**Farington Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at St Pauls CE Primary School, Croston Road, Farington Moss on Monday 4th October 2021 at 7.00pm.**

**Present: -** Councillor Michael Green (Vice-Chairman); Councillor Tony Green; Councillor Mike Otter; and Councillor Mrs. Karen Walton

**In attendance: -** Lisa Burton - Clerk to the Council

Borough Councillor Mary Green
1 member of the public

**53. (21/22) Apologies for Absence/Chairman’s health and Safety Announcements**

Councillor Michael Green advised the Health & Safety announcements to the meeting. He also explained the agenda to the Member of Public.
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman; Councillor Chris Wharton-Hardman; Councillor Paul Buckley.

**54. (21/22) Declarations of interest**

No declarations of Interest.
Councillor Michael Green suggested that Code of Conduct Training should be offered to Councillor Tony Green and those absent from the meeting.

Councillor Mike Otter advised that copies are available from Darren Cranshaw of South Ribble Borough Council.

**55. (21/22) Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Item 44 was confirmed, Item 49 was an addition, Item 46 is ongoing.

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th September 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

**56. (21/22) Adjournment for Public Participation**

The Vice-Chairman, Councillor Michael Green adjourned the meeting for public participation and asked if anyone had anything to raise under this item.

Borough Councillor Mary Green advised that she has attended the local Neighbourhood Meeting and it has been agreed that there will be a Christmas Tree at Tardy Gate this year.

Councillor Mrs. Karen Walton advised that the Community Policing was also discussed and a report should be requested from the team. Clerk to request a report or attendance at future Parish Council meetings.

Sheila Smith (Member of Public) advised that she had only recently found out about the Community Hubs, it did seem difficult to find out any information about anything.
The Clerk advised Ms. Smith of the new Parish Council Website and provided the web address.

Councillor Michael Green advised that the website would be updated with the last newsletter which was sent out in April 2021, and that another Newsletter would be going out soon.

The Vice-Chairman, Councillor Michael Green then reconvened the meeting.

 **57. (21/22) Planning Issues**Councillor Mrs. Karen Walton advised that no further information is available regarding the Chain House Lane enquiry. Jonathon Noad is the best contact for any further information. The Clerk is requested to ask for any further information.

The development of Pickerings Farm by Taylor Wimpey (called The Lanes) is moving ahead. Councillor Michael Green suggested that a meeting with the developers would be helpful as one third of the development falls within Farington West. The land is safeguarded in the current local plan and is therefore of concern to the Parish Council. Clerk to request a meeting with the developers.

The West of Lancashire Business Park will be submitted to planning soon.

**58. (21/22) Parish Councillor Vacancy**Following the resignation of Councillor Elaine Robb there is now a vacancy for a Parish Councillor at Farington Parish Council. SRBC have issued a Notice of Vacancy which has been published on Notice Boards and on the Parish Council website.

The Parish Council request that a letter of thanks be sent to Elaine Robb for her service to the Parish Council and especially her representation against the Chain House Lane Development.
The Clerk advised that the deadline for the call of an election is the 19th October and the Electoral Services team will be in touch following this date to advise on co-option of a Parish Councillor. The Clerk is requested to add the item to the next meeting agenda.

**59. (21/22) Report from the Community Engagement Working Group**

The Parish Council is asked to consider any recommendations from the Community Engagement Working Group.

Councillor Michael Green advised that the Group has not met recently and therefore has nothing to currently report, however the Group should meet soon.
Councillor Tony Green raised his interest in joining the Group.

**60. (21/22) Remembrance Event – Lostock Hall**

The Parish Council is asked to approve the annual donation of £300 towards the Remembrance Event road closures at Lostock Hall as per previous years.
The wreaths for the events have been ordered.

Councillor Michael Green advised that he had held discussions with the event organisers at the British Legion who are having problems with regard to the Road Closures and Public Liability Insurance. South Ribble Borough Council have been asked to fund the event and will do so for this year only. The event will require Public Liability Insurance, and this cannot be South Ribble Borough Council or Farington Parish Council. The company that has been approached for the Road Closure management is Ventbrook.
Councillor Mrs. Karen Walton will raise the issue with the Leader of South Ribble Borough Council, Paul Foster.
Donation of £300 towards the Remembrance Service event was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Karen Walton and seconded by Councillor Mike Otter.
**Resolved** to donate £300 towards the Remembrance Service event
 **61. (21/22) Meeting with the Leader of South Ribble Borough Council**The Chairman and Clerk attended a meeting with the Leader of South Ribble Borough Council on 17 September 2021. The Clerk (in the absence of the Chairman) will provide an update on the outcome of the meeting.
The issue of CIL was raised with Paul Foster, and he advised that a report on CIL would be provided to the Clerk. The issue of the crossing on Stanifield Road was raised. Paul Foster advised that if he received a letter from Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman and Councillor Jacky Alty he would add pressure for a crossing to be installed. The possibility of creating a Neighbourhood plan was discussed, Darren Cranshaw will provide more information. A Christmas Tree in Farington and Hanging Baskets for Lamp posts were discussed. Darren Cranshaw will provide contact information to the Clerk for these. In particular it was agreed that lighting up a tree on the corner of Stanifield Land and Lydiate Lane were thought to be a good idea.

Councillor Michael Green read out the CIL report for the benefit of the meeting.
The Clerk was requested to circulate the CIL reports to the Parish Council.

It was noted from the CIL report that there had been no monies for Farington East. Clerk to query this with South Ribble borough Council. Also, to ask (Jonathan Noad) if the applications under the City Deal or New Town would attract CIL payments.

