

**EAST FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT THE VILLAGE HALL
GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 12TH MARCH 2019 COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY AFTER ANNUAL
MEETING OF THE PARISH**

PRESENT: Mr. R. West (Chair), Mr. R Burton (Vice-Chair), Ms. J Cooper, Ms. J Prew, Mr. P Hodgetts, Mr. M Curtis, Dr. C Crifo

Ms. C Burton (Clerk to the Parish Council)

OTHER RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE – 6

71. Apologies for Absence

None.

72. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no Declarations of Interest.

73. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting 8th January 2019

The Minutes of the above meeting were agreed by all Councillors and signed by the Chair.

74. Matters Arising

ACTION	PROGRESS
Councillor Green to ensure signatories on the Burial Ground Maintenance Committee building society account are amended	Done
Clerk to draft Terms of Reference for the Burial Ground Maintenance Committee, to be reviewed at the May meeting	Carried forward
Councillors Burton and Hodgetts to move the SID.	Organised for 19 March 2019.
Councillor Burton to draft a letter to request a) the Speed Limit Review Panel reconsider the application to lower the 60mph limit and b) that average speed cameras are installed.	Carried forward – awaiting data from enforcement action.
Councillor Hodgetts to chase Highways regarding their request for the re-instatement of the verges outside Farnon Hall.	Done. Owners have been contacted.
Clerk to place GDPR policies on the website.	Done
All Councillors to set up an email address for council business, and to advise the Clerk accordingly, who will update the website. All Councillors to complete the GDPR Security Compliance Checklist and return to the Clerk.	Done
Clerk to place Standing Orders on the website.	Done
Clerk to place the Complaints Policy on the website.	Done
Clerk to place the Training Statement of Intent on the website.	Done
Clerk to place the Code of Conduct on the website.	Done
Clerk to submit 2019/20 notification of Parish Precept Requirement to DDC by 25th January 2019.	Done
Clerk to add Councillors Hodgetts and Curtis as bank signatories.	Done
Clerk to place a notice on the website for quotes for mowing.	Done
Clerk to invoice the PCC for a third of the 2017/18 mowing bill (and 2018/19 bill when received).	Done – payment for 2017/18 received. Payment for 2018/19 chased

75. Road and Transport

Councillor Burton reported that the blocked drains outside Springfield and Ivy House have been reported to Street Doctor. If cleared, it is hoped that they will consequently unblock The Spring drain. Councillor Burton also reported that further speeding enforcement had been undertaken by the Police in February, but no figures have yet been reported. This information should be available for discussion of anti-speeding measures at the next meeting.

A resident raised concerns that the gulleys from the drains to the ditch on the road leading to Market Harborough are blocked. Further, another resident reported that there is a blocked drain in The Lealand, which has been reported to Street Doctor but nothing has happened. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact DDC to ascertain how to best address the drain issues.

ACTION: Clerk to contact DDC regarding blocked drains.

76. Planning and Development

Applications granted

DA/2018/1087 Replacement of lead to the vestry and north porch of church with terne coated stainless steel - Church Of St John The Baptist, Main Street, East Farndon, Northamptonshire

DA/2018/1098 Demolition of existing outbuilding and construction of two storey side extension - 3, The Lealand, East Farndon, LE16 9SQ

Applications for consideration

DA/2019/0028 Proposed rear extension/alterations (resubmission) - Lyndwood 4, Home Farm Close, East Farndon, Northamptonshire, LE16 9SS

The Parish Council raised no objections.

77. Other Matters

- **Footpath Report** – Presented at Annual Meeting of the Parish

- **Burial Ground Maintenance Committee and transfer of Churchyard responsibility**

Report was presented at the Annual Meeting of the Parish. It was agreed that the Parish Council would set up a working party comprising Councillors Prew, Curtis and Hodgetts to deal with the transfer of the Churchyard responsibility, as and when it happens. Further, it was agreed that the Clerk and one of the working party members would meet with Richard Green to discuss the Committee's Terms of Reference and 2018/19 accounts.

ACTION: Clerk and one of the working party members to meet with Richard Green on Tuesday, 2 April 2019 at 10.00am, to discuss the Burial Ground Maintenance Committee.

- **Neighbourhood Watch**

Report was presented at the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

- **Mowing contract**

The Clerk only received a quotation of £1,520.00 from Mr Bale for the 2019/20 mowing of the churchyard, burial ground and village green (which he has done for a number of years). The Parish Council agreed to accept this quotation and Mr Bale has been advised accordingly. The Clerk has spoken to Mr Bale, who advises that he mows twice a month between March to October; if he only mowed once a month, he would have to mow twice in one go as the grass would be too long and he mows more often if needed. He also confirmed that he used to bill 50% of the cost directly to the PCC, and was then asked to bill the whole amount to the Parish Council, which will explain why the mowing bill seems to have suddenly increased.

