

## Farington Parish Council

**Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7pm at St Paul's CE Primary, Croston Road, Farington Moss.**

### MINUTES

**Present:** - Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman (Chair); Councillor Michael Green (Vice-Chairman); Councillor Paul Buckley; Councillor Tony Green; Councillor Mike Otter; Councillor Chris Wharton-Hardman; and Councillor Mrs. Karen Walton

**In attendance:** - Lisa Burton - Clerk to the Council  
Borough Councillor Mary Green  
3 members of the public

#### **80. (21/22) Apologies for Absence & Chairman's Health and Safety Announcements**

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman advised the Health & Safety announcements to the meeting.

#### **81. (21/22) Declarations of Interests**

Members are requested to indicate at this stage in the proceedings any items on the agenda in which they intend to declare an interest. Members are reminded that if the interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (as defined in the Members' Code of Conduct) they must leave the room for the whole of that item. If the interest is not a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, but is such that a member of the public could reasonably regard it as being so significant that it is likely that it would prejudice their judgment of the public interest (as explained in the Code of Conduct) then they may make representations, but then must leave the meeting for the remainder of the item. Cllr Michael Green declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 7 (Planning) Cllr Paul Buckley suggested that Item 6 should be discussed before Item 4 and that all Members of Public should be able to speak on any item throughout the meeting. Cllr Michael Green supported Cllr Paul Buckley with this suggestion. It was also suggested that a LALC representative be invited to the next meeting

**Resolved** – Clerk to invite LALC to the next Parish Council Meeting

#### **82. (21/22) Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes from the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 to be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(Item 75) The Clerk was asked if the bus stop on Church Lane is in use. The Clerk advised that the bus stop is in use.

(Item 75) The Clerk was asked if the CIL funds have been received from SRBC. The Clerk advised that the funds have not yet been received.

(Item 76) The Parish Council would like to invite the Officers of the Farington hub to the next Council Meeting.

**Resolved** – minor corrections made

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**83. (21/22) Adjournment for Public Participation**

Representatives from South Ribble Borough Council and other organisations may speak under this item as well as members of the public and local residents. No-one wished to speak at this time.

**84. (21/22) Councillor Vacancy**

Applications from Candidate for a Co-opted vacancy have been circulated to the Parish Council.

There is an opportunity for each candidate to make a short representation to the Parish Council in support of their application.

The Chair of the Parish Council will then shall seek proposers and seconders for each nomination (whether or not they have spoken) and the vote will follow. The voting process will follow standing order 8(a). In order to be co-opted onto the Council, the candidate must receive an absolute majority of the vote of those present and voting

Chair Paul Wharton-Hardman explained the ballot and presentation process to the three candidates.

The Candidates made their presentations to the Council in alphabetical order.

**Resolved** - Shaun Bradbury was duly co-opted to Farington Parish Council for the ward of Farington West as Parish Councillor.

**85. (21/22) Neighbourhood Policing Team Update**

The Neighbourhood Policing Team have been invited to attend the Parish Council meeting or to provide a report on issues in the local area. There was no-one present from the Police Team. The Clerk will request attendance at the next meeting in February. It was suggested that the Clerk contact the Police & Crime Commissioner and advise that attendance should be at all Parish Councils across Lancashire.

**Resolved** – Clerk to invite the Neighbourhood Police Team to the next meeting

**86. (21/22) Council Tax Support Scheme Consultation**

The clerk has forwarded the consultation email to the Parish Council. It is good for the Parish Council to be included in the consultation and interests to be lodged. Cllr Michael Green stated that it would be difficult to comment given the timescales of the consultation. Cllr Walton advised that Councillors should respond individually. Cllr Buckley stated that the timescales have been set to minimise the opportunity to respond. The Parish Council should respond advising SRBC that the timescales are poor especially over the Christmas period. Cllr Buckley proposed writing to SRBC to advise of the poor timescales. Cllr Chris Wharton-Hardman seconded.

**Resolved** – Clerk to respond to SRBC. Councillors to complete the consultation.

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## 87. (21/22) Planning

The Clerk will give an update on current planning issues, and any current planning applications may be discussed under this item.

07/2020/00781/OUT – Caddick Developments, Land West of Lancashire Business Park , Centurion Way, Farington – Cllr Green requested a check that planning permission has been granted.

