

Farington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 7th November 2022 at 7pm at Bashall Grove Community Centre, PR25 4JU.

Present: - Councillor Michael Green (Chairman); Councillor Shaun Bradbury;
Councillor Tony Green; Councillor Phil Lawson; Councillor Mike Otter; Councillor
Karen Walton (Vice-chairman); Councillor Chris Wharton-Hardman and Councillor
Paul Wharton-Hardman

In attendance: - Lisa Burton - Clerk to the Parish Council
PCSO James Slater
11 members of the public

The meeting opened at 7pm

87. (22/23)

Apologies for Absence/Chairman's Health and Safety Announcements

Councillor Michael Green welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised the Health & Safety announcements to the meeting.

No apologies received

Resolved

88. (22/23)

Declarations of Interest

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.

Resolved

89. (22/23)

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2022 to be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Item 79. Councillor Shaun Bradbury provided an update on the company that could potentially assist in refurbishing the Mill Street Bobbins. The Clerk will liaise with Councillors Bradbury and Otter.

Item 89. Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman advised of issues with the planned layout and the impact upon residents. This will be raised with LCC. Councillor Michael Green advised that the practice net has been identified as an issue and that this has been raised with LCC.

Item 82. Councillor Karen Walton updated the meeting regarding issues with the Model Farm. SRBC are monitoring vehicles, but the owners have advised that

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vehicles are not using the site. Councillor Karen Walton will continue to monitor. Councillor Phil Lawson advised that there is evidence from vehicle tracks that the site is being used.

Item 83. Councillor Tony Green asked that the agenda item be amended to include Parish Councillor reports as well as Borough and County Councillor reports.

Item 84. Councillor Mike Otter asked is the height barrier has now been installed. Councillor Karen Walton also advised that she is looking into the provision of a play area at Croston Meadows.

Councillor Mike Otter advised that all notice boards have been installed except the one designated for St Paul's Park.

Councillor Karen Walton proposed that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury seconded.

Resolved

90. (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.

PCSO James Slater attended the meeting to represent to Neighbourhood Policing Team.

PCSO Slater advised that the Neighbourhood Policing Team have had a very busy period with Halloween, and the upcoming Fireworks Night and Remembrance day. Youths and speeding vehicles remain a priority. The project to provide Ring Doorbells in the area has now been approved and will be monitored by PCSO Slater. Schools have also become a target recently with security being the main issue.

A member of the public asked about speeding vehicles on Stanifield Lane and Centurion Way which is atrocious, especially Hertz vehicles and Ainscough Vehicles.

The member of public suggested that speed cameras should be used to generate revenue.

A member of the public suggested that these vehicles should be using the bypass, and supported the idea of a speed camera on Stanifield Lane.

Councillor Michael Green advised that SpIDs can be used but speed cameras have not been used for some time.

PCSO Slater advised that the main issue is one of manning the cameras as someone needs to be on site. A deterrent is required and Dummy Cameras are very effective.

A member of the public asked if civilians could be used for the speed cameras.

PCSO Slater advised that this used to be the case, but not seen so much recently.

A member of the public suggested that they can be moved around to different areas.

Councillor Michael Green advised that they have been utilised in different areas by LCC.

A member of the public advised that the main issues are Health & Safety, Risk Assessments and the experience required in using the equipment.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman advised that as Borough Councillor he and

Borough Councillor Jacky Alti have met with the Police Team and been involved in 2 days undertaking speed enforcement with good results. A pedestrian crossing is planned for Stanifield Lane near Farington Park (through LCC Highways) and this will hopefully go-ahead next year. A survey has recently been carried out.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury suggested the use of SpIDs on Croston Road, especially where there are weight restrictions to 7.5 tonnes. LCC Highways have recently released a new document regarding SpIDs. On a lighter note, wearing a hi-vis waistcoat whilst mowing the grass at the front of the property definitely assists in slowing down traffic! If action isn't taken there will be a fatality.

A member of the public advised that the company Clive Hurt has been purchased by Foxes.

A member of the public stated that the weight limit on Croston Road is 7.5 tonnes. Councillor Shaun Bradbury agreed but advised that this is not observed.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman highlighted that he has approached the LCC Cabinet Minister for Highways asking for vehicles to be forced to use the bypass but the request has been refused.

