

Farington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 4th April 2022 at Bashall Grove Community Centre at 7.30 pm

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

In attendance: - Lisa Burton - Clerk to the Council
1 Member of the Public

The meeting opened at 7.26pm

1. (22/23)

Apologies for Absence & Chairman's Health and Safety Announcements

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

Apologies received from Councillor Paul Buckley.

2. (22/23) **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.

3. (22/23) **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes from the meeting held on 7th March 2022 to be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

There were some amendments requested to the minutes. The Boost fund can be accessed via any Parish Councillor.

The budget increase for LCC needs changing to 2% (actually 1.99%).

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

Councillor Otter requested updates on the following minute points:

Minute 112 - Councillor Otter queried the lease for the Football Team. The Clerk advised that the lease with Rowland Homes does not contain any clause which means that the football club cannot contribute to maintaining the playing fields. Councillor Otter advised that he had also checked the lease and agreed that there is no such clause, but wished to ensure that there was no issue in requesting a contribution towards maintenance from the football team.

Minute 115 – Councillor Bradbury has forwarded the grant request to Progress Housing and will forward the details to St Catherine's Hospice and to the Clerk.

Minute 117 – The Leyland & Farington Hub Officer, Jenny England, will be invited to future Parish Council meetings.

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Councillor Walton advised that there is no update on the provision of 106 monies for the play area on the Heatherleigh estate.

Clerk requested to keep the issue on the agenda, as this needs to be raised with SRBC.

Councillor Bradbury advised that the area of land at the top of Moss Lane has now been planted with trees and landscaped by SRBC and looks so much more appealing. Councillor Walton advised that this had been planned by SRBC for some time.

Councillor Bradbury also advised that the 'Welcome To Farington Moss' sign made it unclear as to where the Parish Boundary lies. Councillor Otter advised that the sign had been moved due to the entrance to the estate and was no longer technically in Farington Moss, but this was the site agreed with Persimmon.

The Clerk advised that she has some maps of the Parish Boundary and would also forward the link to LCC Mario maps which provides lots of detailed information for the County – including boundaries.

Minute 115 – Councillor Otter requested an update on Grants for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Councillor Walton advised that she has emailed the Officer at SRBC but has no further update. She also advised that at a recent LALC meeting plans for a 'Big Lunch' have been agreed for the 05/06/22.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman advised that SRBC would be covering all requested road closures for Street Parties.

The issue of the grants was discussed and proposed not to issue grants to individuals due to legislation, but to sign post residents to SRBC. Proposed by Councillor Bradbury, seconded by Councillor Walton.

Councillor Michael Green advised that it was good to see Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman and Councillor Chris Wharton-Hardman back to full health after their recent Covid infection.

The minutes of the last meeting were signed

Resolved

4. (22/23) 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.

The members of public spoke at the Annual Parish Meeting held just prior to this meeting. Transcript copied for completeness:

'The 2 Members of Public are residents at Bashall Grove and are keen to find out about the grants process.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman advised that an application has been received from Bashall Grove Bingo Club/Community Group.

There was some confusion as to whether all residents of Bashall Grove are being allowed to participate in some of the activities organised at Bashall Grove.

The Clerk is asked to check that the group meets the criteria for a grant in terms of having a constitution and committee etc. The Clerk will also ensure that all residents of Bashall Grove are included in any group activities.'

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5. (22/23) 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.

PC Walker spoke at the Annual Parish Meeting held just prior to this meeting.

Transcript copied for completeness:

‘PC Walker from the Neighbourhood Policing Team attended the meeting. He advised that there are no current issues around Farington at the moment, though the team are aware of some addresses. PC Walker advised that Lancashire Police are really pushing the ‘In The Know’ service as this is one of the quickest and simplest ways of the Police and the Community to communicate with each other.

PC Walker advised that both of the teams PCSO’s have recently left to join the force as PC’s. There will be a part-time PCSO joining the team in May, but for now it is just PC Walker.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman advised PC Walker of the Community Conversations taking place throughout South Ribble Borough Council – with 1 scheduled for Friday 8th April in Leyland Market. PC Walker would be welcome to join in.

Councillor Walton advised that she has signed up to the ‘In The Know’ service and finds it to be a very good service which keeps you informed.

Councillor Otter suggested that it should be published on the Parish Council Website/

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman asked if there are plans to replace the 1.5 PCSO’s to bring the number in the team back up to two. PC Walker advised that it is hoped that the vacancies will be filled as soon as possible, and the situation of the lack of resources has been escalated.

