

Farington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 6th March 2023 at 7pm St Paul's CE Primary, Croston Road, Farington Moss.

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
21 Members of the Public

The meeting opened at 7.16pm

123. (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

124. (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. Councillor Shaun Bradbury declared an interest in the grant application from St Paul's School

Councillor Michael Green declared an interest in the LCC planning application LCC/2022/0044/RH

Resolved

125. (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

Councillor Michael Green explained the rules for the item on Public Participation.

Several members of the public spoke regarding the Caddick Development (Phase1) and the impact it is having on homes in the surrounding area. The consensus from the public is that they are being ignored by SRBC Planning Department, some have not received any information regarding the development.

Councillor Michael Green advised that the planning authority in this case is SRBC

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(On occasion LCC can be the planning authority). The planning application from Caddick was approved by the SRBC planning committee on 28/04/2022. Notices will have been placed on lamp posts and a consultation will have been carried out by writing to residents in the area.

Councillor Michael Green advised that the phase 1 development is an eyesore and that SRBC have been asked to review the application and decision and ensure that all conditions have been met.

Councillor Karen Walton advised that she is holding weekly meetings with the Chief Executive to discuss the development.

Residents of Bispham Avenue advised that the pictures of the development used during the consultation bear no resemblance to what has been built.

The company are working in the early hours of the morning and there are spotlights on the building shining directly into the homes on Bispham Avenue. Mobile phone signals and TV signals have also been adversely affected.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised of a public website:

www.faringtonconstruction.co.uk. He has been advised that 2600 leaflets have been sent out with the details of the website, however it seems that only a few houses on Bispham Avenue have received one. He has received complaints from several residents and has advised people to attend tonight's meeting and also use the out of hours contact number (Environmental Agency) to report any issues.

Member of the public advised that due to the months of piling work and the vibrations caused, some properties now have cracks appearing in walls and drives and patios.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury suggested that a letter needs to be sent to the Chief Executive of SRBC from Farington Parish Council.

There was further discussion regarding the issues, especially those of the night time works which have just commenced.

Councillor Karen Walton suggested that she will speak to the Chief Executive and if necessary go to the Monitoring Officer.

Councillor Michael Green suggested that the public may also contact the Local Government Ombudsman if they have complaints which are not resolved, also

Councillor Karen Walton provided her email address to the Members of Public and advised that she will contact the Director of Planning and the Chief Executive of SRBC to discuss the issues raised.

Councillor Michael Green proposed sending an urgent letter to Planning Enforcement and the Chief Executive of SRBC.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury seconded the proposal.

Councillors Karen Walton and Michael Green will draft a letter to be sent to Mr. Chris Sinnott, Chief Executive Officer, South Ribble Borough Council and Mr. Mark Bray, Planning Enforcement Consultant, South Ribble Borough Council.

The Clerk will send the letter on behalf of Farington Parish Council.

Resolved

The meeting was paused at 8.11pm to allow the members of public to leave

19 members of public left the meeting

The meeting was reconvened at 8.20pm

126. (22/23)

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes from the meetings held on 6th February 2023 to be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Karen Walton requested an amendment to the minutes under item 115. The Clerk noted the amendment.

It was suggested that the distribution of the 'Slow Down Save Lives' stickers should be distributed with Council Tax bills or via the Bin Operatives when distributing collection calendars. The alternative is for Councillors to wear the hi-vis jackets and knock on doors in their ward.

The Clerk is requested to add this as an item for the next agenda.

Councillor Michael Green reminded all Parish Councillors of the need to complete the Central Lancashire local Plan Consultation.

Resolved

127. (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.

Information has been provided by Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner as discussed at the last meeting.

No-one in attendance

Resolved

128. (22/23)

Grants

Farington Moss St. Paul's CE Primary School.

The purchasing and siting one of the two large sheds/storage workshops that are needed to set up the infrastructure of the over-arching project.

The large wooden shed will be used as a changing area and shelter for the children and a safe storage facility for the Forest School uniform. It will provide the indoor hub of the Forest School project and will be the transition area between the school building and the outdoor areas that will be located at the far end of the school field.

Total cost £2,160 (including VAT)

The grant requested will be £1800 plus VAT.

Councillor Karen Walton asked if CIL could be used to fund the project, if so the items can be purchased by the Parish Council.

Councillor Tony Green asked if there is a requirement for additional quotes. The Clerk advised that this was not necessary at the School have carried out their due diligence.

Councillor Phil Lawson proposed funding the grant.

Councillor Tony Green seconded the proposal

Councillors Karen Walton and Michael Green advised their support for the grant.

The Clerk is requested to ask if the School has sought several quotes.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury abstained from voting (Declaration of Interest declared)

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Grant request from Lowerfield Independent Living Scheme (Kings Coronation). Having live entertainment which would be £180, and a buffet costing £100. Total cost £280.

Councillor Karen Walton proposed funding the grant. Councillor Michael Green seconded.