Councillor Karen Walton advised that Sergeant Byrne will be taking over the issues for Bamber Bridge.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman asked if anything could be done regarding the misuse of the one-way system on Crown Street and Mill Street in Farington. There is a daily issue of vehicles travelling the wrong way up and down these streets. Added to this the double yellows and no loading signs are ignored, causing a hazard. PCSO Slater asked if Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman could email him regarding this issue.

Councillor Phil Lawson asked if anything could be done regarding the use of electric scooters in the area, generally without helmets or lights. One has been reported to the relevant school, but there are safeguarding concerns.

PCSO Slater advised that this is very difficult to police, as the scooters are hard to catch. Section 59 warning notices can be used; however Education is key.

Councillor Phil Lawson asked if it is possible to upload dashcam footage to the Lancashire Police website. PCSO Slater advised that this facility is available, however the issue remain of catching people in the act.

Councillor Phil Lawson asked if there are any plans for education on lights for bikes and scooters etc.

PCSO Slater advised that although the focus is currently on knife crime the is a project in the pipeline to create 'mini' PCSO's through schools and education.

Councillor Phil Lawson suggested working with Councillor Mike Otter on the project. Councillor Mike Otter agreed.

With regard to SpIDs Councillor Michael Green suggested that the issue be discussed at this point in the meeting.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury asked what SpIDs could be provided and how the Parish

Council could action this.

Councillor Mike Otter suggested that a working group would be the best way forward.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury agreed suggesting that residents are involved.

A member of the public suggested canvassing the local community to assess feelings, or perhaps start a petition.

Councillor Michael Green advised that petitions are not generally effective, and there are better ways of gathering traction to prove genuine concern.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman advised that speed data is to be collected in a couple of weeks' time, and also that petitions are no helpful, it is always better for individuals to provide a response.

PCSO Slater advised that the Neighbourhood Police Team would get involved.

Resolved

2 members of the public left the meeting at 7.44pm

91. (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.

A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for the work carried out so far on St Paul's Park, and asked about the reopening of the hard standing. The keyholders would like confirmation of what to do if the area is to be closed at 8pm and there are unattended vehicles or attended vehicles which will not exit the area.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury stated that it is important that there is no risk to members of the public.

PCSO Slater suggested that members of the public take a note of registration numbers and report to the police. He advised to ensure that members of the public do not put themselves in harms way.

Councillor Tony Green asked if there are issues with leaving the area open?

PCSO Slater advised that even with a height barrier the area can be a target.

The Clerk advised that a draft policy is in place, but can be amended and reissued.

A member of the public advised that with the Bowling Club having access to the area care needs to be taken with the policy.

Councillor Michael Green thanked the members of the community for their support.

A member of the public advised that the area has been quieter with the restrictions in place.

A member of the public advised that the Bowling Club will also assume responsibility for locking up the area.

A member of the public asked when the area would be free for all to use?

Councillor Karen Walton advised that not all measures are in place and an agreement would be made following this.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that the area is not actually a carpark, and in Phase 2 of the project a pedestrian access will be provided. Currently there is a serious risk to children and to senior citizens. It could be that the area is designated as disabled parking only.

PCSO Slater left the meeting at 7.58pm

Councillor Shaun Bradbury went on to advise that there could be possible access via the churchyard with a gate that can be secured.

Councillor Karen Walton advised that it is important to discourage parking on St Paul's Close.

Councillor Phil Lawson suggested that it may be possible to install a defibrillator on the park, which could be accessed by the School, the Play area and the Bowling Club. If access could be provided this would be a great asset.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman advised that St Paul's Church had been approached in the past but had turned it down.

A member of the public stated that the idea had been floated a couple of years ago.

A member of the public stated that people will not walk from the churchyard

A member of the public asked when the consultation would take place

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that the consultation hadn't been started, looking towards February.

A member of public advised that there would be (Bowling) matches from April.

The Clerk advised that issues with parking and the consultation on Phase 2 of the park are separate issues.

Councillor Mike Otter advised that the school already has a defibrillator

A member of the public asked if there would be a public meeting regarding the consultation

Councillor Michael Green advised that it would be included on a meeting agenda.

Councillor Mike Otter suggested that the meeting including the consultation should be held at St Paul's School.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman suggested requesting funding through the Boost fund, he would be able to look into this tomorrow.

