

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 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, Cllr P Amphlett, Cllr M Rudd.

**In attendance:** 2 representatives from the Environment Agency and Mrs C Taylor, Clerk.

## **PART 1**

### **182.23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Rowlandson, Mrs M Jones and Borough Cllr A Waddelove.

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

**183.23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None made.

### **184.23. OPEN FORUM.**

i) Environment Agency officers attended to update on works on the fishing pegs and to provide some data on water quality in the river Dee in general.

A plan was shared showing the path reinstated, disabled peg cleared out to original concrete base (same footprint) with railings around the side and back, new flooring with raised foot stools with a contract ready to proceed hopefully before the end of March 2024 with a 60-year life span expectancy. Low flow/water levels were needed and the contract would also aim to make 3 other pegs safe. Next steps would be to discuss ownership going forward.

The EAs intention was only to maintain and restore the pegs and they only had funding for one at the moment. They had 40 to 45 k available which would pay for the one peg and the making safe of 3 others. There were 10 pegs but some would never be reinstated. Some schemes would require financial input from the PC (via budget or grant applications).

Regarding general water quality, this was managed by Natural Resource Wales with the Water Framework Directive holding overall data. A link to that data to be forwarded to the Clerk. The water quality was classified as good. Dee classified as heavily modified. Phosphates were an issue but were being managed. The Dee was a triple SSI and had various environmental restrictions in place.

**Resolved:** To meet in the New Year to discuss. The discussion to cover funding (some funding streams/grants not available to the Environment Agency (EA) were available to the Parish Council (PC)) and the drawing up of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the EA and the PC. This would not be legally binding but a statement of intent to use in partnership of working together and long-term negotiating management.

### **185.23. COMMUNITY SAFETY.**

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

i)Community speed gun/data update: The speed gun had not been used as there had not been any response from PCSO regarding what happened to the data once forwarded by the SpeedWatch team to the police. **Resolved:** Noted.

ii)Request to move 30mph speed indicator device by Monument Place: **Noted:** The Clerk had asked CWAC for a cost for the scheme of works and this was still awaited (the Parish Council would have to pay the full cost of any move). The hedge had however, been cut back to improve current visibility.

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### **186.23. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.**

Cllr A Waddelove was not in attendance. Report received prior to the meeting. Discussed further:

i)ST resilience water main scheme: **Resolved:** Cllr V Roberts, as she would be attending the Severn Trent open information session being held on 7 December, would seek further clarification regarding this scheme and the additional scheduled works on Farndon High St.

ii)Wild camping site: Following confirmation from Planning that the site operator would have to reapply if they wished to recommence next year it was reiterated that although it could be lawfully used for 60 days a flood risk assessment would be required and that over 60 days would be unlawful. With regards to the debris in the river following the recent floods, it had not been possible for the owners to undertake a clean up due to ill health.

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### **187.23 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY NOVEMBER MEETING PARTS 1 and 2.**

**Resolved:** that the Part 1 and Part 2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 be confirmed as a true record.

**Proposed Cllr P Roberts    Seconded Cllr D Finlay.**

### **188.23. CLERK'S REPORT.**

Circulated prior to meeting. Further discussed:

i) Give Box: Additional shelving was required: **Resolved:** Clerk to forward contact details for local contractor to Cllr Hillyer.

ii)Annual dinner: **Resolved:** Cllr V Roberts to ask the venue if it would be possible to dine downstairs.

### **189.23. 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.

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

**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.

#### **NEW APPLICATIONS:**

**23/03479/FUL** 4 Parker Drive South Farndon CH3 6NQ Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

**23/03499/FUL** 23 Lime Tree Drive Farndon CH3 6PN single storey garage extension.

**23/03467/FUL** 23 Lime Tree Drive Farndon CH3 6PN Single storey front porch extension, two storey side extension, single storey rear extension.

**23/03440/FUL** Demolition of existing garden room and side porch, erection of single storey front, side, and rear extensions – amendment to 23/01560/FUL.

**23/03669/FUL** Rockside Cottage and The Vineyard High Street Farndon Chester CH3 6PU Demolition of dwelling known as Rockside, garage and caravan on land known as The Vineyard and construction of replacement dwelling on land known as The Vineyard.

#### **DECISIONS:**

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

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

**Planning Sub-Committee membership: Resolved:** two additional Cllrs be asked to join this group. Cllrs Henderson and Foster to join Cllrs Williams, Rudd, and Rowlandson.

#### **190.23. FINANCE.**

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

**Proposed Cllr P Fish    Seconded Cllr D Finlay.**

**191.23. BUDGET.**

Members identified two areas for consideration as part of budget setting for the year 2024/2025: Fishing pegs and a village history board.

**Resolved:** Cllr P Roberts to source a costing for a history board. Clerk to arrange a meeting of the finance subcommittee (Cllrs Rowlandson, Henderson, P Roberts, Amphlett and V Roberts) after the ordinary January meeting to agree a draft proposed budget/precept request for presentation to/agreement by full council at the February meeting.

**192.23. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS.**

i) Notification received from Severn Trent of TR07694 River Lane Farndon Utility works 29 January 2024 for 1 month.

**193.23. FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB.**

Parish Council subcommittee membership: **Resolved:** One further member to join this group. Cllr Foster to join Cllrs Rudd, Henderson, and P Roberts.

i) Request from FCC to apply for any remaining funds in the Community Benefit Fund at the end of this financial year: **Resolved:** Finance subcommittee to consider and decide whether the recommendation to full council when recommending the budget for the 2024/25 financial year should be to roll any surplus funds from this financial year (2023/24) over into that financial year or not and if not to be rolled over for members to consider/decide whether FCC could apply for any residual funds at the end of this financial year (2023/24).

The fund guidelines stipulate one application from any one group in any one financial year. If any residual funds were to be carried over they would therefore still be available for application in the new financial year.

**194.23. REMEMBRANCE GARDEN WORKING GROUP.**

Cllr Fish reported that it was hoped that a party of volunteers could be drawn together to help with general tidying/maintenance of the area over the winter. The fenced off area over the sunken ground remained the only identifiable place for spoils but it was acknowledged that going forward an alternative solution was needed. **Resolved:** Shredder hire to be considered/explored.

**195.23 PROPOSAL FOR A YOUNG PEOPLES COMMUNITY SPORT AND SOCIAL MEET.**

No further update, initiative on hold. **Resolved:** to be kept on the agenda.

**196.23. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.**

i) Avondale: A Cllr/member of the public had reported an overgrown hedge to CWAC but no action had been taken. **Resolved:** Clerk to chase response.

**197.23. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING. Resolved:** that the date and time of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm. To be held in Farndon War Memorial Hall.

