

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY  
4th JULY 2023 AT 7.30PM in FARNDON WAR MEMORIAL HALL**

**Present:** Cllr V Roberts, Cllr H Williams, Cllr S Rowlandson, Cllr F Henderson, Cllr D Finlay (late), Cllr P Fish, Cllr P Amphlett, Cllr A Foster, Cllr B Hillyer, Cllr P Roberts, M Jones.

**In attendance:** Cllr A Waddelove (late), 3 members of the public and Mrs C Taylor, Clerk.

## **PART 1**

### **112.23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from, Cllr M Rudd, PCSO R McKeivitt.

**Resolved: that the apologies be noted.**

### **113.23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** No declarations of interest were made.

Cllr Finlay joined the meeting.

### **Items brought forward on the agenda/dealt with out of sequence:**

**122.23(ii)/11(ii) Environment Agency re fishing pegs:** A representative from the Environment Agency was in attendance to update the Parish Council on recent developments. The fishing pegs had been fenced off just ahead of the open fishing season on 15 June as they were considered dangerous and not fit for purpose. Legal advice was that the pegs were the responsibility of the Environment Agency with any funding required coming out of the local fisheries budget. £50k had been raised to take some of the repairs on and reinstate the pegs. Work was ongoing to get a lower quote for the scheme but the £50k would make a start on 3 of the 9 pegs this summer. The disabled peg plus 2 others would probably be the starting point and the top of those fenced off areas could then come down. The Environment Agency were aware that there were funding opportunities that they were not eligible to apply for. Initial issues to be addressed were:

- a) Long-term ownership and maintenance of the pegs themselves when they were ready to be handed over.
- b) With liabilities and maintenance in the future in mind refreshing the Environment Agency and Parish Council partnership.

The representative asked whether the Parish Council would still, in theory, like to receive the pegs and, if so, how would maintenance be dealt with going forward. In answer to being asked what kind of maintenance regime would be required and what the likely costs were the representative advised that they could not say until designs were decided but that in a partnership, they would expect costs to be equitable. The Parish Council did not have to adopt the pegs but there was the possibility further down the line that the Environment Agency would have to decommission them because of funding

constraints. **Resolved:** The Environment Agency would come back to the Parish Council when the new designs were developed, by the end of the summer, as they would then have an idea of maintenance costs. No decision to be made at this meeting. No further action required from the Parish Council until the Environment Agency made further contact. The Clerk to forward a copy of the draft Minutes to the EA representative and they would respond with a timeline.

Cllr Waddelove joined the meeting.

**118.23(iv)/7(iv) Riverside track:** Residents from The Boathouse attended at the invitation of the Parish Council. They reported that the track was dusty and potholed and they were prepared to fill the holes in themselves with crushed concrete but would also like to see some speed bumps installed. It was noted that while speedbumps would potentially slow down speeding the current potholes also had this effect. They reported issues with some long-term parking up of vehicles with owners staying in vans. Vehicles were parking on the grassed area.

**Resolved:**

- a) Clerk to ask CWAC what the rule/legal position is regarding overnight and long term stays on the track.
- b) Clerk to forward the response from CWAC regarding any repair of the track to the residents.
- c) The stones intended to prohibit parking on the grassed area should be left in situ for now.

**114.23. GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.**

Nothing raised.

**115.23. COMMUNITY SAFETY.**

Police monthly report had been made available to circulate prior to the meeting. PCSO McKeivitt was not in attendance.

i) Attendance at PCC meeting 27 June 2023: Noted that the PCC had since circulated a report of the meeting. PC representatives had nothing further to add. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to the PCC following A534 safety concerns raised at the meeting confirming the Parish Councils continued strong desire for issues along this stretch of road to be addressed and to extend an invitation to meet John Dwyer on site at the earliest opportunity.

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**116.23. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.**

Cllr A Waddelove was in attendance.