Amendments are being made and the application will be going to planning shortly.

Cllr Walton advised that a meeting had been held with Officers & Residents.

Cllr Buckley suggested that operating hours should be made a condition of planning.

Cllr Walton advised that this has all been discussed and will be considered when the application goes to planning.

Cllr Michael Green thanked the Clerk for providing the update. The impact upon Residents needs to be considered.

07/2021/01122/FUL – The Rose Public House change of use to Residential Accommodation.

Cllr Paul Wharton-Hardman advised that he has collated comments from residents.

There is concern over the loss of the amenity, lack of parking included in the application, the impact of additional traffic and a potential increase in ASB in the area. Cllr Paul Wharton-Hardman advised that the application has been moved from delegated process to planning committee.

Cllr Buckley stated that he is not keen on the delegated process, parking is not a planning consideration.

There is concern over the change of use. The owner of the building is making the application with the intention of creating 1 or 2 bedroom flats with a glass extension over the current carpark.

Cllr Michael Green thanked Cllr Paul Wharton-Hardman for bringing the application to the attention of the Parish Council and supports an objection to SRBC planning.

Cllr Buckley advised that it would be good to object on the grounds it goes against the Local Plan and a application should be made making The Rose an Asset of Community Value.

**Resolved** – The Parish Council will object to the planning application

Issued 01/12/21 – Announcement of Public consultation

Proposed new cricket facility for Lancashire Cricket at Farington

Cllr Otter requested clarification on the location of the development.

Cllr Walton advised that the leader of SRBC had been made aware via social media.

Cllr Paul Wharton-Hardman advised that he had received an email. There are concerns regarding the development on green-belt, TPO's, Access and Congestion.

Cllr Michael Green declared an interest (personal / prejudicial not pecuniary) the development would bring a multi-million-pound investment in the area. The development would be unique to Lancashire and possibly Europe. Promoting the Sport and providing facilities to schools and the youth in the area, the sport unites all cultures and age groups. I am pleased LCC & Lancashire County Cricket are going ahead. There will be a short public consultation to gain the views of the Public which may lead to an application. There is a high bar to meet due to the development being on Green belt land but the ultimate decision will be with the Secretary of State. The Parish Council should submit a response to the consultation.

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Cllr Paul Wharton-Hardman suggested adjourning the item to a teams meeting. Cllr Buckley asked if LCC own the land as if so the development would be brilliant for the area.

07/2021/00886/ORM Pickerings Farm Development

Cllr Walton advised that the application was rejected by Planning Committee on 29/11/21.

Cllr Michael Green stated that there had been no effort by the applicants to address or satisfy the issues or concerns raised.

### **88. (21/22) Grants 2021**

The Parish Council is asked to consider approving grants causes in the Parish. A copy of previously awarded grants will be circulated to the Parish Council.

Applications have also been received from Lancashire Positive Minds and St Pauls Bowling Club.

Lancashire Positive Minds

Cllr Tony Green asked if the charity is based in Farington. Cllr Walton asked if the application form is valid and how the services would be ringfenced for the residents of Farington. Cllr Walton proposed that more information is requested. Cllr Michael Green seconded.

**Resolved** – invite Lancashire Positive Minds to the next Parish Council meeting.  
Farington St Pauls Bowling Club

Cllr Walton proposed that more information is requested. Chair Paul Wharton-Hardman seconded.

**Resolved** – invite Farington St Pauls Bowling Club to the next Parish Council meeting.

With regard to the circulated previously awarded grants the list was discussed.

**Resolved** – make an award of £300 to Farington South Senior Citizens towards their Christmas event.

The Parish Council will adopt the grants form and policy at the next Parish Council Meeting. The Clerk to write to all other grant recipients advising the new process.

### **89. (21/22) Budget Proposal for 2022/23 including Projects for Expenditure**

The Parish Council is asked to consider the Budget for the year 2022 / 2023.

Consideration should be given to any specific projects for inclusion within the budget and also any projects which may meet the criteria for CIL monies.

Details of the Breakdown of Account Balance; Year to Date (YTD) Spend Information; and a CIL Report have been circulated along with a 'straw' budget for discussion. The Precept for the year 2022 / 2023 to be agreed.

