

FARRINGTON GURNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an **ordinary meeting of the Parish Council** held at 8pm on **Monday 17th April 2023** at the **Methodist Church, Farrington Gurney.**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mike Hedges (Chairman), James Wellman, Sally Bown, Margaret Heffernan, Chris Bullock

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk, 1 member of the public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

23/24 -01:001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOME

Apology from Cllrs Smith & Wade

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

23/24 -01:002 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Jeffery - SVEZ

23/24 -01:003 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: Minutes of 20th March 2023 meeting agreed & signed by chairman

23/24 -01:001 ELECTIONS

Noted that there have been 6 nominations for the 9 places on the Parish Council, so there is an uncontested election, with the opportunity to co-opt at the May AGM

23/24 -01:004 REPORTS

- a. To RECEIVE the District Councillor's report.
Cllr Wills sent an email with some details of the delayed road markings scheduled.
- 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.
 - a. Street lighting repairs have been paid & locations are being confirmed prior to upgrading.

23/24 -01:005 PLAY AREA

Nothing to report. The poor weather has made placing the new matting & repair the wooden borders impossible.

23/24 -01:006 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None		
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23/00609/ADCOU - Meadow Farm, Ruett Lane – It was noted that this application has been approved after a number of prior refusals.

23/24 -01:007 HIGHWAYS

The local Community Speed Watch is being set up, & 2 sites have been approved. Clerk to advertise for potential volunteers.

The 40mph road signs need to be repainted & have been reported on 'Fix my street'.

- # Volker appear to have repaired the defective street lighting owned by BaNES.
- # Clerk to prioritise the 'No Turning Circle' repainting, even if this means paying the premium price.
- # There are a number of drain covers that are loose, which have been reported on 'Fix my street'. It was queried if there was an alternative to the valuable covers that have been stolen for recycling.
- # School Lane, near the Drung has a poor road surface, which is being reported.

23/24 -01:008 FINANCE

Following payments AGREED

Cheque number	Payee	Details	Amount
001421	Npower	Street lighting	£212.74
001422	R.Moss	Office expenses	£68.19

It was noted that the cost of street lighting should decrease with new LED units.

23/24 -01:009 MEETINGS

None reported

23/24 -01:010 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Cllr Heffernan reported that she is applying for funding to Sperring Trust for £5,000, that an application for £20,000, for improvements to the Village Hall has been made to ACRE. WECA have been approached to support the pollinator project for £7,000. The survey of village hall users got a very positive response.

23/24 -01:011 UPDATES/ INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIAL INTERESTS

Health – Cllr Bown reported on a number of newsletters received, giving details of health initiatives.

Village Hall – Cllr Hedges reported that events have been well attended, including an acoustic night.

SVEZ – It appears that the next stage of the planning process will take place on 5th May, although it was not clear what that entailed, as it was the day following local elections.

23/24 -01:012 INFORMATION/ ITEMS TO RAISE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

23/24 -01:013 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Mon 15th May, 7.30pm at Methodist Hall. This will also be the AGM preceding the ordinary meeting

Signed

15.5.2023