Resolved

129. (22/23)

Planning

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

LCC/2022/0044/RH

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) for a mixed-use development including the provision of Employment use (Use Classes B2/B8/E(g)); retail (use Class E(a)); food, drink and drive-through restaurant use (Use Class E(b)/Sui Generis Drive-Through); hotel use (Use Class C1); health, fitness and leisure use (Use Classes E(d)/F(e)/F2(b)); creche/nursery (Class E(f)); car showrooms (Use Class Sui Generis Car Showroom); Residential use (C3) the provision of associated car parking, access, public open space, landscaping and drainage.

Location: Cuerden Strategic Site, East of Stanifield Lane, North of Clayton Farm, West of Wigan Road, Lostock Hall GR: 355475 424665

Councillor Michael Green declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst the item was discussed.

Councillor Karen Walton chaired the remainder of the item.

Councillor Karen Walton read out the details of the planning application.

Councillor Tony Green suggested objecting due to the access requirement from Stanifield Lane.

Councillor Karen Walton highlighted the impact to Stanifield Lane.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that this development along with the Cricket Ground development would have a severe impact on the area and new infrastructure is required.

The Clerk advised the Parish Council of the additional information provided by LCC There was a discussion regarding the infrastructure and the impact of all the developments in the area.

The Clerk is requested to respond to the consultation advising an objection due to the impact on the highways of this development and also the proposed Cricket ground and the Caddick developments.

Councillor Michael Green returned to the meeting and chaired the rest of the meeting.

07/2022/00912/FUL | Erection of a Class B2/B8/E(g) Use building of 3,065 sq. m with ancillary office space, associated parking, landscaping and infrastructure | Land West Of Lancashire Business Park Centurion Way Farington Lancashire

Councillor Karen Walton advised that this application is Phase 2 (total of 4 phases)

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07/2022/00911/REM | Reserved Matters of Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale following outline approval 07/2020/00781/OUT for 2no. buildings totalling 5,388sq.m (Use Classes E(g)/ B2/B8) with ancillary office space and associated works together with updated landscaping scheme and ecological enhancements for the Phase 1 development | Land West Of Lancashire Business Park Centurion Way Farington Lancashire

Councillor Michael Green advised that the planning application for the Cricket Ground has had approval granted last week.

3 members of the public were in attendance at the committee.

There have been some improvements made to the application, The access road will be at the back of the nets, along with staff parking. A barrier will also be added. The land will also be dropped resulting in the 2nd floor of the pavilion being at ground level. There will also be a crossing installed on Stanifield Lane near to the proposed entrance and footpaths will be looked at.

The Practice nets have to be located as per the plans, however there will be restrictions on the usage time will a limit of 8pm.

The bin store will have a time restriction imposed of 10am to 8pm, and the area will also be covered.

As the site is within greenbelt the application will go to the Secretary of State.

There are concerns regarding the trees on the development so Councillor Michael Green has requested information on any TPO's.

A member of the public asked about parking.

Councillor Michael Green advised that parking arrangements will be made for match days – he has requested that conditions are instated.

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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 £194,288.92 (online balance available 28th February 2023).

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ii) Invoices paid:

Date	Net	Vat	Total	Cashed Date	Description	Supplier	Minute Ref
16.02.2023	£36.00	£0.00	£36.00	28.02.2023	CPRE Membership	CPRE	22-23 - 158
15.02.2023	£1,260.49	£0.00	£1,260.49	28.02.2023	Salary	Clerk	22-23 - 143
19.02.2023	£409.49	£0.00	£409.49	28.02.2023	Pension	LCC Pension	22-23 - 145
12.01.2023	£190.00	£0.00	£190.00	28.02.2023	St Pauls Park Maintenance	Beardwood Trees	22-23 - 134
16.01.2023	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00	28.02.2023	Training	LALC	22-23 - 136
24.01.2023	£1,250.00	£250.00	£1,500.00	28.02.2023	Shop Local Bags	Business Gift (UK)	22-23 - 137
06.02.2023	£259.35	£5.99	£265.34	28.02.2023	Expenses	Clerk	22-23 - 146
14.02.2023	£215.60	£43.12	£258.72	28.02.2023	Fencing for Hedge	Derek Fox & Sons	22-23 - 149
17.02.2023	£410.00	£82.00	£492.00	28.02.2023	Replace history trail board	Border Signs & Graphics	22-23 - 150
24.02.2023	£998.40	£0.00	£998.40	28.02.2023	Lengthsman	Lengthsman	22-23 - 144
20.02.2023	£56.02	£0.00	£56.02	28.02.2023	Water	Water Plus	22-23 - 160
17.02.2023	£116.19	£5.80	£121.99	28.02.2023	Electricity	British Gas	22-23 - 159

iii) Invoices due:

