

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.30PM in FARNDON WAR MEMORIAL
HALL**

Present: Cllr V Roberts, Cllr H Williams, Cllr F Henderson, Cllr B Hillyer, Cllr P Fish, Cllr A Foster, Cllr D Finlay, Cllr P Roberts.

In attendance: Borough Cllr A Waddelove, Mr E Barnston, 2 members of the public and Mrs C Taylor, Clerk.

PART 1

160.23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P Amphlett, Cllr S Rowlandson, Cllr M Rudd, M Jones, PCSO R McKevitt.

Resolved: that the apologies be noted.

161.23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Cllrs Williams and Hillyer declared a prejudicial interest in Items 21 and 22 on the Part 2 agenda.

162.23. GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.

The two members of the public present commented on planning enforcement case 23/00428/EOPDEV listed under planning on the agenda. Each offered their opposing views on the newly erected fence at 3 Dee View.

Resolved: Both were advised that the matter was in the hands of the CWAC planning enforcement team and the Parish Council had no power to resolve the issue. The enforcement team would assess in due course and both parties and the Parish Council would be informed of the outcome.

163.23. COMMUNITY SAFETY.

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

i)Community speed gun/data update: It was noted that data captured while using the speed gun could now be sent via email to PCSO McKevitt again. Concern was expressed that volunteers were becoming despondent at the lack of feedback once data had been forwarded to the police.

Resolved: Clerk to write to John Dwyer, PCC, expressing this concern and requesting additional administrative back-up be given to PCSOs to help with the burden of this activity.

ii)Request to move 30mph speed indicator device by Monument Place: **Resolved:** Following on from a response from CWAC regarding this request it was agreed that the Clerk would ask CWAC for a cost for the scheme of works (in time for the December meeting so as to be able to consider at budget setting) as they had indicated that the Parish Council would have to pay the full cost of any move.

iii)Report of anti-social behaviour at Monument Place Burial ground: **Resolved:** The Clerk would follow up with PCSO McKevitt.

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164.23. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr A Waddelove was in attendance.

Cllr Waddelove extended thanks to all Farndon Community Club volunteers for the bonfire and fireworks event held at the weekend.

i)Wild camping site: Planning had confirmed that the site operator would have to apply if they wished to recommence next year. With regards to the debris in the river following the recent floods, it was still flooded and the owners could not access at present but they would when they could.

ii)Police and Crime Commissioner: Following the onsite meeting with PCC John Dwyer to discuss firsthand the A534/Sibbersfield Junction safety concerns CWAC had advised Mr Dwyer that the data did not support any changes. Cllr Waddelove reiterated the need to build up a database of any future incidents as only personal injury accidents were currently logged.

iii)Broadband: Quarter 2 of 2025 was the expected completion date for the roll out by Openreach.

iv)Speed limit: Residents had asked for enforcement of the 20mph limit past the school.

v)Public toilets: Overgrown saplings in the area of the public toilets had been raised. This was the responsibility of CWAC but it was unlikely that they would be dealt with anytime soon.

vi)Electric vehicle charging: CWAC had advised that they were currently consulting on points in the Borough with an update due in 2024.

vi)Farndon/Holt Bridge: Severn Trent had advised that it was their intention to remove the blue pipe Spring/Summer 2024.

vii)S106 funding: Approximately £8k from the Sibbersfield Lane new builds would fund the Sibbersfield Lane speed reduction scheme. It was noted that it had come to light that the majority of a historic (2017) £68k pot of S106 funding had been spent elsewhere/not in the village (with the PC not informed by CWAC). Cllr Waddelove would be following this up with CWAC.

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165.23 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY OCTOBER MEETING PART 1.

Resolved: that the Part 1 Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd October 2023 be confirmed as a true record.

Proposed Cllr P Roberts Seconded Cllr H Williams.

166.23. CLERK'S REPORT.

Circulated prior to meeting. Further discussed:

i)Defibrillators: **Resolved:** Cllr Henderson to let Clerk know what consumables needed ordering for the defibrillator outside the pharmacy.

ii) Give Box: A neighbour had asked for a camera to be installed as they feared youths congregating. **Resolved:** To monitor the situation.

Cllr Hillyer requested the PC fund a sign for the box: **Resolved:** Cllr Hillyer to get a quote and bring to the next meeting for further discussion.

The build of the box had been £25 over the original quote: **Resolved:** To pay the additional amount. Proposed: Cllr Finlay and seconded by Cllr Fish.

167.23. 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).

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

23/00959/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.

23/02506/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.

23/02161/FUL 7 Brereton Road Farndon CH3 6RD Single storey extension to rear of property.