Resolved

6 members of the public left the meeting at 8.09pm

92. (22/23)

Grants

No applications received

Resolved

93. (22/23)

Planning

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

A member of the public raised the issue of planning application number 07/2022/00475/FUL.

The member of public advised that the application, although not in Farington is very close to the border and affected residents within Farington Parish Council.

The application involves large agricultural buildings which are to be changed to commercial use for distribution and storage.

The site is on Newgate Lane and has a number of terraced properties without off street parking. Newgate Lane is single carriageway.

Councillor Michael Green advised that he has requested to speak and the up-coming SRBC planning committee meeting as the Parish Councillor for the ward and also the County Councillor for the ward.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman advised that the application is not fit for purpose and he would support the campaign to object to the application.

Councillor Karen Walton advised that she had approached the site from Green Lane and found there to be a very narrow sharp bend. The residents objecting to the proposal should be supported and she will also support the objection as a Borough Councillor.

The member of public advised that there is evidence of HGV's using Green Lane and becoming stuck. Last week one actually trapped a Police Horse. Newgate Nurseries do use HGV's but have historically been very good neighbours and there have not been any issues.

Councillor Karen Walton advised that she supported the Parish Council in objecting to the planning application.

Councillor Tony Green asked if it was possible for the road to be widened.

The member of public advised that there are deep ditches on either side of the road, so this would be both difficult and expensive. The application does provide for a road to be created from the first building to the second building.

Councillor Karen Walton advised that 10 parking spaces are to be provided on the site.

Councillor Michael Green advised that there are already conditions attached to the application.

The member of public advised that the lease holder does not have any large vehicles, however visiting vehicles may be large and asked how this would be policed and enforced. There is already a fork lift truck on the site which is causing a nuisance.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury stated that the area was wrong for this type of industrial use and he would support the residents in objecting to the planning application.

Councillor Michael Green stated that the area is greenbelt and a second road would impact upon this. There is a possibility that the storage areas may be extended in the future. The 10 parking spaces seem to align with the original planning application for 10 storage units. He asked if Hutton Parish Council have submitted comments on the application.

The member of public advised that there are boundary issues due to the location of the site.

The Clerk is requested to draft an objection to the planning application, to be approved by Councillor Michael Green by close of play tomorrow. The comments submitted will be copied to the member of public.

The objection comments will cover the residential amenity, highways access, and cycle routes.

Councillor Phil Lawson asked if feedback will be provided on the outcome of the application.

The member of public advised that it would be a difficult meeting but hopefully the objections would be successful.

A second member of the public advised that he is a Borough Councillor on the planning committee and therefore would not comment.

Councillor Michael Green thanked everyone for their contribution to the discussion.

Councillor Michael Green provided a brief update on the Cuerden Strategic site and other applications from LCC

Resolved

2 members of the public left the meeting at 8.40pm

94. (22/23)

Clerk's Report (Including Legthsmans Update)

Lengthsmans update available at meeting.

Bollard and Height Barrier at St Paul's Play Area

Height barrier and sign now in place. Invoice received £2135

St Paul's Playground

The play area was opened to the public on Thursday 20/10/22 following a clear inspection by the independent inspector.

Invoice received (£87,324.90) from Play & Leisure, however some snagging still to be addressed, the main one being the mowing strip not being included during the installation.

The Clerk suggests approving the invoice but withholding 10% of the value until all outstanding issues are resolved.

Unanimously agreed

The Play Area safety signs have been ordered and will be installed by SRBC

The cairn and plaque are to be agreed and ordered; this will be followed by an Official opening of the area.

Quote received for a stone Cairn of £600-£700, plus delivery and VAT. A plaque would be required plus installation.

Phase 2

A separate detailed costing document is in progress

A consultation regarding the phase 2 works will be completed.

Quotes are being sought for the works to the footpaths

Quotes are being sought for a tree report for the site

140 Croston Road

140 Croston Rd boundary – it is proposed that Mr. Tolson installs a green mesh wire fence down the boundary and assumes responsibility for all trees on his property.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury proposed that this be accepted. Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman seconded. Agreed unanimously.

Councillor Vacancy

Councillor Phil Lawson has completed the required paperwork, and this has been submitted to SRBC. He has received a full pack of Councillor information: Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Updated meeting list, Model Code of Conduct and

information on Roles and Responsibilities. Councillor Phil Lawson was provided with his lanyard and badges.