A Member of the Public advised that there can be issues with youths playing football on Bashall Grove in the evenings, even though there is a park next door, it can be chaos on some occasions.

Councillor Michael Green suggested that the Parish Council should write to PC Walker, the Sergeant, and the Police and Crime Commissioner requesting that the positions are filled urgently. There are issues around Lostock Hall which also require a presence there.

Councillor Bradbury advised that a presence of Officers who know the area and the hot spots definitely makes a difference. PC Walker advised that knife crime was still the biggest issue for the team locally.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman suggested that PC Walker attend the Parish Council meeting in June as the next meeting will be too soon, and given the resources would make more sense.

Clerk to advise PC Walker of the details of the June meeting.’

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6. (22/23) Grants

The Parish Council is asked to consider the requests for grants put forward by St Catherine’s Hospice of £840 for the training of 6 individuals for ‘Face Fit Train the Tester’ training.

Emily Carpenter attended the meeting on behalf of St Catherine’s Hospice.

Councillor Bradbury declared a personal interest in this agenda item.

Emily advised that the grant would provide training for staff to provide properly fitted face masks to the Clinical Nurse Specialists employed by the Hospice. The Hospice

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supports individuals at the Hospice but also provides Community Nursing for those patients wishing to stay in their own home. The Hospice provides care to the residents of South Ribble, Chorley, Preston and Longridge. The primary funding for the hospice comes from CCG's and the NHS, approx. 40%. 60% of the funding comes from Charitable donations.

The Hospice plan to train the senior management team at the Hospice to ensure the training lasts, as Nurses do tend to move on. The staff trained will not be patient facing and it is agreed that their positions at the organisation are more permanent. Emily was asked why the NHS charge for providing the training when it also provides funding for the Hospice. Emily couldn't answer this question but advised there is a close working relationship between the NHS and the Hospice.

Councillor Michael Green advised his thanks to Emily for attending the meeting and providing more information regarding the application. The grant application will be discussed further once Emily has left the meeting.

Emily Carpenter left the meeting at 7.50pm.

Councillor Tony Green asked why the Hospice have not considered any other funding streams for this particular project.

Councillor Michael Green stated that the Hospice supports a wide area of the Community of which Farington is a tiny percentage, therefore the Parish Council should not fund the whole project.

Councillor Walton advised that she had sympathy with Councillor Michael Green's statement.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman advised he would not object to the whole of the grant being provided as the current economic situation was making fundraising much more difficult.

Councillor Bradbury stated that the Public funds would go to the Hospice and then to the NHS.

Councillor Otter advised that funding should be provided but not the full amount requested.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman proposed providing the full amount of the grant.

Councillor Chris Wharton-Hardman seconded.

Councillor Tony Green proposed providing half of the amount requested, seconded by Councillor Bradbury.

Councillor Walton proposed providing £500 of the grant, Councillor Michael Green seconded.

Councillor Tony Green withdrew his proposal.

There was a vote on whether to take forward the amendment to the proposal of £500. This was agreed by a vote of 5 for and 2 abstentions.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman requested a named vote on Councillor Walton's substantive proposal of £500.

For 5 (Councillor Bradbury, Councillor Michael Green, Councillor Tony Green, Councillor Otter, Councillor Walton) Abstained 2 (Councillor Chris Wharton-Hardman, Councillor Paul Wharton Hardman).

The Clerk will provide a grant of £500 to St Catherine's Hospice

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7. (22/23) Queens Platinum Jubilee

Flyer / advert to be agreed and published. Update from SRBC to be provided. The Clerk circulated a draft of a possible flyer for grants for street parties. Councillor Walton advised that she had received no further information from SRBC, and no clarification on how to provide funding. SRBC have no events planned for Sunday 05/06/22. This means that a Big Lunch could be organised.

Councillor Bradbury suggested that residents would probably be lured to other events on the Sunday.

Councillor Chris Wharton-Hardman warned that an organized picnic would require volunteers and probably St John’s Ambulance to attend.

Councillor Michael Green suggested asking local churches if they have any events open to the general public to which the Parish Council could provide a grant.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman suggested writing to the Churches and School’s to see if the provision of a grant would be possible.

Councillor Chris Wharton-Hardman suggested bunting on lamp posts could mark the occasion. Unfortunately, this would require a lamp post check and this would be very costly.

Clerk to ask Schools & Churches if there are any events open to the general public and if a grant can be provided.

