

Farington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12 March 2018 at St Paul's CE Primary School, Croston Road, Farington Moss at 7.00pm

Present:- Councillor Roy Clarke (Chairman); Councillor David Moore and Councillor Mike Otter.

In attendance:- Sue Whittam - Clerk to the Council
Tony Stirland – South Ribble Borough Council

99. (17/18) Apologies for Absence/Chairman's Health and Safety Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Graham Walton (Vice-Chairman), Councillor Alan Pearmain, Councillor Mike Langley, Councillor Paul Wharton and Councillor Mrs Karen Walton. The Chairman, Councillor Roy Clarke briefed the Parish Council on possible health and safety considerations for this evening's meeting.

100. (17/18) Declarations of interest

None.

101. (17/18) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That, the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 March 2018, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

102. (17/18) Adjournment for Public Participation and reports from the Community Beat Manager/South Ribble Borough Council

The Chairman, Councillor Roy Clarke adjourned the meeting for public participation and welcomed Tony Stirland from South Ribble Borough Council to the meeting. Tony gave an update to the Parish Council on various initiatives including the Arts Project at St Catherine's Park and also that the next forum would be held on Thursday 5 April at 7pm at The Mill at St Catherine's Park.

With regard to the Farington and Lostock Hall in Bloom, Tony said that the Clerk had been in touch to confirm that the Parish Council had agreed to pay for the trophy and the vouchers for this year's competition, and he would arrange for the Parish Council to be invoiced for this. With regard to the problems with parking in front of the war memorial at South Ribble it had been agreed that planters would be placed in front of the war memorial to stop parking as Lancashire County Council were not interested in providing bollards. These would be installed during the next month or so.

With regard to the Outdoor Gym that had now been installed on Farington Park, it was noted that the mats for the equipment were slightly small, so additional matting would be provided as soon as possible. It was noted that the gym was proving very popular with a lot of people using it. A number of taster sessions would be arranged and an “official” opening for the Parish Council would be held when the weather was a little warmer.

Tony also explained that with regard to the Bashall Grove corner improvements that these would be discussed with the relevant Borough Councillors. However, the Borough Council was mindful that this was a joint project.

The Chairman, Councillor Roy Clarke informed the Parish Council that the signs and sandbags had now been removed from School Lane due to his recent publicity in the local paper.

The Chairman, Councillor Roy Clarke also mentioned to Tony Stirland that he had been approached by a local resident regarding the proposed project for the Lostock Hall Engine Sheds and that apparently around £25,000 had been allocated to the project with around £6,000 being provided by Lancashire County Council. The resident had asked what had happened to the project and the monies allocated. As this was not a Parish Council matter but related to land at Lostock Hall, Tony Stirland agreed to look into this matter and respond to the resident.

The Clerk reported that as discussed at the last meeting of the Parish Council that the Fun Day would now be held on 14 July 2018 so it did not clash with Lostock Hall Carnival.

Councillor Mike Otter also informed Tony that the bin on the corner of Church Lane/Croston Road had not been put back and it was also noted that the post and dog bin on Carr Lane had also been removed. Tony agreed to contact the Neighbourhood Services Team at the Borough Council to find out what had happened to the bins.

The Chairman, Councillor Roy Clarke thanked Tony for attending and then reconvened the meeting.

103. (17/18) Grant Application – Leyland & Cuerden Valley Lions Club

The Parish Council gave consideration to a grant application from the Leyland and Cuerden Valley Lions Club for storage facilities for their Club. It was proposed by the Chairman, Councillor Roy Clarke that £300 should be awarded to the Club and this was seconded by Councillor Mike Otter. It was further agreed that the Leyland and Cuerden Valley Lions Club should be added to the list of annual grants awarded each year. This was unanimously agreed by all present at the meeting.

Resolved

That the Parish Council agrees to a grant of £300 being given to Leyland and Cuerden Valley Lions Club towards their storage facilities for their Club. In addition it

was agreed that the Leyland and Cuerden Valley Lions Club should be added to the list of annual grants each year.

104. (17/18) Lancashire County Council Consultation on Transport Information Centres

The Parish Council gave consideration to a consultation by Lancashire County Council to reduce Transport Information Centres. The Parish Council had no comments to make on this consultation.

