Minutes of a meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 24 April 2012 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

#### Present

Cllrs. R Davis, A Farr, M Hamilton (Chair), E Holt, B McDowall, L Selby, P Smith

M Salt, Clerk

Co Cllr A Stewart, Dist Cllr B Laughton

9 Members of the public were present.

## Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011 were considered and accepted.

### Matters arising

None

## Clerk's Report

The Clerk circulated his report and invited comments.

## FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORT 2011-2012

### Councillors

The Councillors are:

Matt Hamilton –Chairman of the Council

Karen Clarke – Chair Village Centre Committee,

Roger Davis – Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee

Bruce McDowall

Peter Smith

Lynda Selby – Vice Chair

Elaine Holt

Robert Reeves

Lawrence Weaver

Farnsfield Parish Council 2012-13 Page 1 of 56 Alison Farr One vacancy

### Council changes

On 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011 Three Councillors retired; Derek Jepson and Geoff Stafford and Frank Reynolds.

Lawrence Weaver and Peter Smith joined the Council in May and Elaine Holt filled the vacancy following the election later in the year.

Paul Elliott died in January 2012 resulting in the current vacancy for a Councillor, shortly to be advertised.

#### **Finances**

The precept for 2011-12 was £63,000 and the accounts are ready for the audit process to commence.

The precept for 2012-13 has been kept at £63,000 but the council tax bills received by residents show a 0.09% increase. This due to the changes in housing in Farnsfield subject to tax during the year. We did our best to get a 0% increase.

**Planning** The Newark & Sherwood District Publication Core Strategy has now been adopted and changes some things in planning and development terms. We are now designated as a large village and housing development will be permitted, within strict limits and not to the detriment of the character of the village.

During the year a consultation exercise was undertaken by Newark & Sherwood District Council regarding the proposal in the core strategy document to build 133 additional houses on a possible three sites in the village.

The consultation has been completed and the summary of the consultation has been published.

The next stage is for the document to be considered by Newark & Sherwood District Council and their findings will then be released.

Should there be approval for the building of the additional houses in Farnsfield then planning applications will be published and planning consultations for major developments in the village will commence.

#### **Environment**

The latest consultation has been from Nottinghamshire County Council regarding street lighting. Due to shortfalls in the budget the County Council are seeking ways to save money; one way is to cut down street lighting by switching some off and putting others on a timed basis. The two reasons for this is, to save money and to reduce the impact on the environment. The proposals have in principle been supported with some suggested amendments. Some residents have voiced their objections to the proposals and these have been passed on to NCC.

#### Village Development and Policing

In the past year the Parish Council has again seen a continued reduction in planning applications.

There are plans afoot to refurbish the play area at Lady Goodwin's Corner. A successful bid has been made for funds to replace the play equipment and to install a 'kidzone' tennis area. Detailed planning will take place in the next few weeks to finalise the scheme and undertake the work. We are working in partnership with Nottinghamshire Council to complete the project.

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#### Policing

Policing in the village appears to have reduced further and is based upon response to incidents and the occasional presence of Community Support Officers.

Community Support Officers, (CSO's) for Farnsfield are:

### Charlotte Appleby Liam Batey

#### Communication

The Parish Council newsletter is issued on a regular basis and is circulated with the Newark Advertiser. We are also aware that circulation of free newspapers in the village does not cover all households, and it is published on the parish web site, for those who have access.

Additional copies are always available in the library and other sources in the village organised by Elaine Holt.

Your views are important and communication is often a one way route but there has been a pleasing increase in the number of residents communicating with us via the web site.

#### Vandalism

Continues to be a problem and concern, for with reducing resources the costs of making good any damage will become an increasing drain on funds normally earmarked for other purposes. There seems to be a desire to damage trees and drive cars on grassed open space areas.

Public vigilance is welcomed and any incidents reported to the Police at the earliest opportunity; we may get some response if the act of vandalism is in process and the Police can catch them at the scene. Confrontation is not recommended.

Mike Salt Clerk to the Council. 20/4/2012 Contact Numbers –

01623 882884: e-mail mail to: info@farnsfield-pc.gov.uk

Patrick Stevens raised several items for consideration:

- 1. The condition of the outbuilding at Burgess House, Main Street, now in a dilapidated condition, in the conservation area and he requested that the Nottingham Preservation Trust be contacted by the Parish Council with a view to getting the buildings restored. He stated that they had been at risk since 2000 and nothing had been done since then to improve them.
- 2. The condition of the footpaths on Station Lane are in a poor state and there is a high likelihood of someone tripping and injuring themselves. The fact that people on mobility scooters could not use the footpaths due to the state of repair and the slope of the surface and narrow footpaths. Co Cllr Stewart noted his comments.

- 3. The hedge on Mansfield Road, near the old Smithy's Shop overhangs the footpath
- 4. The seats on the Ridgeway, Combs Lane and on the Acres require repairing.

Hugh Milton requested information regarding the Parish Council's response to the consultation requested regarding Newark & Sherwood DC Core Development Plan and was advised that this was contained in the published documents by N&SDC and then addressed the issues further with Dist Cllr Laughton requiring information regarding the proposed building programme on land at the rear of his property.

The issue of parking in the village on the Main Street and near to the school was raised; it was suggested that the Police be contacted where obvious cases of obstruction were displayed. It was suggested by Mrs. Healey that villagers should be encouraged to walk children to school and refrain from using the car.

The matter of dog fouling on footpaths was raised, and whilst enforcement had been requested there was still a problem particularly near to the school where dog mess had been paddled into the school premises.

It was suggested that these items should be included in the Village Newsletter.

A vote of thanks was given to the efforts of the late Cllrs Elliott and Stafford for all that they had done for the Parish.

The issues were discussed for some time and the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

#### **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, A Farr, M Hamilton (Chair), E Holt, B McDowall, L Selby, P Smith M Salt, Clerk Co Cllr A Stewart, Dist Cllr B Laughton

### Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. R Reeves, L Weaver

The meeting commenced at 8pm due to the Annual Parish Meeting overrunning its allotted time.

Standing Orders were suspended at 8.03pm.

Cllr Stewart informed the meeting that the interactive speed sign was still under consideration but there had been some internal delays due to staff sickness. Jo Horton would contact the Clerk and advise him of the proposals.

A meeting regarding the refurbishment of the Lady Goodwin's Play area had taken place with a pledge of a further £1000 and a commitment to provide the 'kidzone' as part of the project. The Clerk would be holding further meetings with the County Council to progress the scheme.

Dist Cllr Laughton stated that the District would be facing a shortfall in revenue as 9300 houses would receive less benefit funding from the Government. Considerable savings would have to be made by the District Council and this could impact upon all spending including at Parish level.

### Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Davis and approved.

### **Declarations of interest**

None received

#### **Recreation Grounds**

- 1. Memorial Recreation ground nothing reported
- 2. The Acres Damage caused to trees by youths building a camp in the woods.
- 3. Parfitt Drive Concerns regarding rubbish in the area Chairman to speak with Phil Ford re litter picking arrangements.
- 4. Wilson's Field Lighting switched off

**Footpaths and highways** - Footpaths on Station Lane raised at the Parish meeting. Reports of pot holes on New Hill. Verge on Mansfield Road requires attention.

## Parish Plan

**Planning** – Preliminary report following the consultation published by Newark & Sherwood DC but no details regarding Farnsfield at present. **Education and sport** – no report.

**Environment and tourism –** no items.

Public Transport -No items.

**Communications** – It was agreed that the newsletter would be published on a quarterly basis March, June, September and December. Cllr Holt agreed to consider re-vamping the format of the newsletter.

### Correspondence

The various items of correspondence were noted.

#### **Finance**

**Accounts** – The Clerk had previously circulated a schedule of payments made by BACS amounting to £4012.24, after scrutiny the schedule was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Selby, seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed.

