

Farington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 6th February 2023 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).

In attendance: - Lisa Burton - Clerk to the Parish Council
Andrew Pratt - Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner
6 Members of the Public

The meeting opened at 7pm

111. (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.

Apologies received from Councillor Chris Wharton-Hardman and Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman

Resolved

112. (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

113. (22/23)

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes from the meetings held on 7th November 2022 and 5th December 2022 to be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved

114. (22/23)

Neighbourhood Policing Team Update

Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Andy Pratt attended the meeting. He advised that a response team is now based at Leyland Police Station, managed by Inspector Mike Moys.

With regard to road safety there is now more use of PC's and in more rural areas the force are looking at prevention measures. It was mentioned that CIL funding can be

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utilised for speed awareness.

Councillor Karen Walton asked about signs for lamp posts and asked if there was a link to the resources for these. Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Andy Pratt advised that these can be dropped off via Keith Bell, plus Mike Moys is the Police Inspector for the area.

Councillor Phil Lawson noted that similar signs has caught his eye in Wharton. Also dash cam recordings can now be uploaded direct to the police.

Councillor Karen Walton also advised that parking is a major issue as vehicles park on the pavements leaving pedestrians at the mercy of passing on the road.

A member of the public suggested that stickers are sent out with Bin men or sending out with the brown bin licenses. Councillor Karen Walton advised she would take up these issues.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that there is now a noticeable increase in Police around Lostock Hall and Leyland.

Councillor Michael Green suggested that new initiatives are always required and there is a need to keep relationships strong, such a those in development at Runshaw

Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Andy Pratt agreed to attend the next meeting in 6 months' time.

Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Andy Pratt left the meeting at 7.31pm

Resolved

115. (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.

Representatives from Leyland and Farington Club (Derby Street) attended the meeting to enquire about funding for repairs to the building. The roof has collapsed onto the toilets. There is a bowling green, but unfortunately that has been a recent spate of anti-social behaviour with the fire and police attending 3 times each in the past 4 weeks.

Councillor Michael Green stated that this will affect the community.

Councillor Karen Walton asked who owns the club.

The representatives stated that it is owned by the members.

It was suggested that assistance could be sought from the Officers at SRBC via the Community Hub and that the local SRB Councillors should be contacted, Matthew Tomlinson and Morris Jacobson should be contacted.

The issue of meals on wheels was brought up. Councillor Karen Walton advised that these have not been provided by LCC for some years.

Resolved

116. (22/23)

Grants

No applications received

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117. (22/23)

Planning

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

07/2022/01013/FUL - Yew Tree Farm, Fowler Lane

Full Planning Application for the Redevelopment of the Site including the Demolition of 5.no Existing Buildings and Erection of 9.no Detached Dwellings and Ancillary Works (noted for CIL)

The Parish Council commented that 9 dwellings on greenbelt should be refused. The development is excessive and not in keeping with the street scene. There are currently enough permitted developments with in the area and this application also neglects to include Social Housing.

Lancashire Local Plan Consultation, The consultation will run for 10 weeks from 18:00hrs Monday 19th December 2022 until 23:59hrs Friday 24th February 2023. Please see the attached information.

Councillor Michael Green advised briefly how the Local Central Plan works.

Councillor Karen Walton stated that the numbers of properties in both Farington East and Farington West are far too high.

There was discussion regarding the future plans and infrastructure to support this.

Councillor Karen Walton will forward the main issues to the Clerk for inclusion in the Parish Council response.

Councillor Phil Lawson agreed to draft words to be used on a Social Media campaign to ensure as many members of the public are aware of the consultation as possible.

Councillor Michael Green advised that the areas currently safeguarded land require comments.

Each Parish Councillor will respond to the Consultation. The Clerk is requested to respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

87157 - Pre-Application Consultation - Base Station Upgrade - SW Adj Bridge on A582. APPLICATION: LCC/2022/0044

PROPOSAL: Application for Outline Planning Permission (with all matters reserved save for access from the public highway to Development Zones A, B and D (M65 Terminus Roundabout, A49 Wigan Road and Stanifield Lane) and strategic green infrastructure/landscaping)

No Comment necessary

Councillor Michael Green advised that he would be attending the proposed cricket ground development.

