

Minutes of the Meeting of Farnsfield Parish Council  
**7.00pm on Tuesday 26th September 2023**  
held in the Lower Hall of the Village Centre, New Hill, NG22 8JN

**In Attendance**

Councillor Charlotte Harris Sutton (Vice Chair), Councillor John Cracknell, Councillor Lesley Healy, Councillor Sally Savage, Councillor Corinne Moore, Councillor Joyce Shakeshaft, Councillor Maurice Shakeshaft (and NSDC Councillor), Councillor Mike Thompson. 20 residents and 2 Rage Against the Incinerator Campaign Group guests.

- 23.113 Apologies: Councillor Peter Sarre ((Chair) – due to illness). Vice Chair chaired the meeting. Apologies accepted 8:0
- 23.114 Declarations of interest – CHS 23.124 4 Councillors declared: Councillor Harris Sutton, Councillor J Shakeshaft, Councillor Savage, Councillor Healy as members of the tennis club.

**Meeting Items**

- 23.115 Public Session (Chair suspended standing orders to enable public participation)
- a. A resident asked if the Council intended to display a Ukrainian flag or a Union Jack also. He also raised about the bills of payments previously published and if this would continue inc. invoices. The Chair reflected that 'Displaying the Ukrainian flag' was an agenda item within which, this would be discussed. On the second point the Chair confirmed that F&G open paperwork would continue to be available.
  - b. In regards of 23.122, a resident wanted to make the Council aware of the traffic/speed issues along Quaker Lane. A traffic counter survey had been implemented across 2 weeks (out of cricket season) clocking some very high speeds. Resident would like Farnsfield Parish Council to consider looking for an alternative access route to the Acres. The full report of the survey would be available soon. Councillor L Healy from the Access to Recreation Working Party said they will tackle these issues. Councillor J Shakeshaft explained he will seek to find some solutions and share resident's concerns, with the football club. It was felt a multiagency group including NCC, Highways, Newark and Sherwood District Council and Police to formulate a plan along with working party representative may assist plans. **ACTION:** Councillor M Shakeshaft to consider.
  - c. A comprehensive 10 min presentation from two representatives from RAGE on the proposed Bilsthorpe waste incinerator, which highlighted the risks and issues of this proposal. Particularly that the impact would reach far beyond Bilsthorpe itself. The campaign group have extensive support (MP Sherwood, County and Local Councillors). The RAGE representatives asked if the Parish Council could respond to the Planning Application when issued but read the information and support the campaign by writing a letter and objecting to plans. There are stock letters at Gadsbys and a drop box which RAGE collect regularly. Further information about the planned incinerator and RAGE campaign including how to oppose the development is available through their Facebook page and by email: [rageagainstincinerator@gmail.com](mailto:rageagainstincinerator@gmail.com)

- d. A resident highlighted she had suffered damage to her property by youths but was finding it difficult getting the local police to be concerned. Councillor M Shakeshaft suggested making contact with Nicola Best/PCSO David Pleatly and invite them to a meeting. Resident was encouraged to keep seeking to report incidents as after a number it would lead to a Community Trigger which legally required a formal review from the Police.
- e. A resident presented on a new venture, the Chatty Café in Farnsfield launching at Hexgrave on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of November, aimed at reducing social isolation and loneliness. Resident requested that the café details are added to the council website and included in the next issue of the Farnsfield Flyer newsletter.
- f. A resident asked whether it was possible for the Council to consider getting a community minibus, for particular use of senior citizens. From initial consultation locally there was overwhelming support. All other villages had these locally. Councillors said this was on the agenda for the Tackling Loneliness in the Community (TLC) Working Party.
- g. A resident asked how the Archery Association may seek funding. The Council explained that there was a grant application process, one for capital and one for revenue/events.
- h. A resident asked about how the New Years disco application had progressed. Councillor Thompson said it had been discussed in the Facilities & Environment Committee. It requires 3 councillors to propose it and now needs to go to the Clerk to put on agenda. The organisers had been informed. The Chair reinstated Standing Orders.