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i) Smell off fields behind Wellington Green: He had received a report from the Environment Agency advising that residents were relatively happy with the

outcome. Whilst the farmers actions were legal it was hoped that it would not be repeated next year.

ii) Wild camping site: Still being investigated by CWAC.

iii) PROW application off Churton road: A private CWAC meeting was scheduled for 12 July and details/decision would be available for release approximately one week later.

iv) Riverside (cliff top) footpath: CWAC had promised a survey in this financial year.

v) Community Speed Watch: A temporary ban/suspension had been confirmed as being for health and safety reasons. It was thought that there would be a requirement for 3 rather than 2 volunteers for speed gun deployment going forward.

vi) A534: He had a meeting scheduled with John Dwyer PCC for 3 August to discuss the A534 and he would forward details to the Clerk for members attention should they wish to attend. He had also raised concerns regarding rural policing and lack of resources. PCC had said that he would look at addressing that and more information would follow at the September PC meeting.

vii) Superfast Broadband update: He had spoken to CWAC and Kloud9 and was hopeful that both Farndon and Churton would be connected within the next 12 months. Drop-in sessions would be held and there would be some disruption as more telegraph poles would be needed.

viii) Complaints re parking: He continued to receive complaints regarding parking behaviours in the vicinity of Shearwater Road/Brewery Motors/outside the pharmacy. **Resolved:** Clerk to log with PCSO McKevitt.

ix) Advertisement: Cllr Amphlett drew attention to an advertisement she had recently seen for Farndon 2.6 acres for hire/campsite. **Resolved:** Cllr Waddelove to make enquiries.

x) Members Budget: Cllr Fish asked if the Memorial Hall could apply. **Resolved:** Cllr Waddelove confirmed that it could.

### **117.23 MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING.**

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th June 2023 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

**Proposed Cllr S Rowlandson    Seconded Cllr D Finlay.**

### **118.23. CLERK'S REPORT.**

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

i) Consideration of a Give Box: **Resolved:** FPC agreed to the siting of a Give Box on the Memorial Hall car park. **Proposed** Cllr Henderson **Seconded** Cllr Williams. The Memorial Hall would consider it at their 18 July meeting. As the car park was joint use the approval of both parties was needed to proceed.

ii) Defibrillator/CPR training: Cllr Amphlett, custodian of the defibrillator, updated that the defibrillator had now been placed inside the cabinet on the external wall at the village surgery and suggested/requested that a CPR training session be organised for residents wishing to avail themselves of it.

**Resolved:** a) Clerk to ask Tattenhall First Responders if they would provide a training session in the Autumn. B) Clerk to put a notice on the Parish noticeboard to advertise the location of 4 public access defibrillators in the village.

iii) Feedback from attendees of Induction, Chairmanship and Planning training sessions: **Noted:** Cllrs Amphlett, Finlay, Fish, Hillyer and Rudd had all attended one or more of these courses. **Resolved:** Clerk to advise/remind residents via the website that they can come along to Parish Council meetings to discuss any planning pre applications.

iv) Riverside track: **Noted:** Dealt with before Public Speaking item on the agenda.

v) Plumpton Harding update: The Chair reported that members of Plumpton Harding and Farndon United Charities were looking to convene a meeting to explore a merger of the two charities with the possibility of, potentially, Plumpton Harding ceasing to exist. **Resolved:** Noted.

### **119.23. RESPONSIBILITIES.**

Allocation of specific roles to individual Councillors: The Clerk had circulated a neighbouring Parish Council model scheme/suggested roles for consideration/discussion.

In some instances, FPC were already doing this i.e., where there were sub committees, (Planning, Finance, Remembrance Garden). These could be added to when/where required. **Resolved:** Suggestions for additional headings to be brought to the September meeting. Lead Cllrs to be identified.

A request was made for the PC to look into the provision of youth/teenage activities. **Resolved:** Cllrs Amphlett and Hillyer would 'run' with this idea and would investigate and report back to the September meeting.

### **120.23. PLANNING.**

**Existing applications where decision is 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).

**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.

**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.

**23/000959/FUL** Farndon Sewage Disposal Works Installation of MCC Kiosk building.

**23/00863/FUL** Land at Monument Place Chester Road Churton By Farndon Chester Erection of building comprising of 1400sqm of Class E (g) (ii) and (iii) floor area with associated parking, service yard turning circle, pedestrian links, bike and bin storage, two padel courts, and landscaping.

**23/01243/FUL** 4 Parker Drive South Farndon CH3 6NQ 2 storey side extension with single storey extension to rear.

**23/01279/FUL** 2 Dee View Farndon Demolition of existing garage and construction of detached garage and office. Replacement windows and doors to include rear sliding doors and two small windows in front to be replaced with one larger wider opening.

23/01560/FUL 3 Dee View Farndon Chester CH3 6PR Proposed front, side and rear extension.

#### **NEW APPLICATIONS:**

**23/01719/FUL** Barclay House Brewery Lane Farndon Single storey orangery side extension, conversion of existing garage to habitable room with first floor side extension above. Replacement windows and render to all exterior walls. Widen vehicular access and install electric gates to front facing boundary wall.