Councillor Karen Walton advised that the proposed development at Newgate Lane is to be discussed at SRBC.

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Councillor Michael Green thanked Councillor Karen Walton for her efforts on this planning application.

Resolved

118. (22/23)

Clerk's Report (Including Legthsmans Update)

Lengthmans update available at meeting.

Parking at St Paul's Play Area

The signs are now installed and the bollard / height barrier are in use.
1 incident where the padlock on the bollard has been snapped or cut off – the padlock has been replaced.

St Paul's Playground

Phase 1

No real communication with Play and Leisure regarding the snagging issues fed back. The Clerk suggests contacting NALC for legal advice. Councillor Shaun Bradbury suggested that arbitration is required.

A hedge planting event will be held on Saturday 18/02/2023 at St Paul's Park. A map of the planting is attached. The Clerk will arrange for delivery of the hedging and a fence to mark the boundary between the hedge and the hard standing. The Clerk will also request the Lengthsman to swap days around to ensure he is available to assist on the Saturday.

Phase 2

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.

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

BTR Field

Rowland Homes have been approached regarding the dugouts for the second pitch – awaiting a response from Rowland Homes.

Notice Boards

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 for updating

Defibs

New Batteries and Pads have been installed at all 3 defibs

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Farington Park – Outdoor Gym

Works requested for replacing the pads under the gym equipment on Farington Park. The carpet has an 8 year warranty – work to start in mid-February

Completed projects

NA

Other

The heritage sign replacement has been ordered
The upgrade to the Bus Shelter has been ordered

119. (22/23)

Financial Matters

i) Bank Account Balance

The account balance is currently £199,862.37 (online balance available 31st January 2023).

ii) The Clerk presented the options for the budget and the precept was discussed. It was agreed that there will be a zero increase in the precept for 23/24. The figure per band D house will remain the same. The Clerk is asked to request a precept of £97,120.00

iii) Invoices paid:

Date	Net	Vat	Total	Cashed Date	Description	Supplier	Minute Ref
02.12.2022	£936.00	£0.00	£936.00	31.12.2022	Lengthsman	Pete Heise (Peter Heise)	22-23 - 126
02.12.2022	£166.67	£33.33	£200.00	31.12.2022	Maintenance Supplies	Lostock Skips	22-23 - 127
02.12.2022	£472.50	£94.50	£567.00	31.12.2022	Play Area Refurbishment	Carl Jones (Whitehill Direct Limited)	22-23 - 128
04.12.2022	£59.95	£0.00	£59.95	31.12.2022	Water	Water Plus	22-23 - 131
08.01.2023	£5.00	£0.00	£5.00	31.01.2023	Bank Charges	HSBC	22-23 - 142
11.01.2023	£159.03	£0.00	£159.03	31.01.2023	SLCC Membership	SLCC	22 - 23 - 133
12.01.2023	£4.63	£0.93	£5.56	31.01.2023	Maintenance Supplies	C & W Berry	22-23 - 130
13.01.2023	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00	31.01.2023	Maintenance Supplies	Colins and Sons	22-23 - 135
17.01.2023	£409.49	£0.00	£409.49	31.01.2023	Pension	Lancashire County Pension Fund	NA
18.01.2023	£61.77	£0.00	£61.77	31.01.2023	Water	Water Plus	22-23 - 138
19.01.2023	£117.02	£5.85	£122.87	31.01.2023	Electricity	British Gas	22-23 - 140
23.11.2022	£15.11	£3.02	£18.13	31.12.2022	Maintenance Supplies	C & W Berry	22-23 - 123
23.11.2022	£350.00	£0.00	£350.00	31.12.2022	Play Area Refurbishment	David Carter (Woodstock Signs)	22-23 - 124
23.11.2022	£16.96	£3.39	£20.35	31.12.2022	Maintenance Supplies	C & W Berry	22-23 - 125
24.01.2023	£847.51	£0.00	£847.51	31.01.2023	HMRC	HMRC	22-23 - 141
27.01.2023	£936.00	£0.00	£936.00	31.01.2023	Lengthsman	Pete Heise (Peter Heise)	22-23 - 139
28.12.2022	£245.72	£6.91	£252.63	31.12.2022	Electricity	British Gas	22-23 - 132
30.11.2022	£1,260.49	£0.00	£1,260.49	31.12.2022	Salary	Lisa Burton (Employee 1)	22-23 - 149
30.11.2022	£583.37	£0.00	£583.37	31.12.2022	Pension	Lancashire County Pension Fund	NA
30.12.2022	£468.00	£0.00	£468.00	31.01.2023	Lengthsman	Pete Heise (Peter Heise)	22-23 - 097
30.12.2022	£1,260.49	£0.00	£1,260.49	31.01.2023	Salary	Lisa Burton (Employee 1)	22-23 - 148
31.12.2022	£5.00	£0.00	£5.00	31.12.2022	Bank Charges	HSBC	NA