#### Correspondence received

- 23.116 Meeting was informed of D-DAY 80 events being held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 across the County. All Parishes are being encouraged to light a beacon at 9.15pm further discussions will take place, to develop plans to participate in activities in Farnsfield.
- 23.117 The council have received a request to hold a second 'Party in the Park' event next year on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024, to be organised by Nigel Hamilton and RBL. This would require the use of Reynolds field across 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> with the event on 13<sup>th</sup>. The previous event was positively received by the community. Council will ask for a detailed proposal to be submitted to the Facilities & Environment Committee. ACTION: Councillor Thompson to request a detailed proposal from Nigel Hamilton which should cover details such as insurance and a traffic plan.

#### Items to receive or note

- 23.118 Reports from County and District Councillors: Councillor Shakeshaft (Newark and Sherwood District Council) explained plans to generate and store electricity as part of the National Infrastructure Plan. Intention to have NSDC in north/east 2000 acres of solar panels. He also reported on the A46 extension/improvement plan to improve the connections between Newark and A1 and beyond to improve through flow of traffic at peak times etc, Will be complete by 2028. Councillor emailed to Cllr Paul Taylor, the Responsible Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Community Relation, to seek support to resolve village ASB issues. Councillor also reported he was in dialogue re. addressing the blockages to drains which flood at the bottom end of the village and discussing these issues with Councillor Bruce Laughton and the Drainage Board. Question as to why the Pedestrian crossing near Hadleigh Park has dropped of the action list. This task falls under the remit of the Facilities & Environment Committee People Vehicle Survey which Councillor Laughton was arranging. ACTION: Councillor M Shakeshaft to chase.
- 23.119 Bills for payment September 2023: Chair reported since the paper was issued, there

have been some alterations made to the AGAR fees, invoices for £20 village Get Together added, a change of 1p for the bill for Wilsons and the correct amounts for the Centre and Pavilion added. A correct version had been tabled. Accepted 8:0

- 23.120 Update from the TLC Working Party: Councillor Healy, Councillor Moore and Councillor Savage are involved in the group. Group includes local residents who are interested in these issues. The goal is to consult, reach, inform and support those isolated and or lonely. Working Party members have been talking to local groups and attending local sessions to glean views. Lots of ideas emerging and a lot of positive activity being generated. Council commended the Working Party on its work.
- 23.121 Update from Youth Council Working Party: Councillor J Shakeshaft and Councillor Moore working with small group of young people, this includes members of the guides and they have also reached out to Scouts. Three meetings have been held. Working Party have a PowerPoint presentation to send to all tutor groups at Minster and ask for interest to join the Youth Council. The working party will consult and seek input, and then determine what Farnsfield Parish Council could provide or assist with. It was noted Mike Green and Lee Glazier were instrumental in the Ollerton Youth Council and Councillors suggested speaking to NCC Youth services. ACTION: Councillor M Shakeshaft to provide Newark and Sherwood District Council youth services contact.
- 23.122 Update from Access to Recreation Working Party: Councillor Healy and Councillor Cracknell in touch with a resident who is willing to provide advice re access. One meeting of the working party has been held so far and the group are focussed on reviewing the lengthy report which has been received on the proposed extension to the car park at Hadleigh Park/Parfitt Drive. Councillor Healy had arranged for a car park usage survey and these results will also be considered. .

#### Items to approve

- 23.123 The Chair accepted the 12<sup>th</sup> September Full Council meeting minutes as accurate. Attendance needs adding. Proposed Councillor Harris Sutton, seconded Councillor Thompson. Accepted 7:0. 1 Councillor abstained as not at that meeting.