### **Community Safety Group**

The next meeting is due to be held on 15 May 2012.

## Village Centre

The Clerk reported that the floor in the Upper Hall had been re-varnished and the installation of the new Lower Hall floor would be planned between booking in the following weeks. A full electrical check of the building has been arranged.

### **Christmas Lights**

Cllr Hamilton agreed to meet with local business owners and consider a scheme for 2012. It was agreed that the Parish Council was not in a position to fund the installation of lights along the Main Street.

The meeting closed at 9.18pm.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

### **Present**

Cllrs. R Davis, B McDowall, L Selby (Chair), M Salt, Clerk

### Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. R Reeves, L Weaver, K Clarke, M Hamilton, A Farr, E Holt.

### **Declarations of interest**

None.

### Planning applications

The following applications were considered:

12/00662/FUL – application for a two storey rear and side extensions and detached single garage building to rear garden at Maedene, Far Back Lane, Farnsfield. (Resubmission).

Application supported.

12/00635/FUL – application for an extension to form kitchen/dayroom, utility/WC and internal alterations to form third bedroom together with detached garage at Maxstoke, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield Application supported.

12/00636/FUL – reduce length of rear garden by erecting brick boundary wall and removal of section of close boarded fence at Tehidy House, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

### **NCC Pilot Lengthsman Scheme**

The proposals from Nottinghamshire County Council to consider partnering with other Parishes to provide local services currently provided by NCC was considered in detail. It was noted that Farnsfield Parish Council currently spends approximately £6000 per year on the provision of similar services in Farnsfield parish. The potential grant from NCC would be circa £6,800 to service at least 4 parishes and provide a vehicle

and support services. This was not considered to be a viable proposal and if agreed would be to the detriment of Farnsfield.

It was agreed that Farnsfield would not offer to participate in the scheme.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd May 2012 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

#### Present

Cllrs.K Clarke, R Davis, A Farr, E Holt, L Selby (Chair), P Smith, L Weaver M Salt, Clerk

Co Cllr. A Stewart, Dist Cllr B Laughton

## Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. R Reeves, M Hamilton, and B McDowall.

### Appointment of Chair of the Council

Cllr. Weaver proposed Cllr Selby, seconded by Cllr. Farr. There were no other nominations. Cllr Selby agreed to accept the nomination and was appointed as Chair of the Council.

## Appointment of Vice Chair of the Council

Cllr Selby proposed Cllr. Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Davis. There were no other nominations and Cllr Clarke agreed to accept the proposal and was appointed as Vice Chair.

### **Appointment of Committee Members**

Finance and General Purposes – Cllrs. Davis, McDowall and Smith.

Village Centre – Cllrs. Farr, Holt and Smith.

**Recreation Grounds** – Cllrs. Weaver, Farr and Reeves.

# Representatives on other bodies

Football – Cllr. Reeves
Cricket – Cllr. Clarke
Bowls/Tennis – Cllr. Holt
PCC – Cllr. Clarke
Church Clock – Cllr Davis
Snow Warden – Cllr. Weaver
Police Liaison – Cllrs. Selby and Smith
Farnsfield Charity – Cllrs. Selby and Smith

Cllr. Selby suspended Standing Orders at 7.40pm.

Cllr. Stewart informed the meeting that he had received a response from Jo Horton regarding the complaint of the state of the footpath on Station Lane, received from Patrick Stevens, no action would be taken.

He gave an update regarding the interactive sign proposal for Mansfield Road stating that the traffic count was under way.

An update was provided regarding the proposed procedure to be adopted by the County Council in assisting Farnsfield Parish Council to refurbish the play area at Lady Goodwin's Corner. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged to clarify the purchasing and installation procedure.

Cllr Laughton stated that Newark & Sherwood District Council would be holding a meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012 to consider the responses and proposals for the Local Development Framework Proposals.

Cllr. Stewart stated that he had noted Farnsfield Parish Council's response to the Lengthsman Scheme.

## Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Selby, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed.

### **Declarations of interest**

None.

#### **Recreation Grounds**

**Memorial Recreation Ground** – trees cut back, no other matters to report. Proposals for the play area discussed earlier.

**Acres** – reports of quad bikes being used in the area; the Police are aware, suggestion of kissing gate at the entrance to the Acres to perevent access. Report of a camp-site in the woods.

**Parfitt Drive** – tree work undertaken on the open space area.

Wilson's Field – nothing to report

### Footpaths and highways

The Clerk provided an update regarding the replacement of the seat on The Ridgeway and repairs to the others. Cllr Smith said that repairs were required to fill a gap between the road and footpath on Abbott Crescent, resident having difficulty in negotiating the gap with a wheelchair. Complaint of a dip in the road on Branston Avenue due to a collapsing manhole cover. The surface drain water inlets blocked with debris on the Main Street.

## **Parish Plan Reports**

**Planning** – awaiting the publication of the Local Framework Document by N&SDC.

**Education and sport** – Cllr Reeves has received a request for an U9 football pitch area to be marked out to enable training during the summer period.

**Environment and tourism** – nothing to report.

**Public transport** – no items.

**Correspondence** – comments received that the website requires updating. Cllr Holt agreed to re-design the newsletter and circulate a draft.

### Correspondence

The items of correspondence received were circulated for information. The Clerk informed the meeting of the proposals to re-site the Post Office into the Co-operative store. Concerns were expressed regarding the level of service provision and concern regarding the available space to manoeuvre in the store, already congested.

#### **Finance**

**Accounts** – a schedule of accounts containing 12 items amounting to £12,370.33 had been previously distributed to the Councillors. After discussion they were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Weaver and agreed.

**S.137 Application** – The Clerk reported that he had received a request for financial support from the Farnsfield Cubs to provide equipment. It was proposed by Cllr Davis that a grant of £200 be provided, seconded by Cllr. Smith and agreed unanimously.

**PCC** – The Clerk asked the Council if they were in favour of him approaching the PCC regarding sharing equipment and facilities; both organisations have a photocopier at the Village Centre, the grass cutting in the Churchyard costs the PCC almost £1800 per year and it could possibly be done cheaper by the village contractors used by the Parish Council. Discussions with the PCC were approved.

### Planning applications

The following applications were considered:

12/00641/FUL – demolition of existing single storey dwelling and erection of two storey dwelling at Longdale, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield. Application supported.

12/00661/FUL – replacement storage building at Cockett Farm, Cockett Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

## **Community Safety Group**

No information.

## **Farnsfield Village Centre**

It was suggested that some redecoration was required, the curtains in the Lower Hall required replacing with blinds.

The meeting closed at 9.13pm.

Note of a meeting held at 8pm on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012 in the Village Centre to discuss the arrangements for the refurbishment of Lady Goodwin's Play area.

### Present

Co Cllr. Sewart, Jan Pauley (NCC), Cllrs Selby, McDowall, Holt, Smith, Clarke, Davis and the Clerk.

Three options to progress the scheme were discussed:

- 1. NCC to project manage the whole scheme, arrange everything such as planning applications, tendering etc. for a fee
- 2. FPC to undertake all of the arrangements and request the grant allocated to the project from NCC
- 3. FPC to lead on the project and undertake the work supported by NCC

After some discussion it was agreed that option 1 was the preferred one as NCC had the appropriate expertise and knowledge to undertake the task.

Jan Pauley would attempt to get some draft scheme proposals to FPC by the end of June.

The draft proposals would then be available for public comment prior to preparing a final scheme for tender.

The estimated timescale for completion being put at late 2012.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

#### Present

Cllrs.K Clarke, R Davis, A Farr, E Holt, B McDowall, L Selby (Chair) M Salt, Clerk
Co Cllr. A Stewart, Dist Cllr B Laughton

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. R Reeves, M Hamilton, A Farr and L Weaver.

### **Declarations of interest**

None.