Councillor Michael Green asked how Councillor Phil Lawson is finding the role so far. Councillor Phil Lawson advised that it was OK so far.

BTR Field

Quote for new camera installation has been received

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman stated that the provision of CCTV on the site is not good value, and proposed that an upgrade should not go ahead. Councillor Chris Wharton-Hardman seconded.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that the cost of an upgrade and the cost of operating the equipment when it is so difficult to prosecute is poor use of funds.

Councillor Chris Wharton-Hardman suggested that the current equipment should be passed to the football team, and they could take it on if required.

The Clerk is requested to cancel all current facilities in place and ask the football team if they would like to take it over.

Notice Boards

Notice boards installed on Coote lane, Wheelton Lane, Mill Street, and Stanley Road. St Paul's Play Area still to be completed.

The Chairmans Chain of Office

The Clerk will be taking the chain to Atkinsons Jewelers in Leyland after Christmas

Defibrillators

New lock fitted at Defib at Hope Terrace

New Batteries and Pads are on order, but the defibs are now out of circulation as the expiry dates have passed.

Farington Park – Outdoor Gym

Works requested for replacing the pads under the gym equipment on Farington Park. The carpet has an 8 year warranty.

Scribe Accounts Software

The accounts package has now been populated with the payments & receipts information for 22/23 – it will not be used for budgeting for 23/24 but will be moving forwards.

Pensions

Lancashire County Pension fund is migrating to a new online platform. The Clerk has attended training sessions for the new platform, and will migrate to the new system in Oct/Nov.

The Pension evaluation received for 23/24 costs

2022 cost of living pay increase

The cost of living pay increase for April 2022 has been announced. This has been implemented for the November payroll and back dated to the 1st April 2022.

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Completed projects

Bus Shelter repair

Name badges/lanyards for Councillor Lawson

Remembrance wreaths have been purchased and distributed

Other

Councillor Contact details for the website have been added

Damaged telephone box on Croston Road reported and repaired

Comments submitted on planning application LCC/2022/0048

95. (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.

i) Bank Account Balance

The account balance is currently £231,113.10 (online balance available 1st November 2022).

ii) Invoices paid:

Date	Net	Vat	Total	Cashed Date	Description	Supplier	Minute Ref
30.10.2022	£5.00	£0.00	£5.00	31.10.2022	Bank Charges	HSBC	22-23 - 118
07.10.2022	£702.00	£0.00	£702.00	31.10.2022	Lengthsman	Pete Heise (Peter Heise)	22-23 - 097
25.10.2022	£534.31	£0.00	£534.31	31.10.2022	HMRC	HMRC	22-23 - 117
15.10.2022	£1,192.73	£0.00	£1,192.73	31.10.2022	Salary	Lisa Burton (Employee 1)	22-23 - 095
07.10.2022	£7.13	£1.43	£8.56	31.10.2022	Maintenance Supplies	C & W Berry	22-23 - 107
19.10.2022	£384.65	£0.00	£384.65	31.10.2022	Pension	Lancashire County Pension Fund	22-23 - 096
09.09.2022	£1,678.00	£335.60	£2,013.60	31.10.2022	Notice Boards	Carl Jones (Whitehill Direct Limited)	22-23 - 089
13.09.2022	£546.00	£109.20	£655.20	31.10.2022	Bus Shelter Repair	Phil Smith (Autocross Euroshel)	22-23 - 092
26.09.2022	£440.00	£88.00	£528.00	31.10.2022	Bollard	Tom Coldham (Ventbrook Ltd)	22-23 - 093
03.10.2022	£12.32	£2.46	£14.78	31.10.2022	Maintenance Supplies	C & W Berry	22-23 - 094
06.10.2022	£10.56	£2.11	£12.67	31.10.2022	Maintenance Supplies	C & W Berry	22-23 - 100
03.10.2022	£91.59	£4.57	£96.16	31.10.2022	Electricity	British Gas	22-23 - 106
12.10.2022	£125.00	£0.00	£125.00	31.10.2022	Defib Maintenance	Nathan Andrews (Taurus Glass & Locks)	22-23 - 109
18.10.2022	£172.44	£0.00	£172.44	31.10.2022	Water	Water Plus	22-23 - 113

iii) Invoices due:

