

Minutes of Monkton Farleigh Parish Council Meeting in the Kings Arms 08/06/2022 at 7.00pm

Present: E. Warrington [Chair], B. Marlowe, R. McDonald, A. Tucker and S. Rowe [Clerk]

Also Present: J. Potts, A. and L. Moodie

1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest.

There were apologies from J. Spiers, P. Adams, T. Firbank and Johnny Kidney

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes of Meeting dated 04/05/2022

Approved and signed by E. Warrington. The Clerk will have issued these Minutes to ensure that all Councillors have received their copy.

3. Matters Arising

B. Marlowe agreed to be vice-chair for the next six months if E. Warrington is unable to chair a meeting.

4. Report from Johnny Kidney

Johnny sent his report as follows:

Monkton Farleigh Parish Council – Unitary councillor’s update, June 2022

B3018 Winsley Road – 6 week closure during school holidays

Reminder of the closure between Downs View Bradford-on-Avon and Winsley, from 25 July to 2 September.

66a Monkton Farleigh – Pavement Damage

I have reported the pavement damage to Andy Cadwallader at Wiltshire Highways. I am awaiting an update on actions to be taken and will chase.

37A Monkton Farleigh – Appeal lodged

The applicants proposing a replacement dwelling at 37A Monkton Farleigh have lodged an appeal against the refusal of planning permission. Representations can be made to the Planning Inspectorate at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/> case reference APP/Y3940/W/22/3293999. While comments made on the original planning application will be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate, I would recommend that additional comments are submitted directly on the appeal. The deadline for comment is 27 June 2022.

Young people arriving from Ukraine are being offered information on choices post-16 to support them into education, employment or training while living in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council's Work Wiltshire webpages have a dedicated section of post-16 options <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/young/othercountries/>. The pages have information on transport, higher education, community support, and resources/equipment.

Wiltshire College is also supporting Ukraine nationals aged 16-18 years by running a Summer School between 20 June and 14 July, this will be 13 hours per week over four

weeks. If a young person would like to book an assessment to be able to join the Summer School they can email Tom.Evans@wiltshire.ac.uk

A number of Ukrainian nationals in Wiltshire are taking up lessons for people aged 19+ from the Wiltshire Council Family and Community Learning (English for Speakers of Other Languages) courses. There are currently 19 in the Melksham group, with 12 confirmed in Chippenham and more anticipated to join the first session on Friday. Devises ESOL lessons will start on 8 June and Calne the week beginning the 27 June, with similar numbers of attendees projected. People can find out more about the ESOL courses by going to familvandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk or by calling 01225 770478.

General information on Wiltshire Council's support for families arriving from Ukraine can be found here: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6169/Homes-for-Ukraine-Scheme>

Solar panel and storage group-buying scheme to launch across Wiltshire:

Join the group buying scheme to help cut carbon emissions and save on energy bills.

- From 9 May until 14 June: Householders can register online to become part of the group for free and without obligation.
- Pre-approved UK solar PV suppliers participate in an auction on 14 June. They are able to offer competitive pricing as the volume and geographic concentration makes it possible for them to realise greater efficiencies, which they pass onto customers.
- After the auction, registered households will be emailed a personal recommendation that is specific to the details they submitted in their registration. This will include the costs and specifications of the system.
- If householders choose to accept their recommendation, the specifics of their installation will be confirmed with a technical survey, after which a date can be set for the installation of their solar PV system.
- Telephone and email helpdesks are on-hand throughout the whole process which, together with online information sessions, will allow households to make an informed decision in a safe and hassle-free environment.

The closing date for no-obligation expressions of interest is 14 June.

<https://solartogether.co.uk/wiltshire>

Council Natural Environment Plan gets awards recognition

Our Green & Blue Infrastructure Strategy for Wiltshire - Wiltshire's Natural Environment Plan, is a finalist in the RTPI South West Awards for Planning Excellence 2022

The council's Green & Blue Infrastructure Strategy for Wiltshire - Wiltshire's Natural Environment Plan, is a finalist in the category of 'Excellence in Plan Making Practice' in the RTPI South West Awards for Planning Excellence 2022. It sets out the future for supporting and enhancing Wiltshire's natural environmental assets for the benefit of people and nature as well as helping to address climate change through nature based solutions.

