

# 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> February 2023** at the **Methodist Church, Farrington Gurney.**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk, member of the public

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### Parish Council Minutes

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There were questions about the grass & trees around the BMX track. There has been money agreed for this work in the budget.

#### 22/23-02:110 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOME

Apology from Cllr Ryan Wills

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 22/23-02:111 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Chris Bullock was co-opted onto the Parish council, unanimously AGREED

#### 22/23-02:112 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Jeffery – SVEZ

Cllr Hedges – Sunnyside planning application

#### 22/23-02:113 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: Minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 meeting agreed with amendment & signed by chairman

#### 22/23-02:114 REPORTS

- a. To RECEIVE the District Councillor's report.  
The SVEZ the design codes have now been put together. So this sets out the parameters for all plots on the site such as usage as well as building heights and floor space.
- b. To RECEIVE a report/update from the Chairman.  
Report on items as they appear on the agenda. Cllr Hedges said he will stand down at the May AGM
- c. To RECEIVE the Clerk's report.
  - a. Drains in Church Lane – BaNES are doing some repair work & this will include a camera survey to check on historic works.
  - b. There will be an agenda item in March, explaining the processes for the May elections.
  - c. The street lighting price & works have been agreed, details are being finalised.

#### 22/23-02:115 PLAY AREA

As the weather improves then it will be possible to place the new matting & repair the wooden borders.

#### 22/23-02:116 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/00306/FUL 23/00438/FUL	21 Sunnyside Main Street BS39 6UN	#1 - Erection of side extension and loft conversion including dormer window addition following demolition of side extension. #2 – Proposed garage & parking
23/00609/ADCOU	Meadow Farm Ruett Lane BS39 6UP	Prior approval request for change of use of agricultural building to 3 bedroom dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) (Resubmission)

# 23/00438/FUL – the garage will be built on land that is currently used for parking. The build, which will take approx. 50%, will leave enough space for this to continue.

# 23/00609/ADCOU – This is the latest in a number of applications that have been made & a number that have gone to appeal. The issues of right of access remain, as do the issues around traffic. There has been some mitigation to improve access for emergency vehicles. Access to the site for contractors has to be resolved. It is for BaNES to determine these technical matters.

#### 22/23-02:117 HIGHWAYS

# Highways markings have not yet been completed, despite being programmed for 2022-23

# There doesn't appear to be any repair scheduled ofr the drain on Rush Hill.

# A new approved drop kerb in Main Street is very steep & dangerously slippery in icy weather. Clerk to contact BaNES.

# Signage to the Village Hall is poor, Clerk to ask BaNES cllr for new signs to be installed.

#### 22/23-02:118 FINANCE

Following payments agreed: proposed Cllr Dando, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Jeffery AGREED

Cheque number	Payee	Details	Amount
001413	R.Moss	Pay settlement backdate	£289.60
001414	Duchy of Cornwall	Allotments Sept 22-Mar 23 Village Hall Mar 23-Jun 23	£705.00
001415	HMRC	PAYE	£72.40

#### 22/23-02:119 MEETINGS

Clerk has attended a number of election briefings – report to March meeting.

#### 22/23-02:120 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Cllr Hefferman reported that there will be a pollinator event in June. She thanked councillors for meeting with students on placement. Also the Rotary have awarded a grant of £500.

#### 22/23-02:121 UPDATES/ INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIAL INTERESTS

**Health** – Cllr Bown reported on initiatives that included providing warm spaces, research on cognitive impairment for problem drinkers, infant feeding, & a 'Beep Beep' road safety initiative in April.

**Village Hall** – Cllr Hedges reported that the Hall is going through the proves of tendering for a new boiler. Business is good & there is a plan for redecoration.

**SVEZ** – The consultation statement was agreed. It will have to be submitted in the next few days, the closing date having been extended.

**Planning** – There will be a need to refresh the Neighbourhood Plan in the next 12 months, as BaNES are going through a new Local Plan consultation.

**Police & Crime** – There were 2 'other' thefts in the last reporting period.

#### 22/23-02:122 INFORMATION/ ITEMS TO RAISE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

May local & parish elections

#### 22/23-02:123 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Mon 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 7.30pm at Methodist Hall.

Signed

20.3.2023