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iv) Invoices due:

Date	Net	Vat	Total	Cashed Date	Description	Supplier	Minute Ref
12.01.2023	£190.00	£0.00	£190.00		St Pauls Park Maintenance	Russ Aspinall (Beardwood Tree Services)	22-23 - 134
16.01.2023	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00		Training	Debra Platt (LALC)	22-23 - 136
24.01.2023	£1,250.00	£250.00	£1,500.00		Shop Local Bags	Ben Ward (Business Gift UK)	22-23 - 137
15.02.2023	£1,260.49	£0.00	£1,260.49		Salary	Lisa Burton (Employee 1)	22-23 - 143
24.02.2023	£936.00	£0.00	£936.00		Lengthsman	Pete Heise (Peter Heise)	22-23 - 144
19.02.2023	£409.49	£0.00	£409.49		Pension	Lancashire County Pension Fund	22-23 - 145
06.02.2023	£259.35	£5.99	£265.34		Expenses	Lisa Burton (Employee 1)	22-23 - 146
28.02.2023	£5.00	£0.00	£5.00		Bank Charges	HSBC	22-23 - 147

iv) Other payments/Receipts

Leyland Albion Football Club £50 received 01/01/23 and 01/02/23

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Projects for 2022/2023

- I. Shop Local Business Scheme
The shop local bags have now been distributed. The final batch will be distributed at the hedge planting
- II. Hedge Planting
A hedge planting morning will take place on Saturday 18th February 23. The area for planting has been agreed with SRBC. The Clerk will arrange for fencing to protect the whips until they are established. The Lengthsman will move days around in order to assist on the day.
- III. Parish Council Newsletter
Councillor Michael Green advised that a meeting is required. The Clerk advised that a local company has been approached to create a master template to assist in creating the Newsletter. There are issues with creating a distribution list. Councillor Karen Walton advised that she would ask SRBC to assist with a distribution list.
- IV. 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.
- V. 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.

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Councillor Michael Green suggested that a policy for parking needs to be implemented.

- VI. Refurb of the Bobbin Seats at Mill Street.
The Clerk advised that she will approach the original organisation that made the bobbins, but is still looking for a weather proof coating for them.
- VII. Additions to Chairs Chain of Office
The Clerk has now received the chain of office and will have the required work completed.
- VIII. Repairs to outdoor gym equipment at Farington Park – Works requested.
(Confirmation of 8 year Warranty/Guarantee received)
- IX. Councillor Phil Lawson advised that St Paul’s school are creating a forest garden at the school and asked if this is something the Parish Council can assist with.
Councillor Michael Green advised that he may also be able to assist as a County Councillor. Councillor Phil Lawson will contact the head teacher to discuss CIL or grant funding.
- X. Councillor Karen Walton advised that she has had an enquiry regarding a play area off Croston Road.

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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 Michael Green advised that Children’s Services for 6 to 7 years old was in special measures, but has now been rated as good by Ofsted.

The County Council have approved an increase of 1.99%. Members will receive an increase of £500.

The crossing at Stanifield Lane has been discussed regarding the need for funding. The budget has not yet been agreed.

Councillor Otter stated that a zebra crossing is not appropriate and a pelican crossing would be a better solution.

Councillor Karen Walton advised that the receipt of the letter from the CEO of SRBC would be good.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that members of the public need an update on progress.

122. (22/23) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 6th March 2023 at St Paul’s CE Primary, Croston Road, Farington Moss.

The date for the May meeting has been changed to the 15th May 2023 to accommodate the elections period.

The meeting closed at 10.12pm

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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.

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