## Planning applications

The following applications were considered:

12/00796/FUL – application for erection of two storey side extension at 17 Long Meadow, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

12/00767/FUL – application to fence off half of garden area, erect 2 new 3 bed bungalows to rear at The Old Surgery, Station Lane, Farnsfield. Application opposed on the grounds of back land development and overintensification of the site.

12/00636/LBC – reduce length of rear garden by erecting brick boundary wall and removal of section of close boarded fence at Tehidy House, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

12/00626/FUL – application for a single storey extension to rear and side of existing outbuilding and conversion to habitable annex associated with existing dwelling at Jubilee House (part retrospective) at Jubilee Cottage, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Application opposed on the grounds of over-intensification of the site and on highway grounds, the site is serviced by a narrow driveway leading out on to the busiest part of Main Street and has very limited visibility splays.

12/00716/FUL – erection of a single wind turbine up to 67m in height to blade tip and transformer kiosk (amendment to planning consent 11/01156/FUL) at Combs Farm, Combs Lane, Farnsfield.

Planning decisions made by Newark & Sherwood DC were noted.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

#### Present

Cllrs.K Clarke, R Davis, A Farr, E Holt, B McDowall, L Selby (Chair) R Reeves, P Smith, L Weaver.
M Salt, Clerk, Co Cllr. A Stewart

### Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Hamilton. Also from Dist Cllr. B Laughton.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.32pm. Cllr Stewart provided the following updates:

Site meeting has taken place with Patrick Stevens and representatives from Farnsfield Parish Council on Station Lane to condsider the condition of the footpath. It has been agreed that some repair work will be undertaken by NCC.

Parking problems have been experienced in the vicinity of the school area and was reported to NCC. It has been agreed to monitor the situation over the next few months following discussions with the Head teacher.

Mansfield Road, the traffic count is not yet completed.

Cllr. Clarke informed Cllr Stewart regarding the sinking drain cover on Branston Avenue/Ridgeway Close and requested a re-visit following a visit from Highways who stated no work was required; the problems previously encountered when the drain collapsed a few years ago were recounted.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.35pm.

### Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Weaver, seconded by Cllr. Smith and approved.

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr McDowall and approved.

### **Declarations of interest**

None.

### Recreational areas

**Memorial Recreation Ground** – An update was provided to the meeting regarding the refurbishment of the site after the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012 (notes included earlier)

Cllr Clarke considered that the trees required some further pruning.

The Acres – The Clerk reported that the pavilion had been broken into during Friday night 23/24 June and the doors, electrical fittings and water storage system had been destroyed. The matter had been reported to the police and insurers. Approval has been given from the loss adjusters to secure the building with a new door and a full survey is awaited before the repairs can be undertaken. The dog bin has been repaired.

Parfitt Drive – no items to report.

**Wilson's Field** – Cllr Reeves stated that the field contained a large amount of litter over the weekend and cars had been parked in the field. Cllr Clarke agreed to make enquiries with the Cricket Club regarding the unauthorised use of the field.

### Footpaths and highways

An update regarding Station Lane was provided earlier.

Cllr Clark asked if the work included attention to the high kerb opposite The pharmacy a solder people were finding it difficult to negotiate. Drains blocked on Main Street and overhanging trees on the trail.

## **Parish Plan Reports**

**Planning** – The Clerk reported that N&SDC had published the N&SDC Local Development Framework Publication Allocations & Development Management DPD and the Representation Period runs from 18<sup>th</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2012 after which a finalised DPD will be submitted to the Secretary of State in September 2012 for assessing by an independent Inspector in the winter of 2012. If approved this will authorise the building of an additional 105 dwellings in Farnsfield during the period up to 2025.

Education and sport - no items.

**Environment and tourism** – no items

**Public transport** – no items

**Communications** – Newsletter circulated and includes reference to the DPD above. The Trader will not be circulated in Farnsfield after 1 July

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## Correspondence

Minimal amount received, mostly by email and circulated.

### **Finance**

### **Accounts**

A schedule of accounts amounting to £4665.79 including 13 payments was discussed, having been previously circulated to members. The accounts were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Weaver, seconded by Cllr. Smith and approved.

## Approval of accounts for 2011-12

The Clerk stated that the accounts for 2011-12 had been considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012. A set of papers, including receipts/payments, income/expenditure and supporting papers were circulated.

The Clerk went through the requirements of the Audit Commission Annual Return for 2011-12, Sections 1 and 2.

The accounts were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Clarke and accepted unanimously. The Chair, Cllr. L Selby, signed the accounts on behalf of the Council.

## **Planning**

The following planning application was considered:

12/00886/FUL – erection of a replacement dwelling at The Croft, Cahel Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

The decisions of the Planning Department at N&SC were noted.

### **Community Safety Group**

Cllr Selby stated that there was a proposal to reduce the speed limit on the A6097 Gunthorpe to 40mph. The next meeting of the group will be on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

### **Farnsfield Village Centre**

An update regarding the Lower Hall floor was provided. It was agreed that blinds would be appropriate for both halls.

### Agenda items for the next meeting

Revised Code of Conduct.

Co-option of Parish Councillor.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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Minutes of a meeting of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

#### Present

Cllrs.K Clarke, R Davis, A Farr, E Holt, B McDowall, L Selby (Chair) P Smith.
M Salt, Clerk

## Apologies for absence

Received and accepted from Cllrs. L Weaver, R Reeves and M Hamilton.

### **Declarations of interest**

None received

### Planning applications

12/00884/ADV – install externally illuminated timber hanging sign and non-illuminated wall mounted flat aluminium panel at The Co-operative, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

Planning decisions made by Newark & Sherwood DC were noted.

### Proposals for Lady Goodwin's Corner

The Clerk produced two schemes drawn up by Notts County Council for consideration, incorporating the initial proposals.

After some consideration it was agreed to opt for Option 1. Cllr Clarke agreed to take a copy of the scheme to show the pupils at St. Michael's School.

The Clerk to obtain copies from NCC for the notice boards.

Members of the Tennis Club present requested consultation regarding the final specification of the 'kidzone' area.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2012 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield

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### **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, A Farr, M Hamilton, B McDowall, R Reeves, L Selby (Chair), M Salt, Clerk

## Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. E Holt, P Smith, L Weaver, Co Cllr. A Stewart.

## Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Farr, seconded by Cllr. Clarke and approved.

The minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> July were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. McDowall, seconded by Cllr. Clarke and approved.

#### **Declarations of interest**

None received

### **Recreation Grounds**

- 5. **Memorial Recreation ground** trees cut back, Cllr Clarke suggested that more work needs to be done. The Clerk reported that he had arranged temporary litter picking arrangements up to 16<sup>th</sup> August.
- 6. **The Acres** An update was provided regarding the arrangements to repair the pavilion following a break in and considerable damage caused. A meeting had been held with the loss adjusters and further contact was awaited. A parking area is to be provided at the top of the Acres to prevent vehicles being driven into the field.
- 7. Parfitt Drive No items raised.
- 8. **Wilson's Field** Concerns raised regarding groups gathering on the field and leaving litter, the police have been contacted.

**Footpaths and highways** - General concerns raised regarding the need for grass and hedge cutting. The Clerk stated that the footpaths in the village central area were due for the second cut by the contractors before the end of July. Similarly the hedges are due to be cut but this cannot be undertaken before the end of July.

### Parish Plan

**Planning** – no matters.

Education and sport - no report.

**Environment and tourism –** no items.

Public Transport -No items.

**Communications** – Following the decision that the Newark Trader would not be circulated in Farnsfield an alternative method of circulating the newsletter to be found.

## Correspondence

The various items of correspondence were noted.

#### **Finance**

**Accounts** – The Clerk had previously circulated a schedule of payments made by BACS amounting to £4996.30, after scrutiny the schedule was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr McDowall and agreed.