The council will find out if it has been successful in winning the award on 6 July.

More information about the awards can be found at RTPI awards 2022 finalists.

Wiltshire Council has worked with local childminders and activity providers to create a childcare and activity directory to help parents find childcare during the school holidays this summer.

The directory is available to all parents looking for childcare during the holidays and can be viewed on the Wiltshire Council website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/early-years-and-childcare/holiday-childcare-and-activity-directory . Parents can also email schoolholidayprovision@wiltshire.gov.uk for details of providers in their area.

5. Planning Appeal for 37A Monkton Farleigh

The appeal is against the refusal of the planning application to demolish and rebuild this property. Monkton Farleigh Parish Council objected to the planning application for the following reasons:

- The footprint, volume and mass of the new build is considerably larger than the existing property.
- The proposed build is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a Conservation Area.
- The new build is set back a lot further than the existing property which will be unduly dominant and over bearing to the rear of neighbouring properties, presenting a tall imposing structure, to the rear of existing buildings. It will also impact the privacy and light on the neighbours with the proposed new elevated patio sitting above the fence line and looking down into the neighbour's patio areas. The patio and kitchen will be in the shade for most of the day.
- The new build is out of proportion with surrounding houses
- The new build would be very expensive to buy and would not be affordable to people with lower incomes
- The excavation for the foundations for the bigger property may cause structural problems for the neighbouring houses.
- The proposed balcony will affect the neighbour's privacy to the rear (Hidden Cottage)
- The position of the new build would mean no garden which is not in keeping with surrounding houses
- It was unanimously agreed that these reasons for objection had not changed. The Parish Council are very concerned about how the neighbour's amenities and privacy will be compromised if this build goes ahead. It was agreed that an inspector for the appeal should be invited to view the proposed property from the rear gardens of the neighbours so that they could see where the issues would be.

6. Japanese Knot Weed Issue

There is Japanese knot weed growing on the main road by Farleigh Wicke. Wiltshire Council will not deal with it. It is not a notifiable weed so it was agreed that we ask the Parish Steward if he can deal with it. We will keep monitoring it.

7. The Queen's Jubilee Commemoration Review

All agreed that the beacon lighting and the tea party were a great success despite the rain at the tea party. Sir Charles Hobhouse was thanked for all his hard work and contributions to the events. It was agreed that the school should be given the commemorative mugs to distribute amongst the children as there are some left over. R. Mcdonald will go to the school to offer the mugs.

8. Blue Badge Issue in Trowbridge

Trowbridge town council are going to start charging blue badge holders for parking. A local resident contacted the Parish Council to see if they could do anything about this but it was felt that the Parish Council had no influence on this issue.

9. Review of Grievance and Disciplinary Policy

All have read and agreed this policy

10. Finance

There is £8486.60 in the account. The big expenses are £1094.69 for the jubilee mugs and £494.38 for the council insurance. The clerk has also bought a new printer for the Parish Council as the old one was broken.

11. Work for the Parish Steward

Japanese Knot weed?

The path to Pinckney green getting overgrown again making it difficult to walk along. The hedges on the path going up to school are encroaching on the path making it difficult to walk up.

12. Parish Matters

The dry-stone wall at Broadstones still has not been fixed the clerk will chase.

The clerk will advertise the Trussel Trust vouchers for those who may need a food parcel due to the cost-of-living crisis.

There is still no notice board for Farleigh Wicke it will go on the agenda for the next meeting.

There are concerns over road safety outside the school R. Macdonald agreed to raise the issue when she goes into the school to offer the commemorative mugs.

It was agreed to get 3 more bags of bark chippings for the playground at Farleigh Rise.

13. Date of Next Meeting

20th July 2022. The clerk will see if the village hall is available.