

Minutes of a Facilities & Environment Meeting of Farnsfield Parish Council  
held at **6.30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024** in the Lower Hall  
of the Village Centre, New Hill, NG22 8JN

**In Attendance:** Cllr Thompson (Chair), Cllr Cracknell, Cllr J Shakeshaft, Cllr Healy, Cllr Sarre (ex officio)

Minute Taker: Clerk – Olwen Edwards

### Meeting Items

FG24.01 To receive any apologies for absence: None

FG24.02 To receive any declarations of interest: None

### Items to approve

FG24.03 The 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 F&E Committee meeting minutes were approved as accurate. Cllr Sarre felt it needed to be confirmed that 23.49. Agreed by all.

### Public Participation Item

FG24.04 Contributions from the public, on the agenda: None

### Items to receive or note

### Items to discuss and or agree a course of action

FG24.05. Proposal to reposition the coffee morning sign. As per report, the sign slots in and is removed after the session. No cost involved. Proposed by Cllr Healy, seconded by Cllr Cracknell. All agreed 5-0

FG24.06. Proposal to purchase up to 6 new armchair chairs for the village centre for those with mobility issues at a cost of £269.08. 3 quotations provided both stacking and with arms, 2 chairs on each floor of the village centre. Proposed by Cllr Thompson and seconded by Cllr Cracknell. All agreed 5-0.

FG24.07 Lady Goodwin Play equipment: Newark and Sherwood District Council identified this during their safety checks. 3 areas with wire showing and pictures sent to supplier in Essex. They viewed them as safe for now and advised to replace in due course. Other faults in report have already been undertaken, a few waiting for better weather i.e. painting. Report noted.

FG24.08 Christmas Event review: Benefit was the closure of Main St, although some drivers seeking to force their way through. Additional positive was the additional tree at Abbots Close. And fundraising of £2000 Food Bank and others who donated to Farnsfield Charities. Street illuminations being on 24/7 works out as an additional £125, to be considered next year. Chair thanked Cllrs Healy, Cracknell and Shakeshaft, for their efforts in making the event smooth. Need to sort street traders soon to ensure we have a range of stalls and expand activities up and down Main Street to assist local businesses and footfall. Also advertising road closure and engaging earlier. Add the date in the Farnie asap. Cllr Healy and Cllr Shakeshaft to review how to broaden options, funding and publicity.

FG24.09 Committee discussed options for the gas suppliers from March 2024 when the

current fixed term contract ends. Chair requested authority to broker a deal on behalf of Farnsfield Parish Council, a 2 year term with either Smartest Energy or British Gas at the time of the deal (only gave prices for 48hrs). Costs have doubled and difficult to anticipate. Proposed Cllr Thompson and seconded Cllr Sarre. All agreed 5-0.

FG24.10 Walking pathways and trails, Lecturn project: Proposal to identify the facilities and walkways around Farnsfield for all inc visitors. Choices include; permanent heavy duty illustrative lecturn; changeable artwork style lecturn allowing for additions.

Newark and Sherwood District Council has an illustrator working on their information boards. The lecturn would be at a low level ensuring accessibility to children, wheel-chair users. Locate the lecturn by the carpark and playground. Could include a QR code (to be explored). A changeable lecturn was preferred. Chair recommended should consider sponsorship as well.

Proposal to have a changeable display board and a cap of £2600. With possibility of seeking further funds if goes over this through fundraising and sponsorship. Proposed Cllr Helay, seconded Councillor Thompson. All agreed.

FG24.11 Proposal to task the FE Cttee consider the Hire charges and Hire arrangements for 2024/2025 in the Village Centre and bring back recommendations to Full Council in April for discussion.

Member of the public said a Thank you for the funds for the Friendship Group

**Date of the next Meeting:** 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024