription renewal. **Resolved:** Agreed.

ii)Complaint received regarding displaced riverside bin. **Noted:** Back in situ.

iii)Report of damaged grave in closed churchyard at St Chads. **Noted:** CWAC had been out and assessed and there was no danger/no action required.

iv)Complaint received regarding water pollution adjacent to pathway at Quarry Hill.

**Noted:** Reported to CWAC to investigate.

v)CWAC Standardised School Year Consultation (15/2/2023 to 3/5/2023). **Resolved:** No comment.

vi)EE Mobile wi-fi price plan. **Resolved:** Cancel as poor coverage.

vii)Correspondence regarding premature flooding of River Dee at Farndon Hay.

**Resolved:** Acknowledged.

**44.23. FARDON COMMUNITY CLUB/MUGA.**

i)Update on position of main hall roof repair: Not discussed.

ii)Football pitches: Malpas & District JFC had recently been contacted by Cheshire FA about possible access to funding to help improve and maintain grass pitches

used for competitive football fixtures at grassroots level. Farndon Community Trust had previously explored the possibility of accessing funding for similar purposes from England FA. However, this would only have been possible if the Trust had security of tenure of the pitch for at least 10 years. Cheshire FA now recognises that security of tenure is a significant constraint to accessing funding for many football pitches used by grassroots teams and to address this issue they have recently altered the requirements regarding organisations having security of tenure for pitches to apply for funding. It would now accept applications for funding to maintain / improve pitches so long as it could be demonstrated that an organisation had permission to carry out maintenance of the pitch; and in cases where 10 years security of tenure cannot be guaranteed, that the site's landlord agreed to this being done.

As the Trust do not have the required security of tenure (i.e., a lease of at least 10 years) then the landlord has to agree to sign a proforma to demonstrate that they allow the Trust to carry out maintenance if they are to be able to access the funding.

**Resolved:** The PC agreed with no risk to their lease they were happy for them to use it and therefore apply for the funding with permissions to carry out maintenance of the pitch.

#### **45.23. REMEMBRANCE GARDEN.**

The Clerk was awaiting feedback from the Community Payback Team who were scheduled to visit and assess the churchyard grounds in general to see how they could assist. **Resolved:** Clerk to update at April meeting.

#### **46.23. NEWSLETTERS.**

**Resolved:** All items prepared by Members to be submitted to the Chair as soon as possible and by no later than the first week in April ready for a mid-April print run.

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

i) CWAC owned section of boardwalk handrail had been reported as damaged.

**Resolved:** Clerk to chase as still damaged.

ii) Trees reported as blocking path at Crewe Lane. **Noted:** Barnston Estate had removed the trees.

iii) Ward Cllr and PC Members had attended a site meeting at the Riverside (cliff) path with the CWAC PROW Officer. A diversion was viable and there was a willingness to effect it. **Resolved:** A feasibility study would be commissioned.

#### **48.23. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETINGS.**

**Resolved:**

**APRIL:** The date and time of the next meeting will be Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7.00pm in Farndon War Memorial Hall. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting which will be followed by the Ordinary April meeting at 7.30pm.

**MAY:** The Annual Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in Farndon War Memorial Hall.

