

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
3RD OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.30PM in FARNDON WAR MEMORIAL HALL**

Present: Cllr V Roberts, Cllr H Williams, Cllr F Henderson, Cllr S Rowlandson, Cllr P Fish, Cllr A Foster, Cllr P Amphlett, Cllr M Rudd, Cllr D Finlay, Cllr P Roberts, M Jones.

In attendance: Borough Cllr A Waddelove and Mrs C Taylor, Clerk.

PART 1

143.23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr B Hillyer, PCSO R McKevitt.

Resolved: that the apologies be noted.

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

145.23. GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.

Nothing raised.

146.23. COMMUNITY SAFETY.

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

Cllr Finlay reported that he had recruited one further new volunteer and had two speed gun sessions scheduled and the Clerk had asked PCSO McKevitt to add Farndon to the list of villages wishing to loan the police mobile SID (speed indicator device).

It was felt that the current 30mph speed indicator sign on the approach to the village by Monument place would be better placed further out towards the layby. **Resolved:** Cllr Finlay would email the Clerk with precise details for forwarding to CWAC/police for consideration.

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147.23. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr A Waddelove was in attendance.

i) Wild camping site: Police had attended a recent event and Cllr Waddelove would be reporting back to the CWAC Officer.

ii) A41 road closure: It was acknowledged that the recent closure to facilitate resurfacing had caused chaos. Feedback had been given to CWAC.

iii) Crewe by Farndon mirrors: Cllr Waddelove had put up mirrors opposite Crewe Lane South and Wetreins.

iv)Hedges at Churton Road: Thanks to be extended to Ed Barnston for arranging the hedges to be cut back Farndon to Churton.

v)PROW issues: Walkers Lane had been strimmed by CWAC. Issue adjacent to Ricoh still unresolved. Clerk to forward a list of any outstanding issues to Cllr Waddelove.

vi)Farndon/Holt Bridge: The intention was for the blue pipe to be removed before Severn Trent commence work, potentially March 2024 for 3 years, at Sandy Lane, Boughton.

vii)Police and Crime Commissioner: Following the onsite meeting with PCC John Dwyer to discuss firsthand the A534/Sibbersfield Junction safety concerns there had been no further contact.

viii)Tattenhall tip: Heath and Safety concerns had resulted in a new layout with no reversing at the site with restrictions on types of vehicle allowed access and reduced capacity to take certain items, specifically large items and cardboard.

148.23 MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th September 2023 be confirmed as a true record.

Proposed Cllr P Fish Seconded Cllr P Roberts.

149.23. CLERK'S REPORT.

Circulated prior to meeting. Further discussed:

i) Give Box: Cllr Amphlett reported that the build was progressing.

ii)Defibrillator/CPR training: The Clerk had liaised with Tattenhall First Responders (TFR) and they would be providing a training session on 24 October at 7pm. To be held at Farndon Community Club.

Resolved: Clerk to advertise on the website, noticeboard, and post office etc.

iii)Newsletter: Now almost finalised. Clerk to send to print and circulate for distribution on its return.

150.23. PLUMPTON HARDING TRUST.

Resolved: Cllrs Amphlett and Hillyer sit as Parish Council representatives.

151.23. CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS. Resolved: Village Christmas tree light up event to take place 2 December with smaller street Christmas trees lit approximately 10 days before Christmas. Brass band to play on the 2nd. Cllr Henderson to ask the Primary school if pupils would like to prepare posters advertising and to attend on the evening. Special appearance by Father Christmas.

152.23. 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.

23/000959/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.

23/01719/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.

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 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: None.

DECISIONS:

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

Riverside chalet with refused planning: **Resolved:** Clerk to liaise with Planning re enforcement investigation.

153.23. FINANCE.

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

Proposed Cllr S Rowlandson Seconded Cllr H Williams.

i)Barclays account: **Noted:** Bank error had resulted in the account being set up under the wrong entity. Barclays HIT (Historically Incorrect Team) were in the process of taking corrective action.

154.23. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS.

i)Complaint received from a resident regarding ragwort amongst the wild flower strip planted by CWAC adjacent to the playing field at FCC. CWAC had advised that they would not be strimming the now died back wild seed patch and that it would require reseeding next year at 50% of the weight of seed used last year and again the following year at a further reduced 50% ratio of seed. **Resolved:** Cllr Williams would remove the single stem of ragwort. There was no appetite to reseed in following years and no strimming would take place at present.

ii)Request for assistance/advice had been received from a resident regarding a boundary fence dispute. **Noted:** The Clerk and Cllr Waddelove had engaged with the resident and had, on behalf of the resident and at their request, asked CWaC Planning for advice. They had indicated that an enforcement officer would need to be allocated to assess/investigate.

155.23. FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB/MUGA.

Cllr Williams reported:

Farndon Rocks had been a successful event raising just over £5k.

Bonfire event was scheduled for 4 November.

Music Quiz was scheduled for 17 November.

Play by Cheshire Rural Touring Arts scheduled in December.

Womens football was to be introduced at the club.

i)Young Peoples Community Sport and Social: Cllr Amphlett reported: They were looking at using FCC and Rock Chapel to meet and would be looking at applying to the Community Benefit Fund for funding for rent. It was confirmed that the War Memorial Hall was currently unable to accommodate the group.

156.23 STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

Cllr V Roberts offered to put an article together for the newsletter regarding residents reporting concerns direct to CWAC.

i)PROW Officer appointments: It was noted that two replacement Officers had now been recruited to fill vacancies.

ii) Churton Road PROW application : It was noted that there was nothing further to report (status quo) and that any decision would be publicised on the CWAC website as and when there was anything to report.

iii) Speed limit reduction on Sibbersfield Lane: Noted that this scheme was to be advertised by CWAC in November.

iv) Avondale hedge: Raised as reducing effective size of footway. Clerk to investigate.

v) Soapbox Derby: Congratulations were extended to the organising team. A huge £47500 had been raised for the Hospice of The Good Shepherd with circa £5k going back into the community.

157.23. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING. Resolved: that the date and time of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th NOVEMBER 2023 at 7.30pm. To be held in Farndon War Memorial Hall.