

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 2nd APRIL 2024 AT 7.30PM in FARNDON WAR MEMORIAL HALL**

Present: Cllr V Roberts, Cllr H Williams, Cllr F Henderson, Cllr P Amphlett, Cllr A Foster, Cllr P Fish, Cllr P Roberts.

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

PART 1

37.24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Rudd, B Hillyer, D Finlay, Mrs M Jones and PCSO R McKevitt. **Resolved: that the apologies be noted.**

38.24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None made.

39.24 VACANCY. On the conclusion of the advertising process to co-opt to the vacant position of one Councillor 3 applications had been received. Details of all candidates had been circulated to all members. **Resolved:** All candidates were of a very high calibre and suitable for the role but only one candidate could be selected. A vote returned the decision to offer the role to Katina Davies. Clerk to inform candidates as soon as possible.

40.24. OPEN FORUM.

Nothing raised.

41.24. COMMUNITY SAFETY.

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

42.24. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr A Waddelove was in attendance and reported:

i) Parking complaints: Residents continued to complain about motorists parking on double yellow lines and too close to junctions. **Resolved:** Clerk to ask PCSO to revisit the issue.

ii) New pavement on Sibbersfield Lane: Works had run behind schedule and CWAC had not extended the permit to finish the job. He was chasing the contractor to see when the work would be completed.

iii) Farndon crossroads: Bollard and keep left sign on the A534 junction: bollard had still not been replaced nor keep left sign returned to upright position. Still awaiting action.

iv) Kings Meadow adoption: A section 38 would soon be submitted to CWAC for formal adoption of drains/sewers and roads.

v) Wild camping site: Prior approval would be needed because it was on a flood plain. An application had not been received to date. It was noted that the field was currently up for sale as a potential camping site.

vi) Footpath from Crewe Lane South across the A534: this was overgrown and difficult to use. He had reported the footpath to CWAC and was hopeful that it would be on a works programme soon. He had also flagged up that there was a lack of signs to warn motorists of potential pedestrians crossing.

vii) D Day celebrations: A flag was available via CHALC and he wondered if the church might like one. **Resolved:** Clerk to forward the church wardens contact details for the question to be asked.

43.24 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MARCH MEETING.

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Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 MARCH 2024 be confirmed as a true record.

Proposed Cllr P Amphlett Seconded Cllr A Foster.

44.24. CLERK'S REPORT.

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

- i) 30mph speed indicator device by Monument Place: CWAC had advised that it was possible to leave the device in situ but move the actual display further up the column. Clerk had requested a cost but it was still awaited. **Resolved:** Clerk to chase costing.
- ii) Boardwalk: Repairs had been undertaken. **Resolved:** Clerk to ask contractor to look at one area that was a potential trip hazard.
- iii) Non-functioning streetlight between FCC and the old kennels: **Resolved:** Clerk to ask Barlows to assess and quote to recommission.
- iv) Tree at The Crofts impairing light from lamppost: **Resolved:** Clerk to contact resident again.

45.24. PLANNING.

Existing applications where decision still awaited:

21/00882/FUL Lewis' of Farndon The Gateway High St Farndon Retractable awning over enclosed patio. **Noted:** Lewis's had confirmed that they still intended installing an awning.

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.

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

23/03286/FUL Lodge Farm Worthenbury Road Crewe by Farndon Chester CH3 6PA Conversion of agricultural brick buildings to 3 residential dwellings.

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

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.

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.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

24/00651/FUL Sibbersfield Lane Farm Sibbersfield Lane Farndon CH3 6NX
Construction of Slurry and Dirty Water Lagoon and Silage Storage Pad.

APP/AO665/W/23/3336058 24/00045/REF Notification of a Planning Appeal: Land at Marsh Lane Kings Marsh Chester Erection of a stable building and a storage building and construction of an outdoor area.

Resolved: Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council to submit representation to the Planning Inspectorate before or by 23 April 2024 to reiterate that they had no objection to this planning application.

DECISIONS:

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

Withdrawn: 24/00209/FUL Land at Churton Road Farndon Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension and Erection of Garage.

Decided: No action:23/00428/EOPDEV 3 Dee View Farndon CH3 6PR: Fence dispute.

46.24. FINANCE.

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

Proposed P Amphlett Seconded Cllr H Williams

47.24. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS.

To receive correspondence, publications and invitations and agree actions and attendees. To receive feedback following attendance/representation at any meetings where appropriate.

i)Further correspondence from Denamere Lane resident inviting FPC representation at a meeting regarding flooding. **Resolved:** Cllrs V Roberts and H Williams would attend.

ii)Correspondence regarding closed churchyard at St Chads: Concern had been raised regarding a volunteer asking visitors to the burial grounds for donations towards work being carried out. **Resolved:** As the volunteer was working in the closed churchyard it was a church matter.

iii)Farndon Water Treatment Site. **Noted:** Barnston Estate had been advised that Welsh Water did now propose to begin an upgrade of the water treatment site by Bunkers Hill, which would have minor implications for walkers along the public footpath, and it was expected that they would need the compound until June/July 2025. A start date was yet to be confirmed by Welsh Water. It was understood that this was the first of three phases, and subject to budget constraints.

iv)Wild camping site. **Noted:** Dealt with at Item 42.24.

v)Letter re Local Plan Consultation: Bat habitat conservation. A resident had alerted CWAC and the PC to the fact that bats were present in the grounds of the old telephone exchange which was one of the parcels of land identified on the recent Local Plan Consultation as being potentially suitable for housing development.

CWAC had responded and confirmed that all information supplied about the bats would be added to their records for future reference

Noted: The resident would liaise direct with CWAC going forward.

vi)Complaints regarding public toilets. **Resolved:** Clerk to raise with CWAC as it was their responsibility to maintain/clean the toilets.

48.24. FARDON COMMUNITY CLUB.

i)Lamppost: **Resolved:** Dealt with at Agenda item 44.24(iii).

Cllr Williams reported:

Reports were back for the hall roof and had been sent out to 5 or 6 tenders with quotes expected back in the next 3 weeks.

A new pump had been fitted by a resident.

New classes were scheduled.

It had been necessary to cancel the Bank Holiday car boot due to bad weather.

The footballers had decided to move the pitch back to its original position.

Resolved: Noted.

49.24. REMEMBRANCE GARDEN WORKING GROUP.

A token of appreciation had been arranged for the gardeners who helped with the recent tidying session. The lawn had had a first seasonal cut and the area looked good. Going forward the fence needed a wood preserver applying. **Resolved:** Noted.

50.24. NEWSLETTERS.

All articles for May edition now received. **Resolved:** Clerk to progress to print on receipt of final copy from Cllr Henderson.

51.24. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

i)Overgrown footpath from Crewe Lane South Farndon, across A534 to Crewe by Farndon: **Resolved:** Discussed at agenda item 42.24.

ii)Lamppost No.1 outside Woodlands Cottage Crewe Lane reported as still being faulty/not lit. **Resolved:** Clerk to report again.

iii)Pavements on Lime Tree Drive/Heron Close reported as being very uneven with dangerous trip hazards. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to CWAC.

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52.24. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING. Resolved:

MAY: The Annual Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th May 2024 in Farndon War Memorial Hall.