- **Rubbish in ditch on Main Street**

A resident has raised concerns about the amount of rubbish that has been discarded by builders into the ditch opposite the building development off Main Street on land that was originally Council garages. Councillor Burton reported that most of the rubbish has now been cleared, and he will clear the remainder as part of the annual litter pick.

ACTION: Councillor Burton to clear ditch on Main Street.

- **Closure of bridleway into Market Harborough leading off Lubenham Road**

A resident has asked that the Parish Council monitors the closure of the bridleway into Market Harborough leading off Lubenham Road – it has been closed for a period of time and looks like it may be closed for a further period because of the building work being done at the Harborough end of the bridleway. The Footpath Warden, Alan Langley, confirmed he is aware of the situation and reported that some of the bridleway is now open.

- **Storage of builders' materials relating to Farndon Fields development**

A resident has asked that the Parish Council monitors the fact that builders have spread into Northamptonshire with their storage of materials (at the moment) for the development of the Farndon Fields site in Leicestershire. Councillor West advised that the builders are renting the land for storage during the development, and this was agreed at the planning meeting.

- **Renovation of Village Spring**

Councillor Burton reported that he had trimmed the vegetation around The Spring, but this is only a cosmetic improvement. Councillor West reported that the next stage is to more comprehensively remove the vegetation, to avoid debris falling in The Spring trough and consequent silting up. The following stage is to remove the silt, and then re-instate the coping stones. Alan Langley offered to provide wording for any notice erected at the end of the renovation.

ACTION: Councillor West to remove vegetation around The Spring.

- **Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)**

Councillor Burton suggested having this as a standing item on the agenda, which was agreed.

- **Refuse collection in The Lealand**

Alan Langley advised that bin lorries had caused damage to the grass verge/kerbs in The Lealand. DDC told Norse that they needed to pay for the repair, and consequently, the bin lorry did not go into The Lealand for two weeks, as they could not gain access due to parked cars. Bins have been subsequently collected. Mr Langley has raised this issue with Councillor Cecile Irving-Swift and thus, no action is required by the Parish Council at this time.

78. Finance**Bank Reconciliation**

Cash balance @ 8 January 2019	£12,736.83
Plus: Receipts	
VAT refund	£180.67
PCC 2017/18 mowing contribution	£506.00
Interest	£0.13
Less: Payments	£3,421.53
Balance	£10,066.79
Reserve Account	£1,550.74
Treasurer Account	£8,516.05
Less: Cheques not cleared through bank account	Nil
Working balance	£10,066.79

The bank reconciliation was checked and signed by Councillor Curtis.

The following payments were agreed by all Councillors

Payee	Reason	Amount £	Chq no.
Faxton Churches	Newsletter	100.00	online
J D Bale	2018/19 mowing	1,520.00	767
Caroline Burton	Clerk salary and expenses (Jan/Feb/March 2019)	636.42	online
Alan Langley	East Farndon website domain name renewal	18.00	768
EON	Light repair	336.00	online
Northants CALC	Training	126.00	769

79. Correspondence

- Bus service 59/60 – the Clerk advised that funding of £30,000 for the existing 59/60 bus service for 2019/20 has been found with the current bus provider, Centrebus, providing the service. The funding is via contributions from Parish Councils (Church with Chapel Brampton, Creaton, Guilsborough, Naseby, Spratton, Thornby, and Welford) totalling £15,000, with the remainder of the subsidy being provided from Northamptonshire's Bus Services Ring-Fenced Grant. Whilst the bus service is not currently used by residents of East Farndon, the Parish Council was very appreciative of the efforts of John Hunt, the Chair of Spratton Parish Council, for all his work to save the bus service

All other relevant correspondence (e.g. NCALC Newsletter) has been circulated to Councillors and shared on the village website and Facebook page where appropriate.

80. Any Other Business

Councillor Curtis advised that parking on the street outside Bell House continues to be a problem, and residents also raised concerns about parking on pavements on Harborough Road (both sides). It was agreed that the Clerk would raise this issue again with PC Hutchings.
ACTION: Clerk to contact the police about the on-going problem of parking on the pavements.

- 81. Date of the next meeting** – 14th May 2019 (Annual meeting of the Parish Council)
Provisional date – 9th April 2019
- 82. Closure**
The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Signed that the Minutes are a true and accurate record

Chairman _____ **Dated** _____