### Planning applications

The following applications were considered:

12/00987/FUL – application for a first floor extension with front porch at Park View, Beck Lane, Farnsfield.

The application was supported.

12/01008/FUL – application for a first floor extension to existing brick garage block and associated works at Fernsfield House, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield

The application was supported with reservations concerning the increase in residential accommodation and the likely increase of vehicles entering and exiting the site to Mansfield Road.

12/01010/FUL – application for a rear ground floor extension at 17 Murdoch Close, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

## **Co-option of Councillor**

The Clerk had previously circulated to the Council the details provided by the five applicants for the vacant post of Parish Councillor. A vote was taken, including the comments made by the Councillors absent from the meeting. The Councillors were allocated a score from 1 – 5 and the one with the highest score would be invited to join the Council. Chris Collingham received the highest score and it was agreed unanimously that he be co-opted to the Council.

### **Code of Conduct**

The Clerk had previously circulated a draft Code of Conduct to the Councillors for consideration.

After a short discussion Cllr Hamilton proposed that it be adopted by Farnsfield Parish Council, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed unanimously. The Councillors present completed the Declaration of Interests.

## **Community Safety Group**

The meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012, the PCSO representative being PCSO Crowhurst from Ollerton. A number of issues were raised and it was urged that any incidents be reported to the police using the 101 system.

### Village Centre

The stated that the Lower Hall floor would be installed in August and the hall redecorated in early September. New chairs would be ordered and delivered in August.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st August 2012 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield

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### **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, B McDowall, P Smith, L Selby (Chair), M Salt, Clerk

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs.A Farr, E Holt, M Hamilton, R Reeves, L Weaver.

## Planning applications

The following planning application were considered:

12/01147/FUL – change of use of the former retail premises and yard to the sale, servicing and repair of caravans and motorhomes at Combs Farm Shop Old Rufford Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

12/01095/FUL – steel framed non load bearing agricultural building at The Dower House, Lower Hexgreave, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

12/01131/FUL – application for a replacement garage and single storey rear extension at Sheril House, Station Lane, Farnsfield Application supported.

12/01068/FUL – application for demolition of a conservatory, erection of single storey rear extension and extension of rear dormer window at 10 Gregory Gardens, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

The decisions of Newark and Sherwood DC Planning were noted.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

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Minutes of a meeting of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield

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#### **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, A Farr, P Smith, L Selby (Chair), P Smith M Salt, Clerk

## Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. E Holt, M Hamilton, M Hamilton, R Reeves, L Weaver.

Chris Collingham signed the declaration of acceptance of Parish Councillor and was welcomed to the Council by Cllr Selby.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Selby declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application at Fox Hollow, Quaker Lane due to the fact that she resides in the vicinity of the application. For consideration of the discussion regarding the application Cllr Clarke would chair the meeting and Cllr Selby would remain present at the meeting.

### Planning applications

The following application was considered (Cllr Clarke in the Chair)

12/01193/FUL – resubmission of proposal to erect 2 dwellings and garages and replacement garage incorporating demolition of existing garage on land at the rear of Fox Hollow, Quaker Lane, Farnsfield.

The Clerk provided an over-view of the resubmission.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders at 7.35pm to allow members of the public present to express their views.

A number of local residents were present and collectively raised objections to the development on environmental grounds, matters impacting upon the conservation status of the area and general issues

where the proposals would not be in keeping with the general character of the area.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8pm.

After a general discussion it was concluded that the changes made to the original submission, which was refused by Newark & Sherwood DC, were so slight as to be of minimal significance. It was noted that reference was made to the new Local Development Plan and the reasons for objection at the earlier submission were unchanged.

Cllr Smith proposed that the application should not be supported as per the original reasons for objection.

Seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed; Cllr Collingham abstained.

12/01217/FUL – application for a single storey extension at 50 Abbott Crescent, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

The decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC Planning were noted.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield

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### **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke (Chair), C Collingham, R Davis, M Hamilton, E Holt, B McDowall, P Smith, L Weaver M Salt, Clerk
Co Cllr A Stewart, Dist. Cllr N Armstrong, Dist. Cllr B Laughton.

## Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. A Farr, R Reeves, L Selby.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.32pm.

Several members of the public were present, residents of Mansfield Road who expressed their concerns regarding speeding traffic on Mansfield Road, in both directions. They sought information regarding the proposal to install interactive speed signs and potential enforcement of the speed limits.

Cllr Stewart stated that a new interactive sign had been ordered and would be installed as agreed, on the eastern side of Cockett Lane. The sign would be provided by NCC and the delay was due to a traffic survey having to be undertaken to justify the installation of the sign. They have proved an effective deterrent elsewhere and hopefully would impact upon the problem in Farnsfield.

Comments were made that the new 30mph sign was too far out of the village and was ineffective. Cllr Stewart stated that it was sited in its current position following consultation with Farnsfield PC and others. He suggested that nothing should be done in a rush but to wait for the interactive sign to be installed and measure its impact. He agreed to discuss the positioning of the sign with the Highways Dept but stated that there would be additional expense to amend the Traffic Regulation Order should the limits be changed.

He also suggested that a letter be sent to the police commenting upon the current situation and requesting some enforcement. He also agreed to raise it at the next SNG meeting.

Dist. Cllr Armstrong reminded the meeting of the Annual Parish Conference to be held at Kelham Hall on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 and encouraged Councillors to attend.

Cllr Stewart state that the Lady Goodwin's Corner play area project was progressing well, planning applications were being considered by NCC and the tendering process was under way.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 7.46pm.

### **Declarations of interest**

None declared.

## Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> July 2012 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> August 2012 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr McDowall and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Collingham and agreed.

#### **Recreation Grounds**

**Memorial Recreation Ground** – the plans to refurbish Lady Goodwins corner are on track as discussed earlier. Some minor maintenance of the existing equipment undertaken.

**Acres** – work on the pavilion is progressing well. Cllr Hamilton has managed the project and sub contracted the work; the estimated costs being £8000 and the actual costa will be circa £6000. The car parking area will be marked out in the next week.

**Parfitt Drive** – some minor damage to the fencing, now repaired. **Wilsons Field** – floodlight turned on for the winter period.

### Footpaths and highways

Complaint of a tree overhanging the footpath at 4 Branston Avenue.

Notification of a road traffic accident on Ridgeway Close, a contributory factor is considered to the lack of road markings on Ridgeway Close. It was also considered that lines should be on the road at the bend on Cockett Lane near the farm entrance, due to the narrowness of the road and drivers crossing to the wrong side to avoid puddles. Road sign damaged at the corner of Blidworth Road/Longland Lane.

## **Parish Plan Reports**

**Planning** – Further consultation on the Local Development Plan **Education and sport** – no further matters – pavilion covered earlier **Environment and tourism** – Cllr Laughton having joined the meeting commented that he had been at a meeting with Severn Trent regarding flood risk management and the future installation of SUDS to minimise water damage.

**Transport** – no items.

**Communications** – circulation arrangements for the newsletter are under way, communication has been made with the Bramley. The planned September issue is too late to be circulated either in September or October, awaiting final copy and arrangements to be finalised with the Bramley.

## Correspondence

Items of correspondence were circulated for information.

Notification of the Parish Conference at Kelham on 1<sup>st</sup> October was made – the Clerk is attending.

Cllr. Holt stated that Mr Rhodes hadn't been paid for the work in the churchyard last year. The Clerk stated that the PC had no responsibility for maintenance of the churchyard but made a S137 Grant contribution; this was paid to the PCC earlier in the year. The PCC have the responsibility of paying Mr Rhodes.

Cllr Holt spoke to a letter she had previously circulated from the Tennis Club requesting financial support as the remedial work at the tennis courts was over budget by circa £8000. The current liabilities of the PC were considered, costs of repairing the pavilion, contribution already made to secure the grant for Lady Goodwin's Corner alterations and the possibility of more to be paid plus the costs of alterations at the Village Centre. It was agreed that the PC was not in a position to assist the Tennis Club with their request but suggested they approach the Brown Trust.