23/02540/FUL Hawthorn Cottage Worthenbury Road Crewe by Farndon CH3 6NZ 2 Storey side/rear extension and single storey rear extension.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

23/00449/EOPDEV Riverside chalet with refused planning: Enforcement case opened.

23/00428/EOPDEV 3 Dee View Farndon CH3 6PR: Fence dispute: Enforcement case opened.

23/03200/FUL West Winds 13 Dee Crescent Farndon CH3 6QJ Single storey rear extension with rooflights and raised patio/platform with associated steps leading to rear garden.

23/03159/FUL Peartree Cottage Worthenbury Road Crewe by Farndon CH3 6PB 2 storey side and rear and part first floor extension and part rear single storey extension, storm porch to front, external modifications to include replacement windows and re-render.

23/03286/FUL Lodge Farm Worthenbury Road Crewe by Farndon Chester CH£ 6PA Conversion of agricultural brick buildings to 3 residential dwellings.

DECISIONS:

Approved: 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.

Refused: 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.

168.23. FINANCE.

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

Proposed Cllr F Henderson Seconded Cllr A Foster.

169.23. BUDGET.

Resolved: To further review/identify areas for consideration as a part of the budget setting process at the December meeting. Members to forward any ideas for circulation prior to the meeting if possible. Clerk to arrange a meeting of the finance subcommittee beginning of January to agree a draft proposed budget/precept request for presentation to/agreement by full council at the February meeting.

170.23. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE TENDER.

The Clerk informed members that the grounds maintenance contractor had fulfilled their contract satisfactorily for this year and that year 2 of the 3-year contract commenced 1 April 2024. **Resolved:** Noted.

171.23. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS.

- i)PC Remembrance wreath: Had been ordered by FWMH and paid for by the Clerk.
- ii)Notification of wall monitoring at St Chads 7/8 November had been received.
- iii)Ainscough Strategic Land had written to the PC clarifying their interest in land off Sibbersfield Lane.
- iv)NDP: All correspondence/files had been passed over to the Clerk and filed in the War Memorial Hall storage area. **Resolved:** Clerk to source tokens of appreciation for Gill and Gerry who worked so hard on the plan.
- v)Water quality: A resident had raised concerns regarding water quality. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact the Environment Agency for data.

172.23. FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB/MUGA.

Cllr Williams reported:

Bonfire event had been a success raising more funds than last year.

Music Quiz was scheduled for 17 November.

Play by Cheshire Rural Touring Arts scheduled in December.

The waste water pump had malfunctioned and a new pump was needed. This was going to be costly and they currently had a free of charge temporary diesel pump on loan.

173.23. REMEMBRANCE GARDEN WORKING GROUP.

Cllr Fish had had an offer from a local gardening company to cut the hedges back in the Remembrance Garden free of charge over the winter. It would be helpful if a party of volunteers could be drawn together to help.

The fenced off area over the sunken ground had been emptied of weeds and spoils and sprayed by the PC gardener. A place for the spoils going forward needed to be agreed on. No firm agreement was made on this.

174.23 PROPOSAL FOR A YOUNG PEOPLES COMMUNITY SPORT AND SOCIAL MEET.

Members confirmed that they were open to considering financial support but not organising/administratively.

Resolved: Cllrs Amphlett and Hillyer to meet with Cllr P Roberts to work out possible costs of setting up/running to see what level of finance would be required.

175.23. CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS.

Noted: Christmas trees had been ordered and Barnston Estate had kindly agreed to install a large tree again this year outside the Little Farmhouse Café w/b 27th November ahead of the Village Christmas tree light up event taking place 2 December. The smaller street Christmas trees would be lit approximately 10 days before Christmas. Brass band were booked to play on the 2nd. Cllr Henderson would remind the Primary school about pupils preparing posters to advertise and to attend on the evening. Special appearance by Father Christmas reconfirmed.

176.23. PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL DINNER.

Resolved: To be held in January (after the 19th). Cllr V Roberts to make enquiries at The Raven and report back to the December meeting.

177.23. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

i) A request had been received for the bin at the end of Crewe Lane, on the path running adjacent to football field, to be relocated. **Resolved:** Bin to be left in present position as there is already a bin at the opposite end of the path.

ii) Trees overhanging Rioch: **Resolved:** Cllr Waddelove to speak to resident to update. CWAC had advised that it would be some time before they could address and that the resident could cut the trees back themselves if they wished an earlier action.

178.23. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING. Resolved: that the date and time of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th DECEMBER 2023 at 7.30pm. To be held in Farndon War Memorial Hall.