#### Items to discuss and agree a course of action

- 23.124 S106 Miller funds status including approval of forms to go to N to release the funds. Council to approve the final applications to be submitted.
- Tennis Club: Councillor Healy, gave an overview of the work that the Tennis Club had done to develop this proposal. The project was ready to go if the Council approved. Proposed Councillor Thompson, seconded Councillor Moore. Agreed 4:0. 4 members declared conflicts of interest and abstained from voting.
- Cricket Club: Councillor J Shakeshaft reflected that the Club had completed everything very professionally. However, the application form needs to be signed. Proposed Councillor J Shakeshaft, seconded Councillor Thompson. Agreed 8:0
- Village Centre: Councillor Cracknell provided an update on the Village Centre. He had received 3 quote for the supply of the air conditioning units, but so far it has only been possible to obtain one quote from an electrician for the installation. Councillor Cracknell recommended FWP as they undertook a site visit and understood what was required. The cheapest company quoting did not visit c£18k+VAT. Councillor Cracknell recommended FWP £19,168 + VAT. ACTION: Clerk to send a formal email to both clubs that proposals had been agreed. ACTION: Clerk to clarify if VAT was applicable on the village centre. It was suggested a final effort made to advertise that Council is seeking quotes for the electrical job on the website and Facebook. ACTION: Councillor

Cracknell to provide outline to demonstrate we have sought to find additional quotes for the Electric work. ACTION: It was also noted that Councillor Sarre will provide an update on the s106 proposal in connection with the Football Pavilion at the next meeting.

- 23.125 Consideration of appointment of a member to Finance & Governance Committee. Chair Councillor Savage volunteered. Proposed Councillor Thompson and Councillor Cracknell seconded. Agreed 7:0. The Councillor it concerned, abstained from voting.
- 23.126 Advert and deadline for co-option applications. Discussion on what the Council wanted to do. It was agreed to advertise both vacancies with a 31<sup>st</sup> October 12 noon deadline. The council will ask applicants to attend the Council Meeting and be given the opportunity to make a two-minute presentation on 28<sup>th</sup> November. Add in a sentence about contacting the Chair or any Councillors for an informal chat. So applicants could speak to a current Parish Councillor. Proposed Councillor M Shakeshaft, seconded Councillor Thompson. Agreed 8:0. ACTION: Clerk to update vacancy notice with the details agreed above. Clerk to update the prompts listed above in the application form.
- 23.127 Review of FPC Play & Open Space Policy and Health & Safety Policy. It was felt it was an appropriate time for a review following accidents that occurred. Additional signage and logbook may be useful to inform risk management. Agreed to seek further information before changing practice. Proposed Councillor Thompson and seconded Councillor Healy. Agreed 8:0. ACTION: Councillor M Shakeshaft to enquire if NSDC could review our policies/provide advice. Councillor Harris Sutton will also explore if this is something the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils could support.
- 23.128 Display of Ukrainian flag: It had been previously resolved to display a Ukrainian flag and a Union Jack flag, subject to review in 6 months. Ukrainian flag had been ripped down. The replacement purchase costs were reported as £5.40 +£2 shipping per flag. It was generally felt that two flags should be purchased and that the previous decision should stand. Proposed Councillor Harris Sutton and seconded Councillor Cracknell. Agreed 5:0. 3 Councillors abstained. ACTION: Clerk to purchase Flags and Caretaker to install.
- 23.129 Request to allow Nottingham Trent University, as part of the National Hedgehog Monitoring Programme, to place a camera/cameras on Council Land to capture images of hedgehogs. Permission sought to locate cameras on Farnsfield Parish Council lands. Proposed Councillor Healy and seconded Councillor J Shakeshaft. Agreed 8:0.
- i. Council to consider funding for the cost of equipment necessary for the operation of the Farnsfield Speed Watch Group (to meet the requirements for safely running a Speed-watch group as stipulated by Nottinghamshire Constabulary). The group requested funding for road signs, Speedwatch kit (tabards), tuning fork, total of £435+ VAT plus access to a printer to run off reporting form photocopies. These items will be used by the group but owned by the Parish Council (Farnsfield Parish Council already own a speed gun). The Chair suspended Standing Orders to allow for resident's discussion. Chair reinstated Standing Orders for the vote. Proposed Councillor Moore and seconded Councillor M Shakeshaft. Agreed 8:0. ACTION: Clerk to progress arranging the purchases in liaison with Kim Drew/Cllr Moor
- 23.130 Resurfacing at Lady Goodwin play area: has already been addressed under emergency provisions and dealt with. Meeting Ended 8:55pm.

Minute Taker: Clerk & RFO: Olwen Edwards

Date: 28.09.23

Signed Vice Chair (as Chair of Meeting):

Name: Charlotte Harris Sutton

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