Cllr Holt mentioned a letter from Mrs Shakeshaft regarding the uncut nettles and hedges on New Hill. The hedge cutting was delayed due to works at the Tennis Courts and would be completed as soon as it was possible to do it. The grass and nettles had been cut down and the area tidied up one the hedges were sorted.

#### Finance

**Accounts** – a schedule of accounts had been previously circulated for information, containing 23 transactions amounting to £11,195.74p. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr McDowall, seconded by Cllr Smith and approved.

## Planning applications

The following applications were considered:

12/01238/FUL – application to install a conservation rooflight in the rear roof slope and sun pipe in front roof slope at Building at Hall Farm, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

Cllr McDowall abstained having declared a non-prejudicial interest as he neighbours the property.

12/01259/FUL – change of use from A1 (retail) to part A1 (retail) and A3 (Café/tea rooms) with C3 (residential) above, and installation of flue to east facing roof slope at AB Farmhouse Kitchens, 38 Main Street, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

12/01285/LBC and 12/01284/FUL – alterations to boundary wall enclosing the curtilage of Burgess House and demolition of outbuildings at land adjacent to Burgess Cottage, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield.

Application opposed due to over- intensification of the site; the proposed building not being of the character of the buildings in the conservation area; the access on to Chapel Lane is too narrow; many of the walls and outbuilding affected are listed.

12/01284/FUL – erection of detached dwelling on land adjacent to Burgess Cottage, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield. As above.

12/01262/FUL – application for a ground floor rear extension and new pitched roof to garage at 7 Nether Court, Farnsfield Application supported.

Farnsfield Parish Council 2012-13 Page 29 of 56 The planning decisions made by Newark and Sherwood DC were noted.

## **Community Safety Group**

Nothing to report – no meeting.

## **Farnsfield Village Centre**

The Clerk informed the meeting that he has been in discussion with the PCC regarding the provision of a facility for the Church to have an office at the VC to meet with the public for administration purposes. Discussions are on-going.

The meeting closed at 9.26pm.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield

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### **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke (Chair), R Davis, B McDowall, A Farr M Salt, Clerk

### Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. E Holt, R Reeves, L Selby, P Smith, M Hamilton

## Planning applications

The following applications were considered:

12/01342/FUL – application to remove existing conservatory and form new extension at 21 Irving Close, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

12/01278/FUL – erection of replacement dwelling at Farnsfield House Bungalow, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield Application supported.

The planning decisions made by Newark and Sherwood DC were noted.

The meeting closed at 7.44pm.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd October 2012 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield

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#### Present

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, B McDowall, L Selby (Chair), P Smith M Salt, Clerk, Co. Cllr. Stewart, Dist. Cllr N Armstrong.

## Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. E Holt, R Reeves, M Hamilton, L Weaver, C Collingham, A Farr

### **Declarations of interest**

None received

## Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. McDowall and agreed. The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. McDowall, seconded by Cllr. Clarke and agreed.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.32pm.

Cllr. Stewart informed the meeting that the interactive sign had been installed on Mansfield Road, the situation would continue to be monitored

Cllr. Armstrong stated that she had become involved in an issue on Parfitt Drive regarding the ownership of trees following concerns raised with her by residents. The Clerk sid that he was aware of the issue and that the matter had also been referred to the County Council. The issue is relating to the ownership of the trees and this goes back to when Wimpey installed the boundary fencing to the new houses. The plan shows that the hedges are the boundary to the properties but Wimpey, for ease, installed a boundary fence inside the hedge and left the existing trees between the hedge and fences. The trees are all inside the boundaries of the houses. They have been check by the consultant used by the Parish Council and no concerns were raised regarding and safety issues with

them. NCC are also checking them as they overhang public footpaths and their findings are awaited.

Cllr Stewart stated that the street lights would be switched off later in the year in accordance with the scheme agreed after consultation.

A brief update was provided regarding the proposals to refurbish the equipment on Lady Goodwin's Corner.

The quality of the road repairs on Southwell Road undertaken following the utility works currently being undertaken, were raised with Cllr Stewart and he was informed that NCC Highways were of the view that they were of the required standard.

Comment was made that Dog Wardens from Newark & Sherwood DC had been in the area.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 7.50pm.

#### **Recreation Grounds**

- **1. Memorial Recreation Ground** a brief update was provided earlier regarding the progress of the development scheme. No other items.
- 2. Acres mole infestation of the area around and included the football pitch has commenced again contractors engaged to remove them.
- **3. Parfitt Drive** damaged caused to the fencing on the play area. The Tree works will resume within the next two weeks.
- 4. Wilson's Field The Clerk reported that the locks on the lighting control box had been forcibly removed on two occasions and the light controls tampered with. New locks have been fitted and the controls re-instated. Concerns expressed regarding rubbish left on the field.

## Footpaths and highways

It was suggested that the signs on Longland Lane/ Blidworth Road should be improved following an accident involving a lorry and car on the sharp bend.

Parish Plan Reports
Planning – No items
Education and sport – no matters raised

**Environment and tourism** – the additional notice boards will be installed at the Tennis Court and near the Co-operative in the near future **Transport** – no items.

**Communications** – The newsletter to be circulated with the Bramley in November.

## Correspondence

None for circulation, mostly undertaken by email.

#### **Finance**

#### **Accounts**

A schedule of accounts containing 16 items amounting to £13,294.08 had been circulated previously and were considered. Cllr. Smith proposed they be approved, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed.

## Planning applications

None received for consideration.

## **Community Safety Group**

Nothing to report

# Village Centre

The decorating schedule was discussed.

### Agenda items for the next meeting

To include an F&GP meeting in with the meeting on 13 November 2012 for a budget report to be provided at the next Council meeting for the precept for 2013-14 to be agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield

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#### **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, E Holt, B McDowall, L Selby (Chair), P Smith, L Weaver.

M Salt, Clerk,

## Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. R Reeves, M Hamilton, C Collingham, A Farr

#### **Declarations of interest**

None received

## Planning applications

12/01513/FUL – application for the erection of a rear single storey extension (following demolition of existing garage) at 31 Abbott Crescent, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

The decisions made by Newark & Sherwood District Council were noted. It was also noted that the appeal to build at the rear of Fox Hollow, Quaker Lane had been rejected.

### Dispensation

The Clerk informed the Council a suggestion that he had received information from Newark and Sherwood District Council in relation to declarations of interest of a disclosable pecuniary nature and suggested that, in line with NSDC policy that the Parish Council adopt as similar process and have a dispensation policy for 4 years, as follows:

The general dispensation for the Precept The guidance for other declarations of interest.

### **General Dispensations**

At the meeting of the FPC on 13 November 2012 a general dispensation was given to all members of the Council for the period of four years from 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012 to enable them to speak and vote where they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest but where that Interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would not reasonably

regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgement of the public interest, such dispensation to include the following specific circumstances:

(1). setting the council tax and budget under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 where the member, their spouse, partner or person with whom they are living as spouse or civil partner holds property interests within the district (including owning or renting a home within the district).

Where a member is unsure whether this general dispensation applies to their particular circumstances, they are advised to make a specific dispensation request to the Clerk.

### **Guidance on Dispensation Requests**

A dispensation can be granted on the following grounds to enable a member to speak and/or vote where they would otherwise have a disclosable pecuniary interest: -

- 1. That so many members of the Council have disclosable pecuniary interests in a matter that it would impede the transaction of the business (i.e. it would otherwise be inquorate)
- 2. That the Council considers that the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the Council's area.
- 3. That the Council considers that it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation. A dispensation request must be made to the Clerk in writing or by email. It is advisable to submit a dispensation request well in advance of the date of the meeting for which the dispensation is sought and in any event, other than in exceptional circumstances the dispensation request should be submitted not less than 3 clear days prior to the date of the meeting to which the dispensation request relates.

