

# FARRINGTON GURNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an **ordinary meeting of the Parish Council** held at **7.30pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022** at the **Methodist Church, Farrington Gurney.**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mike Hedges (Chairman), Phil Wade, James Wellman, Sally Bown, Andy Jeffery, Margaret Heffernan, Clint Dando

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk, 1 member of public

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### Parish Council Minutes

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was a discussion about the weeds growing around the electricity sub-station. Clerk to contact Western Power to ask for regular maintenance.

There is still an issue with lorries pulling onto the verge outside the Co-op on the A37. Clerk to continue to discuss with B&NES & RADCO about possible solutions.

#### 22/23-07:044 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOME

Apology from Cllr Ryan Wills

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 22/23-07:045 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Jeffery made a declaration of interest reference the Somer Valley Enterprise Zone. A standing dispensation has been agreed & granted.

#### 22/23-07:046 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: Minutes of June 2022 meeting agreed & signed by chairman

#### 22/23-07:048 REPORTS

- a. To RECEIVE the District Councillor's report.  
Report via email concerning the SVEZ.
- b. To RECEIVE a report/update from the Chairman.  
Report on items as they appear on the agenda.
- c. To RECEIVE the Clerk's report.  
Clerk updated councillors on the issues around building works at Marsh Lane. Building control are involved & should be contacted again.

#### 22/23-07:048 PLAY AREA

There is a need to replace the matting. 3 quotes have been obtained, clerk to order 12 mats & ties for approx. £330. There is a problem with a tree overhanging the play equipment, branches will be cut back.

#### 22/23-07:049 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

#### 22/23-07:050 SOMER VALLEY ENTERPRISE ZONE

It was reported that:

- # There are concerns that B&NES have not taken full account of the consultation results.
- # The zoning for industrial use is only for 15 years, then the use may change.
- # Most of the retails use has been removed, but could be included at a later date.
- # A formal highways survey will be undertaken. Local residents are worried about traffic on a busier road.
- # There is still some confusion about how proposals will affect Sunnyside.
- # There were 138 responses from local residents.
- # There was an 'unofficial' meeting held in Paulton, with about 60 attendees.
- # Tesco have asked where employees will come from, as they are having difficulty in recruiting.

Cllrs agreed that highways work should be completed before building works & that a safe cycling route should be identified to include Farrington Gurney & Hallatrow.

#### 22/23-07:051 HIGHWAYS

- # Manhole covers are being replaced after thefts during the early summer.
- # 'Turning Circle' markings have yet to be done. Clerk to follow up.
- # There is some signage that is being obscured with overgrown signage.

#### 22/23-07:052 FINANCE

Cheque number	Payee	Details	Amount
001396	R.Moss	Salary & office expenses	£996.56
001397	HMRC	tax	£226.64

There are continuing problems with NatWest bank

#### 22/23-07:053 MEETINGS

None to report

#### 22/23-07:054 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

It was reported that

- # A number of trees on the bypass have been adopted by local residents & are getting regular care & watering.
- # There will be an event in October "How to keep warm this winter" which will include an update on the possibility of thermal imaging surveys for homes.

#### 22/23-07:055 UPDATES/ INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIAL INTERESTS

**Village Hall** – reported that the Hall is being well used, there are some end of school plays booked for performances.

**Health** – B&NES have issued some warnings about good health in high heat, there are also offers of lung cancer checks for 55+

**Police & Crime** – There was just one incident reported in Farrington Gurney in May.

**Footpaths** – Cllr Dando reported clipping overhangs on footpaths.

**Grass cutting** – It is unclear as to what grass cutting is done by B&NES, in particular around the allotment entrances. With the BMX track in place there will be less cutting needed in the future.

#### 22/23-07:056 INFORMATION/ ITEMS TO RAISE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

It was suggested that there should be some reports on the Enterprise Zone for local residents.

#### 22/23-07:057 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Mon 19<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm at Methodist Hall.

Signed  
19.9.2022