It was thought that lights on trees are a good idea, and that the corner of Church Lane and Croston Road could also be considered. There would be a cost to the Council which would need to be considered.
Councillor Mrs. Karen Walton will raise this with the Leyland & Farington Community Hub.
Councillor Michael Green questioned why there is no Christmas Tree in Farington.
Councillor Mrs. Karen Walton advised that the Community Hub has resolved to leaving all the same this year with a view at looking at permanent trees in the future.
Clerk requested to add the Hanging baskets for Lamp Posts to the agenda early next year.
With regard to the crossing it was though that Lancashire County Council and South Ribble Borough Council should make a contribution to the cost.
Councillor Michael Green advised that he has spoken to Cabinet members for Highways regarding this.
Councillor Mrs. Karen Walton advised that a crossing is also required on Croston Road near St Pauls School.
The location of the crossing on Stanifield Lane may mean the relocation of the Bus Stop. There may be resistance to this be local residents, however the crossing is required to benefit the users of Farington Park.
Councillor Tony Green suggested that the crossing could have lights during daylight hours only. Councillor Michael Green advised that the lights must be working 24 hours a day.

**62. (21/22) Clerk’s Report**The Clerk advised that the issues of visibility of the website have now been resolved.

Several news articles have been added to the website including the Parish Councillor vacancy and the up-coming works at Farington Park.

The Clerk provided a copy of a draft grants form. The Parish Councill thought is needed to be simpler but to keep the level of transparency.
Councillor Michael Green advised that previous Newsletters should also be on the website and that the Community Working Group have put these together in the past.

The Clerk advised that the problem with the railings/barrier along the property on Station Road has been reported to LCC Highways Officers and a repair will be completed within 3 working weeks.

The Clerk advised that the Laptop and required software has been purchased and the transaction recorded under Item 64.

**63. (21/22) Projects for expenditure 2021/2022**The Parish Council is asked to consider any further projects for expenditure over the next 18 months. Any updates on current projects will be given under this heading. Projects to be discussed: -
 i) Parish Council Website – now completed – to be removed from the list.

ii) Shop local business scheme – taking place in December, to be added to the next agenda
iii) St Paul’s Park – Clerk awaiting on South Ribble Borough Council to move forward with the Tender. However, there is potential to increase the scope of the project to extend the play area towards the trees at the rear of the park.

Councillor Mrs. Karen Walton suggested a new project. The sign on Beconsaw Drive/Croston Road (where the Welcome to Farington Sign has been replaced) the area is unkept and needs tidying up. Is it possible to locate the owner of the land and ask permission to plant in the area?
Councillor Mike Otter advised that the Lengthsman is installing a sleeper flowerbed around the sign
Councillor Mrs. Karen Walton will provide more information on this.

Councillor Tony Green suggested that the Parish Councillors should have name badges and business cards and provided a source on Amazon. Councillor Mrs. Karen Walton advised asking South Ribble Borough Council for a price. Clerk to price up and add to next agenda.

Councillor Mike Otter suggested that as the Parish Council make a donation to the Bashall Grove Community Centre for the use of the Centre, should a similar donation be made to St Pauls School for use of the Hall, possibly through the Friends Association. Councillor Michael Green thought the Parish Council paid for the use of the room at the school. Councillor Mike Otter advised that no payment is currently made for the use.

Councillor Mike Otter suggested that the Lengthsman needs a store / workshop at the BTR Playing fields and perhaps an additional container could be procured for the purpose. The Clerk suggested an alternative would be to utilize the existing store on site, if the Teams using the field do not need to use it. Clerk to investigate the potential of using the shed/store as a workshop. The workshop would require power and water supplies.

 **64. (21/22) Financial Matters and Banking**The Clerk asked if a separate Finance report is required or if this should form a part of the agenda.
**Resolved** that the Minutes and Agenda are to be issued 1 week prior to the next meeting and the Financial report should be issued just prior to the meeting to ensure it is up to date and accurate.

i) The account balance is currently £160,869.79 (bank statement up to 9 September 2021).

ii) Since the last meeting we have paid:



iii) Invoices due:



iv)Bank Mandates:

**Resolved -** Approved the change of address mandate

**Resolved -** Approved the account signatories mandate

**Resolved -** Approve the minutes for September 2021 and the revised Financial Rules and Regulations – allowing Clerk to register for Online Banking

Note – it may be that HSBC are introducing charges for Community Bank Accounts in which case the Clerk will research and advise on the best account for the Parish Council to use.

 **65. (21/22)** **Borough Council and County Council reports – for information only**Councillor Mrs. Karen Walton advised that there would be a meeting of South Ribble in Bloom on the 14th October 2021. Farington Lodges projects are due to go out to tender imminently with a projected budget of £50k.

Councillor Michael Green advised that the Lancashire County Council Highways have completed 1 resurfacing project in Farington East. The rest are in Farington West. The works at Wheelton Road were reports of the traffic calming measures being removed are unfounded. The request for further traffic calming measures are to be reviewed moving forward.
There has been an Enterprise zone procurement for Cyberdefence which tracks criminal / terrorist activity. This will be a major benefit for residents and the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership within South Ribble and Ribble Valley.

**66. (21/22) Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Monday 1st November at 7.00 pm at Bashall Community Centre
The meeting dates have been published on the notice boards and the website.

**Local Government Act 1972**

That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that there is likely to be disclosure of exempt information which is described in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 which is specified against the heading to each item, and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

**67. (21/22) Confidential Items removed for publication**