Resolved

That the Parish Council has no comments to make on the consultation by Lancashire County Council to reduce Transport Information Centres.

105. (17/18) South Ribble Borough Council Consultation on non-designated heritage assets in Leyland and Farington

The Parish Council gave consideration to a consultation by South Ribble Borough Council on non-designated heritage assets in Leyland and Farington. It was noted that the closing date for comments was 6 April 2018.

After discussion the Parish Council agreed to ask South Ribble Borough Council to consider including the following heritage assets to their list:-

Farington Lodge Hotel
Mill Street Garden
Farington House (Rowland Homes Head Office), Stanifield Lane, Leyland
The silhouette on Farington Park, Farington
War memorial, Lostock Hall (if it is not already protected under other legislation)
Farington Lodges, Lodge Lane, Farington.

Resolved

That South Ribble Borough Council is asked to consider including the heritage assets as outlined in the report above, in their non-designated heritage asset list for Leyland and Farington.

106. (17/18) Projects for Expenditure 2018/2019

Welcome to Farington Signs – update. Councillor Mike Otter said weather permitting Peter our Lengthsman would complete the new plinth for the sign. Councillor Mike Otter would then contact Taylor and Pickles for the first sign to be installed.

Adult Outdoor Gym – update. As reported earlier in the meeting, the outdoor gym had now been installed and was proving popular. Councillor Mike Otter said that the money allocated in the budget for the improvement to the pathways on the park close to the gym was not needed now as South Ribble Borough Council had carried out the works to the paths. However, he asked if an agenda item could be included

at the next meeting to discuss improvements to the wooded area of the park. He also suggested that a sign showing the length of park walked would be useful information to those using the outdoor gym.

Best Kept Village Competition – update. The Parish Council went through the application form for the Best Kept Village Competition and the Clerk agreed to submit this on behalf of the Parish Council.

Parish Council Website – update. The Clerk reported that some changes had been made to the website but it would take a while to get everything up and running. With regard to setting up the individual email addresses via the website this would be expensive, so the Clerk suggested that each Parish Councillor should set up their own Gmail account for Parish Council business.

Parish Council Newsletter. The Clerk confirmed that she had received a price from a local printer for the printing of the newsletter – eight pages would cost £831 for 4,000 copies. It was agreed that 4 pages would be large enough for the first newsletter and that a number of articles used in the Grimsargh newsletter could also be used in the Farington one.

Bashall Grove/Mill Street entrance feature – It was noted that South Ribble Borough Council would take the lead on this project and that further consultations on the final design would need to be carried out.

107. (17/18) Financial Matters

Resolved 1) It was noted that we currently had an estimated £61,166.41 (bank statement up to 9 February 2018) in the bank.

It was noted that since the last meeting we had paid:-

- 26/02/18 - Clerk for reimbursement for Vidahost renewal, ink, postage, stationary, Norton antivirus, as agreed at the last meeting – total - £205.33. (Cheque no 100710).
- 01/03/18 - Clerk Salary £982.98. (Cheque no 100711).
- 01/03/18 - Peter Heise Lengthsman wages - £810. (Cheque no 100712).
- 01/03/18 - Peter Heise for renewal of Waste Carriers Licence £105. (Cheque no 100713). Please note we will receive reimbursement of £35 each from Hutton and Longton Parish Councils as Peter works for three Parish Councils.

It was further noted that we had paid for Jan for electric on BTR £128. We had also paid pension contributions to Nest 25 Jan - £13.75. (All direct debits).

2) There were no further invoices for payment at the meeting.

3) The Parish Council approved the appointment of Donna Kidd as the Internal Auditor for the Parish Council accounts at a cost of £60.

108. (17/18) Borough Council reports – for information only

As there were no Borough Councillors present at the meeting, there was nothing to report under this item.

109. (17/18) Clerk's Report – For information only

The Clerk reported that a thank you card had been received from the Royal British Legion and that over £87,000 had been raised by Lostock Hall Royal British Legion through the poppy appeal

110. (17/18) Next Meeting

It was noted that the Annual Parish meeting of the Parish Council would be held at 7.00pm on Monday 9 April 2018 at Bashall Grove Community Centre. This would be followed by an Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.