

Farington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11 March 2019 at St Paul's CE Primary School, Croston Road, Farington Moss at 7.00pm

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

In attendance:- Sue Whittam - Clerk to the Council
Tony Stirland – South Ribble Borough Council
Duncan Neilson – Leyland United Football Club
Danny Hindle – Leyland United Football Club
35 Members of the Public

81. (18/19) Apologies for Absence/Chairman's Health and Safety Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Graham Walton (Chairman) and Councillor Mike Langley. As the Chairman, Councillor Graham Walton was unable to attend the meeting due to a Planning Committee at South Ribble Borough Council it was agreed that Councillor Mike Otter the Vice-Chairman should chair this meeting of the Parish Council. The Chairman, Councillor Mike Otter briefed the Parish Council on possible health and safety considerations for this evening's meeting.

82. (18/19) Declarations of interest

None.

83. (18/19) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 December 2018, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

84. (18/19) Adjournment for Public Participation and reports from the Community Beat Manager/South Ribble Borough Council

The Chairman, Councillor Mike Otter adjourned the meeting for public participation, and welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was noted that the Police were again not present at the meeting and Councillor Mrs Walton asked for the Clerk to contact the local Police Officers to ask if they could attend a future meeting or at least provide some update on crimes in our area.

Tony Stirland from South Ribble Borough Council gave an update on projects involving the Parish. He said that the Farington & Lostock Hall In Bloom Competition for this year would be launched at the next Neighbourhood Forum. It had been decided to include a new category this year which was for younger people, and he asked the Parish Council if they would consider providing the shield for the Young

Bloom winner and also gift vouchers for the prizes as in previous years. It was noted that this would be discussed further under the projects item on the agenda.

Tony also informed the Parish Council that the Bashall Grove entrance project was progressing well and that the planters were now in place. The benches would be in soon and the interpretation board should be ready for early April.

Tony also said that the Heritage trails were proving so popular that a reprint of the leaflets had been ordered. It was also noted that the Bob-In café was proving very popular and also gave practical advice as well as enabling people to have a chat over a brew and a piece of cake. It was noted that St Paul's Park was now on the South Ribble plan and a meeting would be held with the Clerk shortly to look how this project could be supported and progressed.

The Chairman, Councillor Mike Otter thanked Tony for coming along and updating the Parish Council. The Chairman then agreed to allow a discussion on Planning Application 07/2018/9316/OUT to enable members of the public to raise their views.

One member of the public explained that a number of local residents had come along this evening to seek the Parish Council's support in objecting to the Planning Application for 100 new homes on Chain House Lane. In particular she highlighted concerns about the proposed entrance/exit to the site as it would be opposite the proposed Pickerings Farm site, this would cause issues with traffic on an already busy rural road. She also expressed concerns about the lack of infrastructure and that the land was a "moss" area and prone to flooding. In addition to this the air quality was already poor and an additional 200 vehicles a day would only exacerbate this problem. It was also felt that this proposed development would be out of character for a semi-rural location.

The Chairman, Councillor Mike Otter thanked the member of the public for her comprehensive information and asked if any other members of the public would like to comment on the proposed Planning Application. A number of comments were made outlining residents concerns which supported the comments previously made. The Clerk also reported that she had received an email from a resident on Chain House Lane objecting to the proposed development.

Councillor Roy Clarke proposed that the Parish Council should object to the Planning Application for the reasons outlined above and this was seconded by Councillor Dave Moore and unanimously agreed by the Parish Council.

The Chairman, Councillor Mike Otter thanked all for their contribution and then allowed a five-minute break for people to either stay or leave the meeting.

The Chairman, Mike Otter then welcomed Duncan and Danny to the meeting who had come along to give an update on Leyland United Football Club. They explained that they had been suspended from the West Lancashire League due to disciplinary problems which had been exacerbated by the lack of a Committee. Danny said he was back on board now and was hoping that the Club could merge with Preston Wanderers and play for the East Lancashire League. Councillor Dave Moore asked about the players for the proposed merged team and if they were from the local area. Duncan advised that most of their original team were still involved but as with most teams a number were from outside the area. The Parish Council were concerned that the field had been sub let to allow another Club to use the field. Danny said that

whether they could be admitted to the East Lancashire League depended on a number of things including the availability of the BTR field on a long-term basis. The Clerk explained that she had contacted the owners of the field to see if the lease could be extended after May 2020, but at the moment she had not received a definitive answer.

The Chairman, Councillor Mike Otter thanked Duncan and Danny for coming along to explain the issues to the Parish Council. He then reconvened the meeting.

85. (18/19) Planning Items

As discussed under public participation it was agreed that the Parish Council would submit an objection to Planning Application 07/2018/9316/OUT for up to 100 dwellings at land south of Chain House Lane for the following reasons: -

The Parish Council felt that this development would be totally out of character with other properties within the area and not suitable for a rural/semi-rural location.