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8. (22/23) Planning

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

The Clerk advised there are no updates this month. However any planning applications that may attract CIL monies are being recorded.

Councillor Walton provided an update on the Caddick development, advising that the developers are consulting with residents and have had a positive response and are taking the comments received onboard.

Councillor Bradbury advised that residents of Tomlinson Road (outside of Farington) are very concerned about the amount of industrial development and potential environmental issues to the River Lostock. Councillor Walton advised that she would look into the matter as this is part of her Borough Councillor ward and there has been flooding on Bispham Avenue in the past.

Councillor Michael Green advised that there are no further updates available on the Cuerden development.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman advised that there is a new Cabinet member for planning at SRBC

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9. (22/23) 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.

Councillor Walton advised that she had attended the Highways special conference. Planning enforcement training is to be made available.

There will be a Bi-election in Earnshaw Bridge due to the sad passing of Borough Councillor Bill Evans.

There will be a service of Thanksgiving for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee on the 29/05/22 at 4pm.

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Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman advised that he and Councillor Chris Wharton Hardman attended the Mayors Spring Ball, and there was a good deal of fundraising achieved on the night.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman advised that SRBC are implementing plans for the enforcement of dog fouling and littering issues. Farington East will form a part of the pilot for the scheme, and more litter bins will be added to the area. 10 road signs in the area have also been replaced.

Councillor Walton advised that the Farington Park Funday meeting will take place on 05/04/22/ The date for the event has been confirmed as 19/08/22.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman advised that he has been in discussions with County Councillor Charlie Edwards regarding the crossing on Stanifield Lane, and that Councillor Edwards has committed to providing a dedicated Officer at LCC. The crossing will be funded by SRBC.

A paper will shortly be going to Cabinet regarding the green space on Lever House Lane. The area proposed will be 100% accessible.

Community conversations are continuing with the next on the 08/04/22. Point of discussion will be the Fun Day and Bristol Avenue. There is also a meeting with the Police scheduled for 05/04/22.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman also advised that concerned Members of the public should contact their MP with regard to the closure of the Leyland Hotel (for use to house asylum seekers). SRBC knew nothing of the closure beforehand.

Councillor Michael Green stated that the news of the crossing on Stanifield Lane is very positive and shows how the Councils can work together. This could this be 106 monies released from the budget

Councillor Michael Green advised that the first of the community Health & Wellbeing Cabinet meetings has been held, and next month it may well be held in West Lancs. Applications are now open for grants.

Wheulton Lane resurfacing is scheduled to be completed. The Cricket development application has not been submitted, but will be going to LCC as the planning authority. The Cuerden planning application will also go to LCC as planning authority. There is lots of investment from LCC.

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10. (22/23) Clerk's Report (Including Legthsmans Update)

Online internet banking mandate – checked with HSBC and the mandate has been rejected due to the resolution not being sent in. Called to advise the resolution was taken to branch in December 2021

A new mandate was completed and signed at the meeting along with a Mandate for Telephone banking.

The Clerk proposed that the Internal Auditor for 21/22 will be Sue Edwards (Clerk for Coppull Parish Council). A recognized and experienced Internal Auditor.

Pictures of Councillors for the website. All photo's have now been received.

Name badges/lanyards. Now that all photographs have been received, the Clerk will order the name badges.

MofU for BTR fields – the lease with Rowland Homes has been checked and there is

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no clause stopping the Parish Council from requesting a contribution from any clubs utilizing the field. Draft memorandum of understanding to be issued.

St Paul's Playground project tender now published and awaiting a response from suppliers.

The Clerk advised that a Member of the Public has raised concerns regarding the perimeter path at St Paul's Play area. He advised that there is some footpath missing, and that the path regularly floods when it rains. The email has been forwarded to Councillors Bradbury and Walton, who are forming the working group for the playground refurbishment.

Councillor Walton stated that the footpath is lower than the surrounding grass, which is the main cause of flooding.

Councillor Bradbury questioned whether the budget would need to increase. The Clerk advised that there should be sufficient within the contingency to complete the additional works.

It was agreed that the perimeter path will form a second phase of the project once the refurbishment is completed. The barriers at the St Paul's Close end of the footpath could also be removed to improve access.

The Clerk advised that the repairs to the playground railings have been completed.

Quote for power connection to the cabin at BTR fields, and EICR Certificate for the Changing rooms.

Agreed unanimously.

Bus Shelter quotes.

