

Farington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12 November 2018 at Bashall Grove Community Centre at 7.00pm

Present:- Councillor Graham Walton (Chairman); Councillor Mike Otter (Vice-Chairman); Councillor Roy Clarke; Councillor Mike Langley; Councillor Dave Moore and Councillor Mrs Karen Walton.

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

57. (18/19) Apologies for Absence/Chairman's Health and Safety Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Alan Pearmain and Councillor Paul Wharton. The Chairman, Councillor Graham Walton briefed the Parish Council on possible health and safety considerations for this evening's meeting.

58. (18/19) Declarations of interest

None.

59. (18/19) Minutes of the Last Meeting

With regard to Minute 45 it was noted that the WWI interpretation board would be installed rather than repaired.

With regard to Minute 48 it was noted that the BTR Lease was up for renewal on 30 May 2020 and not 2010.

Resolved

That, subject to the amendments above, the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 October 2018, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

60. (18/19) Adjournment for Public Participation and reports from the Community Beat Manager/South Ribble Borough Council

The Chairman, Councillor Graham Walton adjourned the meeting for public participation, and welcomed County Councillor Michael Green to the meeting. County Councillor Green said that both the Clerk and Councillor Mrs Karen Walton had referred the issues on School Lane to him and that he had passed onto Highways at Lancashire County Council, the request to look at stopping up School Lane. It was noted that if this was to go ahead there was a process to go through involving public consultation with local residents. Councillor Roy Clarke said that the bridge was closed for three months when the bridge works were undertaken and this

did not cause an issue. However, it was noted that a permanent closure may increase traffic issues on other local roads such as Church Lane.

Councillor Mrs Karen Walton also said that she had arranged for some additional signs to prevent dog fouling to be placed on School Lane as this had also been raised as an ongoing issue.

It was also noted that the police were not present again at tonight's Parish Council meeting and that the number police throughout the Borough had been reduced. However, the Chairman Councillor Graham Walton said that he understood that the police were recruiting eight new PCSO's and maybe it was also time to look at the Neighbourhood Forums, Neighbourhood Watch and the Police holding joint meetings together.

The Chairman, Councillor Graham Walton thanked County Councillor Green for attending and then welcomed Tony Stirland from South Ribble Borough Council to the meeting.

Tony said that the Battles Over event held for Remembrance Sunday was extremely moving and a lot of positive feedback had been received. He also said that Farington had done really well in the In-Bloom Competition winning two out of the six categories.

Tony also reminded the Parish Council that the next Bob in Café would be held on Friday 16 November and that the Christmas Bob in Café would be held on 21 December.

Tony also circulated to the Parish Council copies of the new Heritage Trails which had been launched at the last Forum. These were proving to be very popular. Councillor Roy Clarke asked about the Totem logo used on the Heritage Trails and Tony confirmed that the Borough Council had paid for the use of the logo. It was also noted that the Christmas Market would be held on Thursday 6 December 2018.

Tony also confirmed that St Paul's Park was now included on the list of projects and the Clerk agreed to meet with Tony in the New Year to progress this project.

The Chairman, Councillor Graham Walton thanked everyone for attending and then reconvened the meeting.

61. (18/19) Annual Grants 2018

The Parish Council gave consideration to the annual grants. The Clerk had circulated a list of the previous annual grants awarded. The Clerk also reminded the Parish Council that they had agreed earlier in the year to add the Leyland and Cuerden Valley Lions to the list of those who would receive an annual grant.

It was proposed by Councillor Mike Otter that some of the local grant recipients should be given an extra £100. This was seconded by Councillor Mike Langley. This was agreed by all present. Each possible grant recipient was considered individually and the following was agreed: -

Resolved

That in accordance with S137 the following be given grants as listed below

Lonsdale Chase Sheltered Accommodation	£200.00
Bashall Grove Sheltered Accommodation	£200.00
St Catherine's Hospice	£300.00
North West Air Ambulance	£400.00
Farington South Senior Citizens	£200.00
Derian House	£300.00
NSPCC	£200.00
Bowland Mountain Rescue	£300.00
St Catherine's Church	£300.00
St Ambrose Church	£300.00
Turbary House Birds of Prey	£200.00
Farington St Paul's Scouts	£200.00
Mayor's Charity Fund	£100.00
Leyland & Cuerden Valley Lions	£300.00

62. (18/19) CiL Report

The Parish Council gave consideration to the Annual CiL report for year end 31 March 2018. This was agreed by the Parish Council and a copy of the report is presented in the Minute book.

Resolved

That approval is given to the Annual CiL report for year end 31 March 2018 and a copy of the report is presented in the Minute book.

63. (18/19) Projects for Expenditure 2018/2019

Welcome to Farington Signs – update. The Clerk reported that the cost of a new boundary for Heatherleigh would be £969.60 + installation cost of £220 + VAT. The Clerk had clarified with Taylor & Pickles to see if there would be a charge for the collection of the ironwork and had received confirmation that there would be no charge as per the other signs. The Clerk had also asked Taylor & Pickles for the cost of painting the new sign in cream and maroon and had been informed that for each colour ie cream and maroon it would be £70 extra + VAT. The Parish Council agreed that they wished to go ahead with this new boundary sign at Heatherleigh and they also agreed to pay for the additional costs involved in painting the sign cream and maroon. The total cost of this sign would be funded from the Parish Council CiL monies. Councillor Mike Otter confirmed that the developer had agreed to provide the concrete pads for the boundary sign.