The Parish Council had concerns about the proposed entry/exit to the site as it would be opposite the proposed Pickerings Farm site which would be a danger to road users and pedestrians if it went ahead.

In addition to this the Parish Council were concerned about the traffic as there is currently already traffic congestion on Chain House Lane and Coote Lane at peak times of the day. There was also a lack of suitable infrastructure in this area and a lack of services for the local community. It was noted that the Schools were all full and so were the local Doctors and Dentists.

Finally, the area was a "moss" area and was prone to flooding. The air quality was already poor and the additional 200 vehicles a day would only exacerbate this problem.

With regard to the consultation on the Draft Development Brief for the Warren on Broadfield Drive, it was agreed that Parish Councillors should look at the consultation and this would be discussed further at the April meeting of the Parish Council.

Resolved

i) That with regard to Planning Application 07/2018/9316/OUT, that the Parish Council objects for the following reasons: -

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Finally, the area was a "moss" area and was prone to flooding. The air quality was already poor and the additional 200 vehicles a day would only exacerbate this problem.

ii) That with regard to the consultation on the Draft Development Brief for the Warren on Broadfield Drive that this would be considered at the April meeting of the Parish Council.

86. (18/19) Traffic Issues – School Lane

Councillor Roy Clarke together with local resident Tony Duckworth gave an informative presentation to the Parish Council to highlight the dangers about traffic and real issues of safety concern on School Lane. The Parish Council had been concerned about School Lane for sometime and they had raised these issues with Lancashire County Council who were responsible for Highways. Although some signage had been provided there were still ongoing issues with speeding vehicles and inconsiderate parking especially at school time. It was agreed that the presentation should be forwarded to County Councillor Michael Green so that he could further look into the issues raised by the Parish Council and also involve the help of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Councillor Keith Iddon.

The Chairman, Councillor Mike Otter thanked Tony and Ron for their presentation.

Resolved

That a copy of the presentation is forwarded to County Councillor Michael Green so that he could further look into the issues raised by the Parish Council about the dangers on School Lane.

87. (18/19) Farington South Senior Citizens – grant

The Chairman, Councillor Mike Otter explained that there had been a slight oversight regarding the grant to Farington South Senior Citizens as he intended that this Group should have received a higher annual grant in line with other Groups when the grants were determined in November 2018. The Chairman, Councillor Mike Otter therefore proposed that Farington South Senior Citizens should receive an additional £100 to bring their total grant to £300 in line with other groups rather than the £200 allocated in November 2018. This was seconded by Councillor David Moore and unanimously agreed by the Parish Council.

Resolved

That Farington South Senior Citizens receive an additional £100 to bring their annual grant allocation to £300 in line with other groups rather than the £200 allocated in November 2018.

88. (18/19) Projects for Expenditure 2019/2020

Welcome to Farington Signs – update. The Chairman, Councillor Mike Otter reported that the developer had installed the concrete pads for the new sign but these were too small, so our Lengthsman was going to sort out the correct size pads ready for installation of the new sign.

Adult Outdoor Gym (mats) – There was nothing further to report on this, however it was noted that the keep fit classes had starting using the equipment again now Winter was over.

Woodland Area – Farington Park. The Chairman, Councillor Mike Otter reported that further bulb planting was planned by South Ribble Borough Council on the park.

Bashall Grove/Mill Street entrance feature – update. As reported earlier at the meeting, the planters were now in place and the whole project should be completed shortly.

Mill Street garden – replacement of seating. The Chairman, Councillor Mike Otter reported that the seating in place. It was noted that the Lengthsman had done an excellent job and a number of positive comments had been received.

Farington & Lostock Hall In Bloom Competition – As reported earlier it had been agreed by South Ribble Borough Council to have an extra category in this year's Competition for younger people known as Young Bloom. Councillor Mrs Karen Walton proposed that the Parish Council pay for the Young Bloom trophy and also the gift vouchers for prizes as per previous years. The total cost being £230. This was seconded by Councillor David Moore and unanimously agreed by all present.

Resolved

- i) That the update on projects for expenditure is received and noted.
- ii) That with regard to the Farington & Lostock Hall In Bloom Competition that the Parish Council agrees to fund the trophy for the Young Bloom Category and the gift vouchers for prizes at a total cost of £230.

89. (18/19) Financial Matters

Resolved

- 1) It was noted that we had approximately around £56,470.27 (bank statement up to 9 February 2019) in the bank.

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

10/12/18 – Lonsdale Chase Sheltered Accommodation – grant £200. (Cheque no 100784).

10/12/18 – Bashall Grove Sheltered Accommodation – grant £200. (Cheque no 100785).

10/12/18 – St Catherine’s Hospice – grant £300. (Cheque no 100786).