The Council has agreed the following criteria in determining whether to grant dispensation requests:-

- 1. Whether the nature of the member's interest is such that to allow them to participate would not damage public confidence in the conduct of the authorities business
- 2. Whether the interest is common to the member and a significant proportion of the general public; *if this is the case a dispensation is more likely to be granted.*
- 3. Is the participation of the member in the business that the interest relates to justified by a member's particular role or expertise?
- 4. Whether the interest is trivial or remote; if this is the case a dispensation is more likely to be granted.

The proposals had been circulated to the members of the Council and Cllr Davis proposed that Farnsfield Parish Council adopt the dispensation process as recommended by the Clerk, seconded by Cllr. Clarke and agreed unanimously.

The dispensation procedure to be effective from 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012 for a period of 4 years.

## **Casual Litter Picker**

The Clerk requested approval to appoint a casual litter picker resulting from the continuing complaints regarding litter dropped in the village. He stated that he had received 3 applications and sought support from a Councillor to agree a schedule and meet with those showing an interest. Cllr Selby volunteered.

The Council agreed that the primary functions would be to keep the play areas clear, the area around New Hill, tennis and bowls area and the football field following matches, and the time involved would be at 1.5 hours per day for 7 days per week; considerations would be included for inclement weather therefore the payment would reflect the hours worked.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm and was followed by a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

# All Councillors remained for the F&GP Committee and Cllr Davis took the Chair and opened the meeting.

# Apologies for absence

None

# **Declarations of interest**

None, a general dispensation applies.

## Review of expenditure and income for 2012-13

The Clerk produced a schedule of accounts showing actual against budget for the period April to October 2012.

These were scrutinised by cost code for variance against the budget and to consider potential spend for 2013-14.

Upon completion it was agreed that there was potential to have a balance of income and expenditure although the tree work from 2011-12 had been carried over and will cost £3500. No major items of expenditure are anticipated.

# Consideration of the precept for 2013-14

Following the review of 2012-13 and potential expenditure, it was agreed that the income and expenditure would be similar and no major items of work were planned. Any future proposals, such as the skate park or development of the play area on Parfitt Drive, would be met principally from grants, if applicable and successful.

It was also noted that the tax base for calculating the Council Tax will change due to Government proposals on eligibility for grants and this will show in the percentage changes per household. It was agreed that the

precept should continue to remain at £63,000 for another year meaning an actual reduction in precept of approximately 4% over 2 years, and this recommendation should go to the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012 for consideration and approval.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield

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#### Present

Cllrs. K Clarke, C Collingham, R Davis, A Farr, B McDowall, L Selby (Chair), L Weaver.

M Salt, Clerk,

Dist Cllr. Laughton

# Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. R Reeves, M Hamilton, E Holt, P Smith Co. Cllr A Stewart

#### **Declarations of interest**

None received

# Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. McDowall, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed. The minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed.

#### **Recreation Grounds**

- **5. Memorial Recreation Ground** there is a proposal to start the work to refurbish the play area before Christmas but efforts are being made to postpone it until January and obtain a project plan from the contractors.
- **6. Acres –** mole infestation being treated, no other issues
- **7. Parfitt Drive** –no issues in the play area, tree planting should take place in December, weather permitting.
- 8. Wilson's Field No items to report

## Footpaths and highways

Concerns raised regarding dog mess on the footpaths and it was requested that Newark & Sherwood DC be advised and request enforcement.

The white lining on the roads in the school area requires repainting.

Farnsfield Parish Council 2012-13 Page 39 of 56 Standing water on Main Street adjacent to Burgess House driveway – NCC informed.

# **Parish Plan Reports**

**Planning** – No items

Education and sport - no matters raised

**Environment and tourism** – notice boards installed at the entrance to the Bowls/Tennis Clubs and adjacent to the Cricket Club due to difficulties regarding installation of a free standing board in the Co-operative area.

**Transport** – no items.

**Communications** – arrangements made for the Newsletter to be circulated in the Bramley in March, June, September and December 2013.

# Correspondence

None for circulation, mostly undertaken by email.

#### **Finance**

# Accounts

- 1. A schedule of accounts containing 16 items amounting to ££6,610.74 had been circulated previously and were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr. McDowall and agreed.
- 2. Cllr Selby informed the meeting that a matter had been raised at the Safer Neighbourhood Meeting to supply the PCSO with a pedal cycle to enable them to cover more villages; there was a request for £20 from Parish Councils to fund this. It was agreed to support this request with an expectation of improved visibility by PCSO.
- 3. Precept for 2013-14

Dist. Cllr Laughton joined the meeting and Standing Orders were suspended at 8.10pm.

He advised the meeting that following the introduction of the 50mph limit on the A614 there had been a 20% decrease in road accidents. District Local Framework Plan is progressing towards acceptance.

A brief discussion took place regarding the proposed Government issues affecting council tax – the announcement is due to be made on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2012 when its impact locally would be assessed; there is also an impact upon local parish precepts as the tax base will change.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 8.25pm.

Precept – continued\_

Farnsfield Parish Council 2012-13 Page 40 of 56 Cllr. Davis and the Clerk provided an update following the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012. The accounts for 2012-13 had been considered in detail and a budget for 2013-14 constructed on similar lines to that of 2012-13 with the exception of major tree works and commitment to play area developments. It was considered at the meeting that the precept should remain at £63,000 for a further year although this means a real term cut in income of approximately 4% via the precept. It was also noted that until the decision of N&SDC was known after the Government announcement on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2012 what the support would be to offset the changes in council tax benefits in the district. It was proposed by Cllr Farr that the precept be set at £63,000, seconded by Cllr Collingham and agreed unanimously.

The Clerk would monitor announcements from N&SDC and try to minimise the impact of rises in the precept on households forming the tax base in Farnsfield.

# Planning applications

12/01452/FUL – application for a front and rear extensions and alterations to form two storey dwelling and addition of first floor at Longdale, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

12/01526/FUL- installation of a new shop front, other minor elevational changes, internal alterations at Farnsfield Pharmacy, Station Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

## **Community Safety Group Meeting**

Cllr Selby reported that she had attended the last meeting where those attending had reported that it was fairly quiet in the area with few incidents other than theft of domestic fuel oil at Eakring. The request for a pedal cycle considered earlier.

## Village Centre

The Clerk reported that he had received an enquiry from the PCC to have an office sited in the village centre to deal with public enquiries. The proposal was to take over the existing Clerk's Office for fulltime use and a rental cost was requested.

The proposal was supported and it was agreed that the rent should be set at £200 per month providing accommodation for the staff, copier, the rental includes heating and electricity.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield

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## **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, C Collingham, R Davis, A Farr, E Holt, B McDowall, L Selby (Chair), P Smith, M Salt, Clerk,

# Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. R Reeves, L Weaver M Hamilton,

#### **Declarations of interest**

None received

# Planning applications

12/SCO/00006 – request for scoping opinion for proposed 1 medium scale wind turbine at Lurcher Farm, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

12/01585/FUL – change of use of field to form caravan and camping site for 15 touring caravans and 15 tent pitches and erection of detached single storey amenity block at Lurcher Farm Cottage, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield

Application supported – concerns expressed regarding the access/egress to the site.

12/01664/FUL – erection of 1 dwelling on land to the west of The Spinney, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield Application supported – 1 against.

The planning decisions made by Newark & Sherwood DC were noted.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22<sup>ND</sup> January 2013 in the Library, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield

## **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, C Collingham, R Davis, E Holt, L Selby (Chair), P Smith. M Salt, Clerk,

Co. Cllr Stewart

# Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. A Farr, R Reeves, M Hamilton, L Weaver, B BcDowall

#### **Declarations of interest**

None received

# Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed. The minutes of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Holt and agreed.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.35pm.

