

# FARRINGTON GURNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an **ordinary meeting of the Parish Council** held at **7.30pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022** at the **Methodist Church, Farrington Gurney.**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk, 1 member of public

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### Parish Council Minutes

#### 22/23-06:030 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOME

Cllrs Dando & Wills (B&NES)

#### 22/23-06:031 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

#### 22/23-06:032 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

#### 22/23-06:033 REPORTS

- a. To RECEIVE the District Councillor's report.  
Cllr Wills sent an email report about the B&NES 'Clean & Green' initiative, also reported that there had been a SVEZ stakeholder's meeting.
- 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 potentially widening the pavement outside the Co-op to prevent lorry parking by installing bollards,

#### 22/23-06:034 PLAY AREA

There was nothing to specifically report, although there are some small branches overhanging the small slide which would be removed.

#### 22/23-06:035 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None, although the planning application for Pitway Farm has been refused.

#### 22/23-06:036 SOMER VALLEY ENTERPRISE ZONE

Cllr Jeffery reported that:

- # The consultation period runs to the 30<sup>th</sup> June, with a display at the Hollies in MSN.
- # There is a stakeholder's meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July, Cllr Wade to substitute for Cllr Jeffery.
- # A resident of Paulton is organising a series of discussions separate from B&NES.

# There are some issues with widening the road at Sunnyside, whether widening includes a cycleway, what is responsibility of B&NES or WECA.

# Local residents will be informed of what is happening via social media, also local newsletters.

22/23-06:037 HIGHWAYS

# There is still a problem with missing drain covers & there is a further problem with grass verges growing to cover the hazard – B&NES to be contacted.

# The 30mph sign outside Home Farm appears to be working intermittently.

# Road markings renewal, which were due to be a priority in this new budget year, have still not been done.

22/23-06:038 FINANCE

Cheque number	Payee	Details	Amount
	Duchy of Cornwall	Village Hall rent	£390
	ALFA	Annual subs	£223.40

There are continuing problems with NatWest bank – so we currently do not have a chequebook. Payment to be agreed, subject to cheques being signed as soon as possible - AGREED

22/23-06:039 MEETINGS

Enterprise Zone stakeholders – as reported above, but there was also a discussion about the industrial units & workspace being planned & where the evidence was that it was needed.

22/23-06:040 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

# A meeting on “How to keep warm” to be held at the village hall on 15<sup>th</sup> October.

# Litter pick to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> July

# There is an “adopt a tree” scheme for local residents

# The litter pickers were granted some equipment under the B&NES “Clean & Green” scheme

# The trees planted on the bypass appear to be thriving, B&NES are watering them

22/23-06:041 UPDATES/ INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIAL INTERESTS

**Jubilee Celebrations** – The Jubilee celebrations were a great success, with many local residents volunteering & participating in the events, including a children’s party with an entertainer, It’s a Knock Out as well as an evening social event

**Village Hall** – Mike Hedges reported that the hall is doing well, with a summer skittles league, Saturday evening entertainment as well as an open mike on Tuesday evenings.

**BMX track** – There will need to be an amount for maintenance included in next years budget

**Police & Crime** – There were 26 offences in the whole of Mendip district in April, 4 in Farrington Gurney.

**Other items** – The Book Barn appears to be closing, with part of the business moving to the Farm Shop. The grass in the Churchyard has not been cut for a while, the Churchwarden to be contacted to ask what is happening.

22/23-06:042 INFORMATION/ ITEMS TO RAISE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

22/23-06:043 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Mon 18<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm at Methodist Hall.

Signed  
18.7.2022