

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.30PM in FARNDON WAR MEMORIAL HALL**

Present: Cllr V Roberts, Cllr H Williams, Cllr B Hillyer, Cllr P Fish, Cllr D Finlay, Cllr P Roberts, Mrs M Jones.

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

PART 1

NOTED: The scheduled January 2024 meeting had not taken place due to unforeseen circumstances.

1.24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P Amphlett, A Foster, F Henderson, and M Rudd.

Resolved: that the apologies be noted.

2.24 RESIGNATION. Members formally accepted Cllr Sue Rowlandsons resignation from the Parish Council. As a very longstanding member of the council Cllr Rowlandson would be very much missed and a message of thanks and flowers had been sent to convey this sentiment. **Resolved:** Clerk to begin the advertising process.

3.24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None made.

4.24. OPEN FORUM. Nothing raised.

5.24. COMMUNITY SAFETY.

Police monthly report had been received to circulate prior to the meeting. PCSO McKevitt was in attendance.

Sergeant James Dingsdale was the new Sergeant covering all Chester Rural Surgery's in Farndon would continue and dates would be forwarded to the Clerk. With regards to dangerous dogs, the police were currently receiving information on how to deal with the issue and this would be forwarded to the Clerk. Where burglaries were reported all had a reassurance visit within 24 hours and the Crime Prevention Team were looking towards setting up a meeting for residents with advice to be catered according to user group. Clerk to be kept informed.

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6.24. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr A Waddelove was in attendance and reported:

i)ST resilience water main scheme: The scheme had started works 29 January for a period of circa 12 months. Cadent and BT would coordinate their works during the first month. With regards to the other Severn Trent scheme on the High Street to move the blue pipe the consensus of opinion was to go ahead straight away with April 24 being the soonest possible. There would be a 3-month road closure on the

High Street. Common Law permissions were still being sought by Severn Trent to enable the removal. Cllr Waddelove to keep updated.

ii) Farndon power outages: The network was being renewed but the reason for the regular short power losses was unknown. Suggest keeping a record over the next 12 months.

iii) Vehicle Activated Sign on A534: Now back in use.

iv) Farndon crossroads: Keep left sign, flattened bollard with light out scheduled for work February 24.

v) School project "Caught in the web" had been held at the primary school for years 6 and 7 and had been well supported.

vi) Number 5 bus service to be extended and expanded wef 25 February 24 on a trial basis. Timetable published and available.

vii) Home to school bus transport: Cross party support to change the rules but had been vetoed again.

viii) Council tax: Expected to rise by 4.9%. Less than 1% of the budget being spent on Highways.

ix) Green bin tax: Charge increasing by 25% for 24/25 to £50 per bin.

Resolved: Noted.

7.24 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY DECEMBER MEETING.

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

Proposed Cllr P Roberts Seconded Cllr D Finlay.

8.24. CLERK'S REPORT.

Circulated prior to meeting. **Resolved:** Noted.

9.24. 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.

23/00863/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 CH3 6PA Conversion of agricultural brick buildings to 3 residential dwellings.

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.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

23/04038/FUL 2 Bittern Close Farndon CH3 6RY Single storey side extension.

23/03650/FUL Eastfield Barton Road Farndon CH3 6NL Erection of a first floor bedroom extension and en-suite above existing attached garage.

DECISIONS:

Approved: 23/00959/FUL Farndon Sewage Disposal Works Installation of MCC Kiosk building.

10.24. FINANCE.

Resolved: that the payment of salaries and expenses, the payment of invoices for goods received and services rendered for December 2023 and January 2024 be approved and the receipts and balances be noted.

Proposed Cllr H Williams Seconded Cllr P Roberts.

11.24. BUDGET/PRECEPT SETTING.

Resolved: Members present unanimously agreed to the budgetary requirements/proposals and approved the recommendations of the Finance Working Group to request a Precept of £42,000.

Proposed by Cllr D Finlay, seconded by Cllr P Fish.

Request to move 30mph speed indicator device by Monument Place: Costing received from CWAC of £876 to relocate the device. **Resolved:** Clerk to ask Highways for a further costing/feasibility of leaving the device in its current position but heightening the display. £876 included in precept.

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12.24. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS.

Cllr P Roberts declared an interest in Item 12.24 (ii)

i) Letter from resident re planning application to remove part of Erbistock weir: **Resolved:** Clerk to comment on planning application and ask what the impact would be on river levels at Farndon.

ii) Successful 5G Grant applications (for Memorial Hall and Community Club): **Resolved:** Clerk to speak further to CWAC Digital Specialist to clarify requirements and process. Cllr V Roberts to ascertain if the Memorial Hall were happy to proceed with them now taking responsibility for facilitating the installation.

iii) Retirement of Revd Scurr St Chads: The Clerk updated members on arrangements following Revd Scurrs retirement.

iv) D-Day 80: Official lapel badge. **Noted:** members may avail themselves of the offer to purchase but as a commercial venture the Parish Council could not support.

v) Play Area outstanding Annual inspections. **Noted:** The inspections due in December were now overdue due to the inspector having an accident. These would be carried out as soon as possible and the inspector would note on them the reason for the delay.

vi) Farndon Water Treatment Works: footpath closure. **Resolved:** Noted.

vii) Concern raised re tree at Crewe Lane. **Resolved:** The Parish Council had previously resolved not to take any action and as CWAC had said it was not dangerous the Parish Council did not have any powers to do anything. Agreed no action currently but to have a look and assess the situation.

viii) Enquiry received re future of Tattenhall tip. **Noted:** no decision had been reached on future operations.

ix) CWAC Local Plan Evidence Base Consultation 2024 (26 January to 17 March).

Noted: Farndon's Neighbourhood Development Plan ran to 2030. The consultation from CWAC was to identify areas for development.

x) Green George update. **Noted:** George was quite full. Some books were to be taken to Gresford Community Library.

13.24. FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB.

i) Letter of thanks received from the club trustees for the grant from the PC Community Benefit Fund.

ii) Grants: There had been a successful grant application to update to a wireless fire alarm system. The club were waiting to hear if they could again access the CWAC grant that had to be repaid last year due to spend timescale.

iii) Vat registration: HMRC had clarified/confirmed the clubs position re registering or not for VAT.

iv) A new pump had been fitted.

v) Burns Night event had been very successful.

vi) Fundraising was going well.

Resolved: Noted.

14.24. REMEMBRANCE GARDEN WORKING GROUP.

Cllr Fish reported that a party of volunteers were meeting to help with general tidying/maintenance/cutting back of hedges in the garden on 18 February at 2pm.

Resolved: Cllr Fish would speak to the Rectory Close resident backing onto the garden before the 18th.

15.24. NEWSLETTERS.

Resolved: To be circulated end of May and end of October. Clerk to coordinate with Cllr Henderson. Individual members to pledge offers of articles and forward to Cllr Henderson. Copy date deadline to be confirmed at March meeting.

16.24. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

i) Village Gateway planting: **Resolved:** To accept quote to tidy, replant and reset sandstone retaining wall.

ii) Request for additional lighting on the path Crewe Lane to Farndon Community Club. **Resolved:** The path was on land owned by the Barnston Estate and the request should therefore be raised with the Estate.

17.24. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING. Resolved: that the date and time of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7.30pm. To be held in Farndon War Memorial Hall.