#### **DECISIONS:**

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

**Approved: 23/00987/S73** Farndon Bridge High Street Farndon Installation of a temporary overland water pipe across Farndon Holt Bridge – variation of condition 3 (pipe removal) of planning permission 22/00228/FUL.

**Approved: 23/01045/LDC** Poplar House High Street Farndon CH3 6PT To establish the existing use of the small disused shop as domestic storage (Class C3) for Poplar House following continuous use for at least 30 years.

### **Further discussed:**

18/03599/FUL. Land at Pinnington Fields Recreational Chalet with fishing platform and change of use of land to recreational purposes (in retrospect and declined 21 May 2021) where recent activity to allow access had been observed. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to CWAC Planning Enforcement Officer.

### **121.23. FINANCE.**

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

**Proposed Cllr S Rowlandson    Seconded Cllr P Fish.**

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

Received:

i) Invitation to attend a CWAC Highways online Session: 5 July 2023 6-7pm.

**Noted:** Cllrs V Roberts and P Fish would be attending.

ii) Correspondence from Environment Agency re fishing pegs. **Noted:** Dealt with before Public Speaking item on the agenda.

iii) Invitation to attend a Playground Inspection Course. **Resolved:** If this course ran, organised by Huntington PC, Cllr Williams and the Clerk would attend.

iv) Request for sponsorship from Heber Football team. **Resolved:** £200 be granted. Proposed: Cllr Finlay    Seconded: Cllr Hillyer.

v) Complaint re trees in churchyard overhanging adjacent property. **Noted:** Cllrs Williams, Henderson and the Clerk had met with the resident. The trees had been identified as being on CWAC land and therefore their responsibility. The Clerk had forwarded photographs, taken with the residents' permission, to Cllr Waddelove who was going to raise with CWAC.

vi) Request to work with property adjacent to the Remembrance Garden to reduce hedge and tame overgrown brambles. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to the resident advising that they had no objection to them reducing the hedge as it was their hedge. The PC would tidy the side of the hedge facing into the Remembrance Garden although it was not particularly overgrown and remove any brambles where appropriate.

vii) Community Payback Team: **Noted:** The Clerk had been back in contact and they were hopeful that they would be able to carry out some further work in the churchyard. They would confirm over the next week.

### **123.23. FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB/MUGA.**

Cllr Williams reported that progress had been made in so far as a surveyor from Clancys had been out to the club to do preliminary calculations on the club roof and had agreed to come back to them in about a weeks' time with suggestions.

A scheduled quiz had been postponed until the Autumn.

A beer festival was planned for September. **Resolved:** Noted.

i) Grass cutting on field: The Club Trustees requested that the Parish Council pay for the grass cutting around the perimeter/edges of the football pitches. They currently pay £40 for the cutting of the actual pitch plus an additional £160 for all other grassed areas. The Chair proposed that the PC pay 50% of the £160 as the area around the pitch equated to roughly the same area as the remainder of grass to be cut (i.e., behind the club/skatepark area and in front of the club up to the treeline). This proposal would be for 6 cuts over the year equating to an annual amount of £480.

**Proposed:** Cllr V Roberts    **Seconded:** Cllr B Hillyer

A vote by show of hands was taken: For 6    Against 3    Abstained 1

**Resolved: Motion carried.** FPC agreed that, for this financial year, they would pay for 6 cuts around the pitch at £80 per cut. Cllr Finlay would draw up a plan of areas to be maintained and responsibilities for those cuts/maintenance.

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

The Chairman reiterated that going forward only longstanding issues be reported under this item i.e., issues reported but not dealt with.

Members should, instead, report new issues direct to CWAC to deal with.

Residents raising issues with members should likewise be encouraged to report in the same manner with the advice that if they did not get any response/action they should then speak to their local Councillor. **Resolved:** Noted.

i) A request was made for a larger font to be used for any notices going on the Parish Council noticeboard. **Resolved:** Clerk to do so where possible.

ii) Concern was raised that the CWAC reporting site advises that a pothole needs to be a minimum depth for residents to report and that this prevented people from reporting dangerous potholes. **Resolved:** Cllr Waddelove advised reporting regardless.

**125.23. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING. Resolved:** that the date and time of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 7.30pm. To be held in Farndon War Memorial Hall.  
NO MEETING IN AUGUST.