Adult Outdoor Gym (mats) – The Chairman, Councillor Graham Walton said he would contact the Lengthsman, Peter Heise to see what could be done about the mats/drainage around the gym equipment. It was noted that a keep fit group was using the park and they gym equipment each Wednesday.

Woodland Area – Farington Park. It was noted that South Ribble Borough Council had purchased a number of bulbs for Farington Park and it was agreed that the

Parish Council would contribute £150 towards the bulbs and this would be used from the Parish Council CiL monies.

St Paul's Park – update. As reported earlier, it was noted that this Project was now included in South Ribble Borough Council's plan and therefore the Clerk would arrange a meeting with Tony Stirland to discuss this project early in the New Year. It was also noted that the Lease had now at last been registered with the Land Registry and our Solicitor had sent through a copy of the Title Information Document.

Bashall Grove/Mill Street entrance feature – update. There was nothing further to report on this project except it was likely to be in place for Spring 2019.

Mill Street garden – replacement of seating. Councillor Mike Otter reported that a lovely email had been received from Dig In saying that they were enjoying carrying out this project as it was something different and unique. The Clerk reported that the tops for the bobbin seating needed sandblasting and repainting and a quote for these had been received from Garrick Surface Coatings Ltd for £50 per plate if the Parish Council wanted different colours as per currently or £100 for all four if they were in the same colour. It was agreed to go ahead with the bobbin tops in different colours at £50 per plate therefore a total of £200 + VAT to be paid from CiL monies.

Wellfield Road – The Chairman, Councillor Graham Walton agreed to speak to Peter Heise, our Lengthsman to look at what could be done with the corner of Wellfield Road. It was likely that he would bring forward a project for this area of land at the February 2019 meeting.

Resolved

- i) That with regard to the Welcome to Farington signs, it was agreed that the Parish Council would go ahead with the sign for Heatherleigh and that the sign should be painted in maroon and cream. The total cost of the sign would be funded from Parish Council CiL monies.
- ii) That with regard to Farington Park woodland area, it was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute £150 towards the purchase of the bulbs on the park and that this would be funded from Parish Council CiL monies.
- iii) That with regard to the tops for the bobbin seating, it was agreed that the tops would be repainted in four colours as per currently at £50 per plate – total amount £200 + VAT and this would be funded from Parish Council CiL monies.

64. (18/19) Financial Matters

Resolved

- 1) It was noted that we had approximately around £73,679.03 (bank statement up to 9 October 2018) in the bank.

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

12/10/18 – Peter Heise Lengthsman wages £618.43 (cheque no 100769).

16/10/18 – Dig In deposit for Bobbin seating as agreed at the last meeting £500 (cheque no 100770).

16/10/18 – PKF Littlejohn external audit fee as agreed at the last meeting £360 (cheque no 100771).

16/10/18 – South Ribble Borough Council maintenance June- Sept £567.78 (cheque no 100772).

21/10/18 – Lostock Hall Royal British Legion for Remembrance Parade road closure contribution £300 (cheque no 100773).

01/11/18 – S Whittam Clerk salary £970.28 (cheque no 100774).

08/11/18 – C & W Berry Ltd 5 invoices, sealant (£3.04); wood strip (70p); sleepers (£341.94); Resolve weed killer (£12.10); Timber (£18.22) total £376.00 (cheque no 100775).

09/11/18 – Peter Heise Lengthsman wages £810.00 (cheque no 100776).

09/11/18 – South Ribble Borough Council two invoices hedge cutting (£344.45) and bin emptying (£251.86) total £596.31 (cheque no 100777).

09/11/18 – John Harrison Sport Ltd for Trophy for Farington & Lostock Hall in Bloom as previously agreed £82.50 (cheque no 100778).

It was noted that we had paid British Gas for electricity BTR field 10 September (£185.89); 21 Sept (£143.19) and water 18 Sept (£639.72) and Nest Pension payment £32.78 on 28 September (direct debits).

2) The following outstanding invoice was agreed for payment:

Councillor Mike Otter reimbursement for wreaths - £80.

65. (18/19) Borough Council reports – for information only

Councillor Mrs Karen Walton informed the Parish Council about the proposals to cancel the no 113 bus service by Stagecoach the service operators and that this would have a severe effect on residents of Farington. The bus company were intending to stop the service from 7 January 2019. It was noted that a meeting was being held involving County Councillor Green and they were looking at how this route could be saved or to redirect part of the route to ensure that residents of Farington still had access to local transport.

Councillor Mrs Karen Walton also referred to the Pickerings Farm consultation that would be held on 20 November and 27 November at Penwortham Community Centre. This land had been safeguarded for development for a number of years and the development was now going ahead. This would also impact on Farington residents.

The Chairman, Councillor Graham Walton informed the Parish Council that the surface of Croston Road was in a poor state and he was working with County Councillor Green to see what could be done about this and when it could be resurfaced.

It was noted that there were also issues with overnight parking at Farington Lodges and this had been reported to Andrew Richardson at South Ribble Borough Council.

Councillor Roy Clarke mentioned that the fencing was broken on Fowler Lane on land owned by Network Rail and people had started fly tipping there. The Chairman, Councillor Graham Walton said he would have a look at this.

66. (18/19) Clerk's Report – For information only

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the budget would be considered at the December meeting and that any additional projects should be included in the proposed budget.

67. (18/19) Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held Monday 10 December 2018 at St Paul's CE Primary School, Croston Road, Farington Moss.