Cllr. Stewart informed the meeting that the work on Lady Goodwin's Corner had started on schedule.

The interactive speed sign on Mansfield Road was in place following a traffic count.

He had been advised of a request for a pedestrian crossing on Main Street and would support the proposal but the matter should be referred to Andy Warrington at NCC for the request to be progressed.

The extension of the Lengthsman Scheme was discussed and it was agreed that Farnsfield PC would express an interest in the scheme, as a stand-alone Parish, but could consider joining with Edingley and Halam.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.45pm.

#### **Recreation Grounds**

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- **1. Memorial Recreation Ground –** covered earlier work commenced and due to be completed by the end of February subject to the weather conditions.
- **2. Acres –** pavilion re-locked due to a damaged padlock (not vandalism). Discussion took place regarding the current and future use of the football pitches. To be discussed in more detail at a later date.
- **3. Parfitt Drive** tree planting commenced hornbeam trees panted as replacement of the chestnuts. Dog bin requires replacing.
- **4. Wilson's Field** Comment made that one floodlight was not working.

# Footpaths and highways

Proposed pedestrian crossing on the Main Street discussed earlier. Current pot holes noted for transmission to NCC, Cockett Lane, Alexander Road, New Hill.

NSDC to be contacted regarding further dog fouling warning signs to be introduced.

# **Parish Plan Reports**

Planning - No items

**Education and sport** – The requested skateboard area to be progressed when the work at Lady Goodwin's Corner is completed.

**Environment and tourism –** Seats to be replaced on Combs Lane and Beck Lane. NCC to be reminded.

**Transport** – new timetables distributed.

**Communications** – Newsletter requested for 2<sup>nd</sup> week in February in order that it can be prepared for distribution in the March issue of the Bramley.

## Correspondence

Correspondence received circulated at the meeting, for information.

# **Finance**

# **Accounts**

A schedule of accounts containing 19 items amounting to £9962.30 had been circulated previously and were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed.

## **Precept**

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received correspondence from Newark & Sherwood DC regarding the Government grant allocation to NSDC following the adjustments to Council Tax payments by benefit

recipients. The allocation to Farnsfield being £2580 therefore the precept requested was reduced by this amount to £60,420, ( the total to be received still being £63,000), which should result in the Council Tax payable per household in Farnsfield remaining at the 2011-12 level. However it was noted that this payment was only guaranteed for the year 2013-14.

Cllr. Smith left the meeting at 8.35pm.

# Planning applications

The following planning application was considered:

12/01075/FUL – erection of wind turbine (500kw) with hub height of 50 metres and a tip height of 78 metres at Lockwell Hill Farm, Kirklington Road, Farnsfield Application supported.

# **Community Safety Group**

Cllr Selby stated that the meeting had been cancelled.

# **Farnsfield Village Centre**

Cllr Holt queried when the new blinds were to be fitted to the Upper and Lower Halls. The Clerk stated that he had only the one quote as no other information had been provided. It was agreed that the contract would be placed with Harley Blinds as per the quote of £1234.75 for both halls and the colour was selected. It was agreed that whilst the Upper Hall had not been decorated the new blinds could be installed and a decoration scheme agreed at a later date. The Clerk agreed to progress this and fit the installation around centre bookings. The contractors had suggested that they may be able to remove the existing curtains when the blinds were fitted.

The Clerk provided an update regarding the cleaning arrangements of the centre for the interim period due to the current disposition of the current cleaner.

The meeting closed at 9.06pm.

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#### Present

Cllrs. K Clarke, C Collingham, R Davis, E Holt, B McDowall, L Selby, (Chair), L Weaver M Salt, Clerk,

# Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. A Farr, R Reeves, M Hamilton, P Smith

#### **Declarations of interest**

None received

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.32pm to permit members of the public present address the meeting.

Concern was expressed regarding the large amounts of dog faeces on Southwell Trail resulting from dog owners failing to clean up and the lack of dog bins in the area.

Whilst it was accepted that the trail was the responsibility of Nottinghamshire County Council and monitored by Friends of Southwell Trail (FOST Group) it was agreed that the Parish Council would provide and maintain a bin on the eastern pathway from the Ridgeway to the trail; the bin would be sited where the majority of dog bags appear to be discarded.

Standing Orders resumed at 7.45pm.

## Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered:

13/00103/FUL – application for erection of single storey extension to east elevation at Little Allamour Farm, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield. Application supported.

13/00091/FUL – application for extension to form double garage, conversion of existing garage and other internal alterations at Homefield House, Station Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported – abstention – Cllr Clarke.

The decisions made by Newark & Sherwood District Council were noted.

Cllr Collingham stated that the roots of the climbing shrub adjacent to the Old Gaol had been removed, as far as possible. The Clerk reported that the roof had been repaired, the damage from the climber being minimal but from the results of periodic vandalism in the past.

Cllr Davis suggested that a review of the streets in Farnsfield takes place after the end of the winter in order that all road defects can be reported to and rectified by NCC.

The meeting closed at 8.08pm.

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## **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, C Collingham, R Davis, A Farr, E Holt, B McDowall, L Selby, (Chair), M Hamilton, P Smith M Salt, Clerk, Also present Co Cllr A Stewart.

# Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. L Weaver, Absent, Cllr R Reeves.

#### **Declarations of interest**

None received

# Minutes of the previous meeting

The accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of 22 January 2013 was challenged by Cllr Holt who stated that there had been no agreement to install blinds in the Upper Hall as shown in the minutes; Cllr Holt stated that this was recorded on the minutes of 12 February 2013. Cllr McDowall stated he had no recollection of this discussion as he was absent on 22 January 2013 and requested the minutes be amended to show his apologies. The Clerk agreed to check his notes taken at the meetings and after doing so reported back to the Councillors that the minutes were accurate and the discussion recorded on the correct minutes, i.e. 22 January 2013; the only amendment made was to record the absence of Cllr McDowall on the minutes of 22 January 2013. The minutes were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis and seconded by Cllr Collingham and approved subject to the above clarification to be made by the Clerk.

The minutes of the meeting of 12 February 2013 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Holt who commented that the full agreement regarding the installation of dog bins had not been recorded, after discussion it was agreed that the decisions had been recorded in earlier minutes; the minutes were accepted. Cllr Collingham stated that the ivy plant had been removed at the Olds Gaol and the roots would be sprayed with weed-killer at a later date.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.43pm to permit members of the public to address the meeting.

Cllr Stewart stated that the interactive signs were in place and the speed limit site was under consideration but could take some time.

He mentioned that a photo shoot had taken place at the play area on Lady Goodwin's Corner and suggested that the Chairman of the County Council formally open the play area late in March prior to the electoral restrictions taking effect. Cllr Holt stated that it was not a County Council event but a Farnsfield one. Cllr Selby stated that members of the community would be invited to attend as some had made contributions, e.g. the Co-operative Stores, also the school, play groups and Tennis Club would be invited. The opening date would be arranged by NCC in consultation with the Clerk, the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2013 appeared to be the most likely date but concerns were expressed that the park area may not be finished in time.

The Clerk mentioned that he had communicated a request for the pedestrian crossing on Main Street to Andy Warrington but had received no response.

Concerns were expressed regarding a substantial amount of dog mess on the Southwell Trail and the public footpath from Beck Lane to Combs Lane opposite Birdcage Walk. Plastic bags have been discarded in the hedgerow on the trail and it was agreed to arrange additional signage and erect a dog bin on the trail on the footpath from Meadow Close, on the eastern end of the Ridgeway Estate. Additional dog signs to be installed by arrangement with NSDC and enforcement if available. However it was noted that some intelligence was required for effective enforcement to occur.

Patrick Stevens informed the meeting of his concerns regarding the recent planning application for development at Burgess House. He has been in contact with Newark & Sherwood DC regarding the listed building status and the remedial work requiring to be undertaken on site.