It was agreed that 3 bus shelters will be ordered from Euro Shell. Cantilever type in brushed steel with the Parish Logo, and a blue mid rail.

The bus shelters will replace current shelters at Church Lane, Stanifield Lane (near Centurion Way, Stanifield Lane (near the Conservative Club)

Clerk to place the order with Euro Shell.

Councillor Walton will ascertain which organisation has responsibility for maintaining the shelters.

Farington Parish Council – SpID Questionnaire

Clerk to complete on behalf of the Parish Council. The Parish Council would like to mimic the SpIDs in use in Euxton.

Community Road Safety Resource Pack

Clerk to complete on behalf of the Parish Council, requesting 2 packs

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11. (22/23) Review of Standing Orders

Standing Orders original and adopted – comparison has been run, and no major changes found. The Standing Orders have been distributed to all Parish Councillors. The main concern is that the Standing Orders do not allow Members of the Public to speak on any item on the agenda, but only on the specific item for Public Participation.

The Clerk advised that this is to ensure that order can be kept at a meeting, but does not preclude the Chair from allowing Members of the Public to speak on any item.

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Councillor Michael Green advised that he would reluctantly agree to the standing orders remaining unaltered.

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12. (22/23) Review of Annual Grants

Grants list has been distributed to all Parish Councillors. It was agreed that the Grants form and Policy should stand. The Clerk is requested to check the constitution of the Bashall Grove Bingo committee before the Parish Council can consider the grant application. The Clerk is requested to write to all groups who have received an annual grant in August for any applications to be considered in September.

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13. (22/23) 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.

The online banking mandate has been completed and sent to HSBC for processing – HSBC have rejected the mandate and require a new copy to be sent in together with the Financial Regulations and Resolution.

Bank Account Balance. The account balance is currently £137,644.48 (bank statement up to 9th March 2022).

Invoices paid:

Date	Ref.	Invoice Ref	Payee	Details of Payment	Gross Payment Amount
17/02/2022	DD		British Gas	BTR Field	£177.10
18/02/2022	DD		Water Plus	BTR Field	£122.39
02/03/2022	DD		HSBC	Bank Charges	£8.20
15/03/2022	101052	NA	Clerk	Salary March	£1,730.97
25/03/2022	101053	NA	Peter Heise	Peter Heise - Payment to 25/3/22	£900.00
10/03/2022	101054	SI00107408	Berry's	Maintenance Materials	£528.02
17/03/2022	101055	9500246770	SRBC	Farington Park Maintenance	£423.00
21/03/2022	101055	9500246165	SRBC	BTR Playing Field Maintenance	£1,045.00
25/03/2022	101055	9500250601	SRBC	General Maintenance	£1,393.22
25/03/2022	101056	A38/29	Newgate Nurseries	Plants	£178.62

Invoices due:

Date	Ref.	Invoice Ref	Payee	Details of Payment	Gross Payment Amount
31/03/2022		NA	HMRC	Quarter 4	£978.04
15/04/2021		NA	Clerk	Salary April 22	£1,173.91
22/04/2022		NA	Peter Heise	Peter Heise - Payment to 22/4/22	£931.50

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Payment remittance (dated 09/03/22) received from SRBC of £75,274.98. Payment made by BACS, but not yet available on HSBC Bank Statements

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14. Projects for expenditure 2021/2023

- i) Shop Local Business Scheme. Councillor Michael Green advised that the scheme will be taking place in Spring. He will report at the next meeting and will send further information to the Clerk.
- ii) St Pauls Park – in progress
- iii) Parish Council Newsletter – no update as yet. Ideas for articles are requested from Councillors. Please send to the Clerk. Plan to print the next newsletter at the beginning of July.
- iv) Noticeboard Replacement. Councillor Otter is requested to provide the Clerk with a list of the noticeboard in order of priority of replacement. Councillor Otter suggested that a grant should be requested from the Parish Champion (County Councillor Paul Rigby)
- v) Bus Shelters – in progress

Councillor Walton advised that she has been to visit St Paul's Bowling Club and seen the new aerator in action. She is liaising with the Boost fund for a grant of £15k for the Bowling Club

Councillor Bradbury raised the issue of the speed limit on Moss Lane which following the development has been left at the previous limit. There are concerns that this area should be 20mph in line with other developments in the area.

Councillor Michael Green will raise the issue with LCC

15. (22/23) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 25th April 2022 at St Paul's CE Primary School, PR26 6PR

The meeting closed at 9.41pm

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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.

NA

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