

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
5th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.30PM in FARNDON WAR MEMORIAL HALL**

Present: Cllr V Roberts, Cllr H Williams, Cllr P Fish, Cllr B Hillyer, Cllr P Roberts.

In attendance: Mr E Barnston and Mrs C Taylor, Clerk.

PART 1

127.23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from, Cllr M Rudd, Cllr S Rowlandson, Cllr F Henderson, Cllr D Finlay, Cllr P Amphlett, Cllr A Foster, M Jones, Cllr A Waddelove, PCSO R McKevitt.

Resolved: that the apologies be noted.

128.23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. No declarations of interest were made.

129.23. GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.

Nothing raised further to:

i) Broadband: Apologies had been received from guest speaker Mike Dugine CWAC Digital Sector Specialist. He had however confirmed that Open Reach had decided to include Farndon in their commercial rollout which should take place in 2024 (probably towards October but tbc). All properties in Farndon would be built to.

He had also advised that there was some funding available from UKSPF that could be used to improve connectivity in rural locations for properties that were non residential and had asked for details of any properties in Farndon that were used as community spaces that may benefit from an internet connection.

Resolved: Clerk to suggest Farndon War Memorial Hall (currently no internet), Farndon Community Club (has internet but would benefit from a booster), and possibly St Chads Church.

130.23. COMMUNITY SAFETY.

No police monthly report had been made available to circulate prior to the meeting. PCSO McKevitt was not in attendance.

i) Condolences were expressed on the passing of PCSO Jon Hurst.

ii) Noted that Cllrs V Roberts, P Roberts, P Amphlett and Borough Cllr A Waddelove had met onsite with PCC John Dwyer to discuss firsthand the A534/Sibbersfield Junction safety concerns.

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131.23. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr A Waddelove was not in attendance. A report/updates had been issued and circulated prior to the meeting.

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132.23 MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING.

Resolved: that the Minutes (Parts 1 and 2) of the Meeting held on 4th July 2023 be confirmed as a true record.

Proposed Cllr P Fish Seconded Cllr H Williams.

133.23. CLERK'S REPORT.

i) Consideration of a Give Box: **Resolved:** FPC agreed an application in principle for £250 to fund the build of a suitable box. Cllr Hillyer to complete and submit a Community Benefit Fund application form and forward to the Clerk. Chair and Clerk could approve the application on receipt ahead of the next meeting in order to progress as soon as possible.

ii) Defibrillator/CPR training: The Clerk had asked Tattenhall First Responders (TFR) if they would provide a training session in the Autumn. They had offered 24 October 2023 at 7pm. To be held at Farndon Community Club.

Resolved: Clerk to confirm the date with TFR Rob Selby and advertise on the website, noticeboard, and post office.

134.23. RESPONSIBILITIES.

Resolved: To form a small delegated FPC Sub-Committee (Cllrs F Henderson, P Roberts, M Rudd) with a remit for dealing with all FCC related business prior to bringing before the full FPC for any decision making.

135.23. SOCIAL MEDIA. Resolved: Any reporting of council business in a personal capacity on social media should be carefully considered beforehand.

136.23. NEWSLETTER. Resolved: Cllr Hillyer would prepare an article on the Give Box, Cllr V Roberts one on the reporting of CWAC issues and another on the WMH, the Clerk would ask Mike Dugine to submit a broadband update. As there were so few members in attendance the Clerk would email a request out to all asking for further contributions.

137.23. 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).

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.

23/00567/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.

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

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.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

23/02506/LDC 51-52 High Street Farndon CH3 6PU The application seeks lawful confirmation that the entirety of the building is now residential use since June 2019.

23/02219/FUL 6 Barnston Mews Farndon CH3 6LH Single storey rear extension, addition of new side window.

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. Amendment/additional information.

23/02161/FUL 7 Brereton Road Farndon Single storey extension to rear of property.