Date	Net	Vat	Total	Cashed Date	Description	Supplier	Minute Ref
28.02.2023	£5.00	£0.00	£5.00		Bank Charges	HSBC	22-23 - 147
15.03.2023	£1,260.49	£0.00	£1,260.49		Salary	Clerk	22-23 - 154
24.03.2023	£936.00	£0.00	£936.00		Lengthsman	Lengthsman	22-23 - 155
01.03.2023	£409.49	£0.00	£409.49		Pension	LCC Pension	22-23 - 157
17.02.2023	£4,800.00	£960.00	£5,760.00		Outdoor Gym Equipment bases	Groundwork and Leisure Services Ltd	22-23 - 151
22.02.2023	£11.27	£2.26	£13.53		Maintenance Supplies	C W Berry	22-23 - 152
23.02.2023	£15.90	£3.18	£19.08		Plants	Newgate Nurseries	22-23 - 153
03.03.2023	£501.60	£100.32	£601.92		Repair to Bus Shelter	Euroshel	22-23 - 161

iv) Other payments/Receipts

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

Payment to Play and Leisure – 10% of the invoice withheld until all issues are resolved (£8,732.49). (Councillor Karen Walton & Councillor Shaun Bradbury)

Precept of £97,120.00 requested from SRBC

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Clerk's Report (Including Lengthmans Update)

The Clerk advised that the fixed term contract for Electricity comes to an end on the 14th March 2023.

A discussion was held regarding the possible alternatives to a 3-year fixed term deal. The Clerk is requested to carry out further investigations.

Farington Park – Outdoor Gym

New matting/carpet installed and invoice received

SRBC report an issue with the level of one of the surfaces and will contact the supplier regarding this.

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St Paul's Playground

No real communication with Play and Leisure regarding the snagging issues re back
A formal letter requesting a meeting or arbitration has been sent to Play and Leisure,
copy provided

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
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.
Notice board to be added
A Member of the Public asked about the Consultation.
Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that there will be a full consultation.
Councillor Karen Walton advised that there will be discussion on goal posts and
football.
The Member of Public advised that the number of children utilizing the area is great,
however the grassed area is a quagmire.
Councillor Michael Green thanked everyone who assisted in the hedge planting and
suggested that letters should be sent to the school and all other attendees.
Councillor Shaun Bradbury thanked the Lengthsman for his assistance on the day.

BTR Field

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

The Chairmans Chain of Office

The Clerk has taken the chain to Atkinsons Jewelers in Leyland for updating

Completed projects

Parking at St Paul's Play Area
New Batteries and Pads have been installed at all 3 defibs
The heritage sign replacement has been delivered (The Lengthmans will install)
A hedge planting event held on Saturday 18/02/2023 at St Paul's Park
Repair to bus shelter at Stanifield Lane / Centurion Way ordered (£601.92)

Other

The upgrade to the Bus Shelter has been ordered (£3,372.00)
Repair to outdoor gym equipment required (£1064.39)

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Projects for 2023/2024

- I. Parish Council Newsletter
Councillor Michael Green suggested that a newsletter should be published as
soon as possible. There was discussion regarding this, and it was agreed that

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articles covering St Paul's Park; Speed awareness; Farington Park gym equipment and Bus shelters should be included.

The Clerk advised that a template and quote has not yet been requested from the company suggested to publish the Newsletter. There will be timescale implications in trying to publish a newsletter prior to any period of sensitivity for the May elections.

The Clerk is requested to ask for quotes and timescales from the supplier.

- II. St Paul's Park play area refurbishment – works completed and play area open to the public. Snagging issues to be addressed.
The Clerk is seeking legal advice from NALC and is also seeking a site meeting with Play and Leisure.
- III. 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.
- IV. Refurb of the Bobbin Seats at Mill Street.
- V. Additions to Chairs Chain of Office
- VI. Repairs to outdoor gym equipment at Farington Park – Works requested. (Confirmation of 8 year Warranty/Guarantee received)
- VII. St Paul's Forest school
- VIII. Play area off Croston Road.

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Parish Council, Borough Council and County Council reports

The Parish, Borough and County Council members will give an update on Parish, Borough and County Council matters affecting the Parish Council area.

Councillor Michael Green advised that he has received a grant request from St Paul's Bowling Club.

Councillor Karen Walton advised that the SRBC budget meeting was held last week. Farington Lodges has work ongoing and the area is being improved.

Councillor Michael Green asked if an Officer would be attending the Parish Council meeting.

Councillor Karen Walton advised that there was no further update.

Councillor Michael Green advised that he was willing to take any questions on LCC matters.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury asked if there was any update on the issues raised regarding speeding.

Councillor Michael Green advised that the questions have been asked, but he will follow up.

Councillor Karen Walton asked for an update on the resurfacing of Chainhouse Lane. Councillor Michael Green advised he will check to see if it is included in the schedule.

Councillor Karen Walton advised that a 20mph sign is missing on Coote Lane

Councillor Phil Lawson - Farington Mews wild land to the East of the development and it's future usage

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Councillor Karen Walton advised that a play area at Croston Manor is being considered and would require planning and consultation. The area on the corner of Moss Lane could be considered for a wilding area. 2 areas have been suggested for small play areas.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 3rd April 2023 at Bashall Grove Community Centre, PR25 4JU

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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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