10/12/18 – Farington South Senior Citizens – grant £200. (Cheque no 100787).

10/12/18 – Derian House Children’s Hospice – grant £300. (Cheque no 100788).

10/12/18 – St Catherine’s Church – grant £300. (Cheque no 100789).

10/12/18 – St Ambrose Church – grant £300. (Cheque no 100790).

10/18/18 – Turbary House Birds of Prey – grant £200. (Cheque no 100791).

10/12/18 – Farington Primary School Gardening Club £75. (Cheque no 100792).

15/12/18 – SLCC membership £220.00. (Cheque no 100793).

15/12/18 – SRS Gorton Website Admin £101.25. (Cheque no 100794).

15/12/18 – SRBC 2 invoices bins £251.86 and bulbs £150 total £401.86. (Cheque no 100795).

20/12/18 – Peter Heise Lengthsman wages £1012.50 + £30.30 materials = total £1,042.80. (Cheque no 100796).

23/12/18 – C & W Berry Ltd – Lengthsmans materials £54.22. (Cheque no 100797).

01/01/19 – Clerk salary £970.28. (Cheque no 100798).

14/01/19 – Dig In for bobbin seating balance of account £1,000. (Cheque no 100799).

14/01/19 – HMRC Q3 Tax and NI - £575.39. (Cheque no 100800).

20/01/19 – SRBC for bin emptying £314.82. (Cheque no 100801).

31/01/19 – Peter Heise Lengthsman’s wages £810. (Cheque no 100802).

Cheque 100803 spoiled cheque.

01/02/19 – Clerk salary £970.28. (Cheque no 100804).

01/03/19 – Peter Heise Lengthsman’s wages £810. (Cheque no 100805).

01/03/19 – Clerk salary £970.28. (Cheque no 100806).

01/03/19 - North West Air Ambulance £400 grant. (Cheque no 100807).

01/03/19 – NSPCC grant £200. (Cheque no 100808).

01/03/19 – Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue grant £300. (Cheque no 100809).

01/03/19 1st Farington Moss St Paul's Scouts grant £200. (Cheque no 100810).

01/03/19 – Mayor's Charity Fund grant £100. (Cheque no 100811).

01/03/19 – Leyland & Cuerden Valley Lions grant £300. (Cheque no 100812).

It was noted that we had paid British Gas for electricity BTR field 22 Nov (£95.82); 21 Dec (£89.56); 22 Jan 19 (£83.56) and water 29 Nov (£236.58). Nest Pension payments £32.78 on 23 November, 20 December and 24 Jan 19 (direct debits).

2) The following invoices were approved for payment: -

- i) Cllr Mike Otter – reimbursement for new certificate frame and brush £8.49.
- ii) The Clerk for website domain renewal, Norton Anti-virus and postage – total £193.95.

90. (18/19) Borough Council reports – for information only

Councillor Mrs Karen Walton informed the Parish Council there had been poor attendance at the last Neighbourhood Forum. She also confirmed that the closing date for the Farington & Lostock Hall In Bloom Competition was 21 June 2019

91. (18/19) Clerk's Report – For information only

There was nothing further for the Clerk to report.

92. (18/19) Next Meeting

It was noted that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 8 April 2019 at Bashall Grove Community Centre. This would be followed by an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council.

Local Government Act 1972

That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that there is likely to be disclosure of exempt information which is described in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 which is specified against the heading to each item, and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

93. BTR Field (Para 3)

The Parish Council discussed the use of the BTR field by Leyland United Football Club and the issues regarding the Club being thrown out of the West Lancashire League for disciplinary issues. The Parish Council felt that they could not condone the behavior of the Football Club and did not feel it was appropriate for the Club to use our field even if the Club amalgamated with a Preston Club and applied for the East Lancashire League. The Parish Council agreed to terminate the lease with Leyland United Football Club and the Clerk would check the lease regarding the notice to be given for termination and implement this as soon as possible.

Resolved

That the Parish Council agrees to terminate the lease with Leyland United Football Club and the Clerk is authorised to check the lease regarding the notice to be given for termination and implement this as soon as possible.

94. Maintenance Tenders for 2019/2020 (Para 3)

The Clerk reported that she had now received the quote from South Ribble Borough Council for the maintenance of St Paul's park and BTR field.

Resolved

1) That, the tender for the maintenance of St Paul's park for 2019/2020 from South Ribble Borough Council for £1943.68 + VAT is approved and accepted.

2) That, the tender for the hedge cutting on BTR field for 2019/2020 from South Ribble Borough Council for two cuts at £147.40 + VAT per cut is approved and accepted.

3) The Clerk is also authorised to obtain a quote for the maintenance of the whole BTR field when the termination of the lease between the Parish Council and Leyland United Football Club has concluded.