Date	Net	Vat	Total	Cashed Date	Description	Supplier	Minute Ref
15.11.2022	£1,678.38	£0.00	£1,678.38		Salary	Lisa Burton (Employee 1)	22-23 - 115
17.11.2022	£409.49	£0.00	£409.49		Pension	Lancashire County Pension Fund	22-23 - 116
02.11.2022	£120.00	£0.00	£120.00		Remembrance Wreaths	Michael Turner (Lostock Hall Royal British Legion Branch)	22-23 - 120
18.10.2022	£4.39	£0.88	£5.27		Maintenance Supplies	C & W Berry	22-23 - 110
01.11.2022	£2,135.00	£427.00	£2,562.00		Height Barrier	Craig Coulton (Leyland Gates and Railings)	2223 - 111
01.11.2022	£87,324.89	£17,464.98	£104,789.87		Play Area Refurbishment	Vicki Buckley (Play and Leisure)	2223 - 112
04.11.2022	£936.00	£0.00	£936.00		Lengthsman	Pete Heise (Peter Heise)	2223 - 114
02.11.2022	£1,038.12	£207.62	£1,245.74		SRBC Streetscene Services	Martin Henderson (SRBC Streetscene Services)	22-23 - 121
07.11.2022	£296.36	£12.29	£308.65		Expenses	Lisa Burton (Employee 1)	22-23 - 065

iv) Other payments/Receipts

Leyland Albion Football Club £50 received 01/11/22

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Projects for 2022/2023

- I. Shop Local Business Scheme
Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman requested an update on the scheme
Councillor Michael Green advised that this would be available prior to Christmas.
- II. Parish Council Newsletter
Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman asked for an update on the newsletter.
Councillor Michael Green advised that a meeting is required.
- III. St Paul's Park play area refurbishment – works completed and play area open to the public. Snagging issues to be addressed.
Councillor Shaun Bradbury explained that the original tender documents provide for a mowing strip, plus the pictures provided by Play and Leisure show a mowing strip and therefore he is in favour of holding back 10% of the invoice until the issue is resolved.
Councillor Karen Walton advised that the grass area has been disturbed and not rectified properly.
Councillor Shaun Bradbury stated that the site should have been left as it was found.
- IV. St Paul's Park (Phase 2) – quotes for tree survey and pathways requested. Consultation required.
Councillor Phil Lawson suggested that a pedestrian access should utilise the natural opening already available in the hedge.
Councillor Michael Green suggested that a policy for parking needs to be implemented.
- V. Refurb of the Bobbin Seats at Mill Street.
- VI. Security at St Paul's Park – COMPLETED
- VII. Additions to Chairs Chain of Office
- VIII. Repairs to outdoor gym equipment at Farington Park – Works requested.
(Confirmation of 8 year Warranty/Guarantee received)

97. (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 Karen Walton advised that Cabinet in the Communities would be held on the 11th November at St Mary's in Penwortham. Work is starting on Farington Lodges. There is currently no Officer in post for the Farington Hub. The Warm Spaces Initiative is ongoing. The Local Plan will be addressed in December.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman advised that the crossing on Stanifield Road is in progress with a feasibility study to be carried out.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman advised that he has reported issues to LCC Highways for example on Stanifield Close.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman thanked Councillor Mike Otter for the poppies that have been added to posts in the area, adding that he and Borough Councillor Jacky Alty have added poppies along Stanifield Lane. He has been working with 'little litter

pickers' from Farington Primary School too, whilst also engaging with the 'Bright Sparks' at the local Fire Station. He has also been involved with Speed enforcement recently. Councillor Michael Green asked if he could be forwarded the information on this.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that works are going ahead to address the issues on Croston Meadows and the developers will keep the Parish Council informed.

Councillor Michael Green advised that the LCC Scrutiny Committee has responded to the reduced Fire Service provision with a strong objection. He advised that LCC are looking at budget savings and therefore considering policies and services. He then advised of the Warm Spaces scheme and that funding would shortly be available via the LCC website.

98. (22/23) Next Meeting

Councillor Michael Green suggested that the budget meeting to set the precept for 23/24 should be held in February with discussions if required in January (either online or face to face)

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 5th December 2022 at St Paul's CE Primary, Croston Road, Farington Moss.

The meeting closed at 9.32pm

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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.

Removed

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