

FARRINGTON GURNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an **ordinary meeting of the Parish Council** held at 7.30pm on **Monday 21st November 2022** at the **Methodist Church, Farrington Gurney.**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk, 4 members of public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There were questions about the street lights that aren't working. Clerk explained that an engineer was doing a site visit later in the week.

There was a discussion about the maintenance of the new cycle track. It was agreed that an estimate of the price & quantity of gravel was needed, also that the overhanging hedge should be cut back in the spring/ early summer.
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22/23-11:071 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOME

Apology from Cllr Ryan Wills & B&NES)

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

22/23-11:072 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

22/23-11:073 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

22/23-11:074 REPORTS

- a. To RECEIVE the District Councillor's report.
Report via email concerning the Clean & Green initiative. It was commented that the gutter cleaning lorry that visited the village was too large to access some streets.
- 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:
 - # Getting estimates for repairs to street lights.
 - # Break-in at an allotment shed – letters have been sent to all plot holders to warn of potential risk.
 - # There is still confusion about ownership of the strip of grass between the Co-op & the pavement on the A37

22/23-11:075 PLAY AREA

Cllr Smith reported that the replacement matting has arrived. Just waiting for good weather to be able to do the work.

22/23-11:076 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/04396/FUL	11 Gournay Court Somerset BS39 6UR	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey side, and single storey rear extensions.
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No objection

The update of the B&NES local plan has been announced. The neighbourhood plan will have to be updated to fit in with any new proposals.

22/23-11:077 HIGHWAYS

- # The drain under the road on Rush Hill appears to be collapsing. This has been reported to Highways England.
- # The pavement opposite Marsh Lane is being restricted by an overhanging hedge. Cllr Hedged will speak to the owner.
- # The "Turning Circle" road marking has yet to be installed – clerk to chase.

22/23-10:066 FINANCE

Cheque number	Payee	Details	Amount
001405	J.Parker Dutch Bulbs Ltd	400 Narcissus bulbs	£107.94
001406	Duchy of Cornwall	Village Hall Dec 2022- Mar 2023	£390.00
001407	FG Methodist Church	March – Aug 2022 rental	£112.50

- # There are continuing problems with NatWest bank. A complaint to the Financial Ombudsman should be considered.
- # A replacement cheque was issued for £326.10 to "The Garden Range" who trade as "GCL Products Ltd".

22/23-10:067 MEETINGS

None to report

22/23-10:068 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Nothing to report.

22/23-10:069 UPDATES/ INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIAL INTERESTS

Village Hall – reported that the Hall is being well used.

Police & Crime – There were 8 crimes reported in September, including 2 violent offences.

Footpaths – Cllr Dando reported clipping overhangs on footpaths was work in progress.

22/23-10:070 INFORMATION/ ITEMS TO RAISE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

It was suggested that a quote for relaying the hedge on the playing fields should be sought, as part of the 2023-24 budget preparation.

22/23-10:071 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Mon 19th December, 7.30pm at Methodist Hall.

Signed
19.12.2022