The straw budget was discussed. Cllr Buckley asked why the cost for St Pauls Playing Field had increased, Chair Paul Wharton-Hardman explained the change in scope.

Cllr Buckley proposed reducing the precept by 5.88% to £80,000. Cllr Michael Green agreed that the precept should be reduced.

Chair Paul Wharton-Hardman suggested that due to the time constraints of the meeting the item should be deferred to the February meeting, but the precept should

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be discussed via a remote meeting in early January.

**Resolved** – Clerk to check the deadline for advising the precept amount to SRBC

**90. (21/22) Borough Council and County Council reports – for information only**

The Borough and County Council members will give an update on Borough and County Council matters affecting the Parish Council area. Covered in the Item 87.

**91. (21/22) Clerk’s Report (Including Legthsmans Update)**

To be circulated at the meeting.

The Clerk provided a verbal update

**92. (21/22) Financial Matters**

**The Parish Council is asked to:-**

- i) Note the current bank balance in the HSBC Account.
- ii) Note the invoices paid since the last meeting.
- iii) Approve outstanding invoices for payment.
- iv) Note that the change of address mandate has been actioned and statements are now being sent to the correct address.
- v) A new signatories mandate has been provided by HSBC for completion and signing at this meeting.

i) Bank Account Balance

The account balance is currently £151,199.80 (bank statement up to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021).

ii) Invoices paid:

Date	Approved	Ref.	Payee	Details of Payment	Amount
29/10/2021	01/11/2021	101022	Newgate Nurseries	Peter Heise - plants	£119.94
01/11/2021	01/11/2021	101023	Clerk	Expenses Sept-Nov 21	£240.77
15/11/2021	01/11/2021	101024	Clerk	Salary Nov 21	£1,232.52
15/11/2021	01/11/2021	101025	Peter Heise	Lengthsman payment to 15/11/21	£900.00
01/11/2021	01/11/2021	101026	Greenbarnes Ltd	Notice Board	£745.95
01/11/2021	01/11/2021	101027	Berry's	Lengthmans Supplies	£70.20
01/11/2021	01/11/2021	101028	SRBC	Maintenance April-June / Jul-Sept	£1,209.74
01/11/2021	01/11/2021	101028	SRBC	Replacement seat (Gym)	£77.76

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iii) Invoices due:

Date	Approved	Ref.	Payee	Details of Payment	Amount
05/11/2021	06/12/2021	101029	Berry's	Lengthsman supplies	£8.12
05/11/2021	06/12/2021	101029	Berry's	Lengthsman supplies	£82.21
12/11/2021	06/12/2021	101029	Berry's	Lengthsman supplies	£13.86
22/11/2021	06/12/2021	101029	Berry's	Lengthsman supplies	£13.39
19/11/2021	06/12/2021	101032	Whitehill Direct	Posts for Noticeboard	£234.00
15/12/2021	06/12/2021	101031	Clerk	Salary Dec 21	£1,232.52
15/12/2021	06/12/2021	101030	Peter Heise	Lengthsman payment to 03/12/21	£900.00
22/11/2021	06/12/2021	101033	CoSign Partners in Communication Ltd	Sign Language Interpreter - Farington Fun Day	£175.44
22/11/2021	06/12/2021	101034	Beardwood Trees	Grinding out stump - St Pauls Play area	£110.00

iv) CIL

Payment due from SRBC of £26,751.49 at the end of October 2021 – not yet received.

**93. (21/22) Projects for expenditure 2021/2022**

Quotes have been received for the provision of Business Cards & Badges.

**Resolved** – to purchase badges only for Parish Councillors.

- i) Shop Local Business Scheme – not yet completed
- ii) St Pauls Park – Project scope document to be provided. The Procurement Officer at SRBC has left his post and recently been replaced by Lee Moat.
- iii) Parish Council Newsletter – working group to produce the next newsletter for distribution in April 2022
- iv) Workshop for Lengthsman – access to the playing fields cabin will be provided at a cost of £170.

**94. (21/22) Next Meeting**

**The next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at Bashall Grove Community Centre.**

The meeting closed at 8.59pm

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**Local Government Act 1972**

That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the following item 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.

Clerk request for leave – 20/12/21 – 24/12/21

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