

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 1st April 2025
AT 7.30PM in FARNDON WAR MEMORIAL HALL**

Present: Cllr V Roberts (Chair), Cllr H Williams, Cllr F Henderson, Cllr P Roberts, Cllr K Davies, Cllr B Hillyer, Cllr A Foster, Cllr G Dawson, Cllr P Fish, Cllr P Amphlett.

In attendance: Mr E Barnston, Mrs C Taylor (Clerk).

PART 1

52.25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Rudd, Mrs M Jones, Borough Cllr A Waddelove.

Resolved: that the apologies be noted.

53.25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nothing raised.

54.25. GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

Ed Barnston advised:

i) Aptitude Gym at Monument Place was opening that weekend.

ii) Top Farm was to hold a launch/open day on 4 May (2pm to 4pm).

Resolved: Noted.

55.25. COMMUNITY SAFETY

Police monthly report not received. PCSO not in attendance. The Clerk advised that there had been issues reported with hare coursing over recent weeks, notably in Shocklach and Crewe by Farndon. Any sightings should be reported via 999.

Resolved: Noted.

56.25. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT. Cllr Waddelove not in attendance: Report circulated prior to meeting.

Resolved: Noted.

57.25. MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING

Resolved: that the Minutes of the March Parish Council meeting held on 4th March 2025 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Part 1 Proposed: Cllr K Davies

Seconded: Cllr G Dawson

Part 2 Proposed: Cllr H Williams

Seconded: Cllr A Foster

58.25. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerks' report was read and noted.

i) VE Day 80 Commemoration: Cllr Fish advised that the WI and the Memorial Hall Committee were arranging a joint event (afternoon tea) to be held 10 May (10am to 4pm).

Resolved: Noted.

ii) Cliff top path: The PROW Officer had reported that she had been in touch with Natural England and they had sent her their generic information about doing any work on a SSSI and she just needed to sift through it to find out if a permit etc was required. She was also going to get a quote for clearance. **Resolved:** Noted.

iii)Burial ground: Cllr Henderson had looked at the periphery and was of the view that any further cut back on the left-hand side was not feasible as it would reveal residents' gardens. The right-hand side needed further taking back. **Resolved:** Keep on agenda.

59.25. HISTORY BOARD PROJECT

Cllr P Roberts reported: The working group now had quotes for two pieces of work and would be meeting to decide if they could accept one quote for each of both the visual structure and the illustration. A request was made for the Parish Council to delegate agreement to accept quotes to the sub group.

Members preference however was for the sub group to present their recommendations at the next meeting of the Parish Council. **Resolved:** Agreed.

60.25. 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).

23/03669/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.

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

24/01630/FUL Land at Barton Road Farndon Chester Change of use to a camp site for up to 15 tents trailer tents for 60 days a year.

24/01483/PDQ APP/A0665/W/24/3350214 REF 24/00108/REF Lodge Farm Worthenbury Road Crewe by Farndon Chester Change of use of 2 agricultural buildings to 5 residential dwellings. Requires permission.

Appeal made to Secretary of State against the decision of CWaC to refuse to grant planning permission.

25/00082/FUL Land adjacent to The Nook Churton Road Farndon Proposed single dwelling unit.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

25/00644/TPO Cemetery St Chads Church Church Lane Farndon Carry out tree work in Tree survey provided.

DECISIONS:

Withdrawn: 24/02570/FUL 3 Starling Close Farndon CH3 6RF Installation of 1 No. air source heat pump to the side elevation.

Approved: 25/00121/FUL 7 Dee Crescent Farndon demolition of existing conservatory, erection of rear single storey extension, addition of side windows.

Approved: 25/00151/FUL 12 Dee Crescent Farndon Demolition of existing rear conservatory and extension, erection of single storey porch and rear extension, partial

conversion of garage, removal of chimney, addition of flue to roof, alterations to doors and windows, removal of cladding to front and rendering application, alterations to driveway.

61.25. FINANCE

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

Proposed Cllr P Roberts Seconded Cllr P Amphlett

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62.25. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS

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Correspondence, feedback, publications, invitations, actions, and attendees.

i)CWAC Planning Policy West: Parish Survey 2025 – Invitation to confirm facilities and services within settlements. **Resolved:** Clerk would try to access again.

ii)Chalc: Invitation to attend West Cheshire Town and Parish Council Conference 30 April 2025 (5pm to 7.30pm) Tarporley. **Resolved:** Cllr V Roberts would try to attend.

iii) Chalc: Social Value Research: Community Spaces: Invitation to work with Cheshire Community Action on a Social Value Engine. **Resolved:** Cllr V Roberts had logged interest.

iv)Chalc: An Invitation had been received to attend a Cheshire and Warrington Devolution Consultation event 26 March 2025. There was to be an online event 7 April (6 to 7 pm). **Resolved:** Cllr Fish would try to attend.

v)Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL): Notification of monies due to PC. CWaC had written to advise that a payment of £17498.96 was to be credited to the Parish Council. **Resolved:** Clerk to circulate details to Members of what the neighbourhood portion of CIL could be spent on. Cllr Henderson to put article in newsletter informing residents and asking for any suggestions on how it could be spent. Ed Barnston to look into responsibility for the potholed tarmac path running adjacent to the football field at FCC.

vi)CWaC Oaks at 80 project: To commemorate 80 years since the end of World War II the project aims to plant oak trees as a lasting tribute to those who lived through the war. **Resolved:** Members to let the Clerk know of any areas identified as suitable for planting.

63.25. FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB

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Cllr Williams reported: The builders had all but finished the roof and the next initiative was to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the club having been built. The club was considering changing their name from Farndon Community Club to Farndon Community Centre.

Resolved: Noted. Congratulations were expressed to the club having achieved their goal of repairing the roof.

i)Tree branches and garden cuttings on field requiring removal: **Resolved:** Clerk to write a letter to all residents backing on to the field at The Crofts asking them to refrain from depositing anything on the field and appealing for what has been dumped recently to be removed. Also, to write separately to resident whose tree has partially fallen onto the field appealing to them to remove it.

ii)Youth Project: Cllr Hillyer reported that the next meeting was scheduled for 17 April and that DBS checks were in hand. **Resolved:** Noted.

64.25 NEWSLETTERS

Resolved: All outstanding articles to be forwarded to Cllr Henderson as soon as possible.

65.25. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS

- i) Complaint received regarding moss on paths at St Chads: **Resolved:** Clerk had asked contractor if brushing the path would remove any surface moss. Monitor.
- ii) Complaint re possible poison hemlock in grass verge received: **Noted:** CWaC could not categorically confirm what the plant was but as a precaution had sprayed it twice.
- iii) Complaint received regarding hedge at Avondale. **Resolved:** No action at present.
- iv) Street orderly's hut in the churchyard: part of the roof noticed as missing. **Resolved:** Clerk to make enquiries of street orderly.
- v) Concern expressed re conditions on Meadow Lane: **Resolved:** Clerk to raise with CWaC PROW officer.

66.25. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

May: The Annual Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th May 2025 in Farndon War Memorial Hall.

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