23/02540/FUL Hawthorn Cottage Worthenbury Road Crewe by Farndon 2 storey side/rear extension and single storey rear extension.

DECISIONS:

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

Approved: 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.

Decided: Withdrawn: 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.

138.23. FINANCE.

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

Proposed Cllr P Roberts Seconded Cllr H Williams.

139.23. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS.

Received:

i) Severn Trent Water Section 38 application Farndon Common:

Representation deadline 8 September 2023. **Resolved:** No comment/objection.

ii) No. 5 bus service: Proposition to fund some evening journeys on Friday and Saturday nights. **Noted:** No date had yet been set and there would need to be consultation and funding established.

iii) WaterPlus (STW): Further correspondence re allotment water meter replacement. **Noted:** The Clerk had continued to communicate with STW and was hopeful that a digital water meter was close to being installed.

iv) Concern regarding a potential development interest on Sibbersfield Lane had been raised with the Clerk. **Noted:** CWAC planning had been contacted and they had advised that no planning application had been received.

v) Proposed development on Wrexham Industrial Estate: Planning permission was being sought for a large building, the visual impact of which would be felt, in the Farndon ward, by Shocklach residents in particular. Shocklach Parish Council had submitted a comment to Wrexham Borough Council.

Resolved: Farndon Parish Council would also submit a comment reiterating the points raised by Shocklach Parish Council.

vi) Remembrance Garden complaint: A resident had raised various complaints/requests. Cllrs Williams and Fish and ex Cllr Lesley Morris had met with them to discuss and had explained that the Parish Council endeavoured to do as much as they could to improve and maintain the area but that funding was limited. It was felt that a team of community volunteers would be helpful.

Resolved: The resident had offered to help and it was agreed that Lesley Morris would continue to liaise/work with them regarding ongoing upkeep/suggestions. The Clerk would obtain a quote to remove the spoils from the fenced off area and over the perimeter fence which had been generated from visits by the Unpaid Work work parties. The Clerk would ask the grounds maintenance contractor to deal with weeds that lined the path in front of the church in the closed churchyard.

vii) Farndon 10k: **Noted:** this would be taking place on 24 September 2023.

140.23. FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB/MUGA.

Cllr Williams reported that the club trustees were still waiting for their solicitor to give an opinion as to whether they had any claim to compensation from their original surveyor.

A beer festival was organised for Saturday 9 September 2023.

i) Young people's community sport and social meet: Cllr Hillyer reported that they were considering a twice monthly meet (suggested age range 12 to 18 years) to be held alternating between Farndon Community Club and the War Memorial Hall. The club had agreed that they could hire the MUGA. It was noted that up to date DBS checks would be required if not already held. They had contacted the Charlotte Harvey Foundation which covered finances/sponsored youth clubs but would also look to apply for funding from the Parish Council, Members Budget, a current PCC scheme and the Soapbox Community Fund.

Resolved: The Parish Council supported the initiative in principle and acknowledged that requisite funding was currently an unknown. Cllrs Hillyer and Amphlett would work on a business plan, with which Cllr P Roberts offered to help. Cllr V Roberts would raise the possibility of their using the War Memorial Hall (WMH) for meetings with the WMH Committee. Cllr Hillyer would ask the community if the initiative would be welcomed/used via the

newsletter and village Facebook page and also seek advice/support from the relevant CWAC department.

141.23 STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

i) Cllrs Fish and V Roberts had attended a CWAC Highways online session in July. **Resolved:** Noted.

ii) Residents had complained about the extent of roadside weeds. **Resolved:** Noted that Cllr Waddelove had taken this on board and complained to CWAC.

iii) Complaint received regarding nettles/overgrowth at the bottom of Meadow Lane. **Resolved:** Cllr Williams would ascertain ownership of the land and request it is cut back.

iv) Walkers Lane: Complaint received that the lane was heavily overgrown. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to CWAC again.

142.23. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING. Resolved: that the date and time of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 7.30pm. To be held in Farndon War Memorial Hall.