#### Recreation Grounds

- 1. Memorial Recreation Ground The Clerk informed the meeting of an email received from the Tennis Club requesting that the PC make it clear that the new tennis area on the play park is not part of the Tennis Club, comment included in the Newsletter to be circulated in March
- 2. Acres comments made that an old tree requires removal.

- **3. Parfitt Drive** –Dog bin ordered and awaiting delivery before replacement.
- **4. Wilson's Field –** motor cycles have been ridden on the field.

# Footpaths and highways

Proposed pedestrian crossing on the Main Street discussed earlier. Cllr Davis informed the meeting that he had reported a collapsed drain cover on Mansfield Road.

The Clerk reported that he had submitted an expression of interest in the Lengthsman Scheme and was awaiting a response from NCC. He had received confirmation that new seats would be installed on Beck Lane and Ouaker/Combs Lane.

# **Parish Plan Reports**

Planning - No items

**Education and sport –** No items.

**Environment and tourism** – A reminder of the Local Improvement Scheme Conference to be held at Newark Showground on 7<sup>th</sup> March by NCC.

**Transport** – no items.

**Communications** –Newsletter for distribution in the March issue of the Bramley.

# Correspondence

Correspondence received circulated at the meeting, for information.

#### **Finance**

#### Accounts

A schedule of accounts containing 14 items amounting to £11790.66 had been circulated previously and were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed.

# Planning applications

13/00099/FUL – erection of detached two storey house, including improvements to a vehicular access (re-submission of 12/001284/FUL) on land adjacent to Burgess Cottage, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield. Application not supported on the grounds that the proposed development is not in keeping with the conservation area, it does not have adequate egress and access on to Chapel Lane; the submission does not address the listed building requirements in full and there are concerns that this cannot be undertaken within the current application.

13/00100/LBC – demolition of existing buildings and alterations to boundary walls (re-submission of 12/01285/LBC) on land adjacent to Burgess Cottage, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield.

Not supported on the grounds that sufficient restoration of the buildings within the curtilage will take place to preserve the conservation status requirement and address the listed building requirements for the walls and outbuildings.

There were no planning decisions from Newark & Sherwood DC.

# **Community Safety Group**

No meeting – next one to be held on 11 March 2013.

# **Farnsfield Village Centre**

Request from CIIr McDowall to see if the blinds installed in the Upper Hall can be converted to black-out or be of heavier material.

# Agenda items for the next meeting

None

The meeting closed at 9.03pm.

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## **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, B McDowall, L Selby, (Chair), P Smith. M Salt, Clerk,

# **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. A Farr, C Collingham, M Hamilton, R Reeves, L Weaver Absent. Cllr F Holt.

#### **Declarations of interest**

None received

13/00124/FUL –erection of dwelling in connection with farm visitor centre (renewal of extant permission 09/01835/OUT) at White Post Modern Farm Centre, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

There were no planning decisions from Newark & Sherwood DC

## **Bottle Bank**

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Newark & Sherwood DC to install a bottle bank on the Parfitt Drive car park following the removal of the bottle bank from the Plough Inn car park. Following discussion it was agreed not to support the proposal due to potential problems with broken glass adjacent to a children's play area.

# Parish Plan review

Following receipt of a request for Parish Plans to be reviewed by the Rural Community Action Group of Nottinghamshire a detailed review took place using the template provided for a return to be made to RCA on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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#### **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, A Farr, L Selby, (Chair), M Hamilton, L Weaver M Salt, Clerk,

Co Cllr A Stewart

# Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. P Smith, C Collingham, M Hamilton, R Reeves, B McDowall.

Dist Cllr. B Laughton.

Absent Cllr E Holt.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.32pm to permit members of the public to discuss items with the Council.

Co Cllr Stewart commented upon the delayed opening of the play area and stated that arrangements would be made during April despite the forthcoming election of County Councillors. He stated that he would not be standing for election again.

He commented upon the successful LIS Conference at Winthorpe where the Clerk received recognition for the work undertaken in the planning for the refurbished play area.

The Clerk enquired about the pedestrian crossing requested on Main Street as nothing had been heard from Andy Warrington, we were advised to contact him again.

Representatives of the History Society were present and complained about the chairs now used in the Lower Hall, that they were unsuitable for use at long meetings and were uncomfortable. After some discussion it was agreed that some alternatives would be considered.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.45pm.

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## **Declarations of interest**

None received

# Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2013 were considered and proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Hamilton and approved.

The minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013 were considered and proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Clarke, seconded by Cllr Davis and approved.

#### Recreational areas

Memorial Recreation Ground – awaiting notification of completion of the works at Lady Goodwin's Corner. The Tennis Club have been successful in gaining a grant from the NCC Sport initiative and will be purchasing two pieces of fitness equipment to be put in the play area. In order to secure the grant by placing the order FPC were requested to undertake this on their behalf and be reimbursed by the Tennis Club when the grant was received by them. This suggestion was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr. Weaver and agreed.

**Acres** – nothing to report

**Parfitt Drive** – some remedial work will be required during the course of the year to upgrade the soft surfacing and consider update to the equipment. The Clerk to consider what finances are available and work up a development programme.

Wilson's Field – The Clerk reported that he had met with Ross Marshall from NCC, met at the LIS Conference, a skatepark specialist, earlier in the day to discuss potential sites for a skatepark and what could be achieved at what cost. The preferred site suggested by Ross was on Wilson's Field. This was discussed and Cllr. Clarke was not in favour of this site for several reasons and suggested that Parfitt Drive could be more appropriate. It was agreed to continue the discussion when the proposals from Ross Marshall had been received; he agreed to attend a Council meeting and present his suggestions to the Council and the potential users.

## Footpaths and highways

The Clerk informed the meeting that the three dog bins had been installed and arrangements were being made to add the additional one to the contract with Newark & Sherwood DC for empying.

It was noted that the potholes on New Hill had been repaired although others were on Alexander Road and Abbott Road. The manhole cover on Mansfield Road also requires attention.

# Parish Plan reports

Planning - No items.

**Education and sport –** Skateboard update provided earlier.

Environment and tourism -No items

Public transport- No items

**Communications –** Newsletter published in March as planned.

# Correspondence

The Clerk informed the meeting of the invitataion for Councillors to the Tennis Open Day and theAnti-social Behaviour leaflet and website information from Newark and Sherwood

#### **Finance**

**Accounts** – The summary of accounts, containing 14 payments amounting to £5998.10p, circulated with the papers for the meeting were considered and proposed for approval by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr. Farr and approved.

**S137 Grant** –St Michael's School requested a contribution towards the cost of the DARE programme. Cllr. Weaver proposed that a grant of £150 be given; seconded by Cllr. Hamilton and agreed.

## Planning applications

None received.

## **Community Safety Group meeting**

Cllr. Selby reported that she had attended the recent meeting where crime and other incidents had been discussed. No major issues were raised. It was reported that the funding requested to provide a bicycle for Liam would no longer go ahead.

## **Farnsfield Village Centre**

Cllr. Davis offered to look at the seats unable to be used and see if they could be repaired.

The Clerk stated that the Village Centre required more redecoration and would try to get this done in the Easter break but had no decision regarding a colour scheme in the Upper Hall. Cllr Farr proposed that a

neutral colour, magnolia would be appropriate, seconded by Cllr. Clarke and agreed unanimously. The Clerk would make enquiries with the decorator and try to fit this in with the centre bookings.

## **Additional matters**

Cllr Davis reported that he had consulted with the Flower Club regarding replanting daffodil bulbs and the suggestions were to replant at the Ridgeway splays, Cockett Lane/Mansfield Road and around the Green. It was also suggested that the school should be approached to involve children in the project. The Clerk to source some bulbs.

The meeting closed at 9pm.