

FARRINGTON GURNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an **ordinary meeting of the Parish Council** held at **7.30pm on Monday 16th January 2023** at the **Methodist Church, Farrington Gurney.**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mike Hedges (Chairman), Phil Wade, James Wellman, Sally Bown, Margaret Heffernan
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Wills (B&NES), Clerk, member of the public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There were questions from a member of the public about the street lighting that needed repairing. The clerk explained that the lighting was outdated & could not be repaired. The cost to replace was prohibitive & that discussions were ongoing with BaNES about how that could be afforded.

There was also a discussion about flooding in the village & whether a main drain needed a camera inspection to investigate a blockage. Clerk to investigate.

22/23-01:097 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOME

Apology from Cllr Jeffery

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

22/23-01:098 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

22/23-01:099 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

22/23-01:100 REPORTS

- a. To RECEIVE the District Councillor's report.
None
- 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.
Discussions were ongoing with BaNES about replacement of the inoperative streetlighting
There have been a number of applications for allotments

22/23-01:101 PLAY AREA

Nothing to report

22/23-01:102 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

<u>No Applications</u>		
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There was a detailed discussion about the Local Development Order for the SVEZ, currently being consulted on by BaNES. This had been launched for consultation on the afternoon of the Parish Council meeting, with a response time

scale of 28 days. It was felt it was not possible to agree a response document at this meeting & the February PC meeting would be too late:

It was AGREED that councillors would prepare a document via email over the next week, that the Clerk would format the document, put it on the Parish Council website, post the link the 'Farrington Gurney We Love You' Facebook page & invite local residents to comment either directly to BaNES, via the Parish Council or both, within the 28 day deadline.

22/23-01:103 HIGHWAYS

Cllr Wills had reported that the commitment from B&NES to renew the road markings in Farrington Gurney "is in the 2022-23 budget".

22/23-01:104 FINANCE

Following payments agreed

Cheque number	Payee	Details	Amount
001410	HMRC	Salary PAYE	£226.64
001411	R.Moss	Salary Oct Nov Dec	£987.06
001412	R.Moss	Office expenses – webhosting, McAfee, Microsoft	£74.18

The budget for 2023-24 was agreed, to be posted on the website, which will mean a precept rise of approx. 7.3%. This was comparable to other parish councils facing similar pressures around inflation.

22/23-01:105 MEETINGS

Cllr Wade reported on a meeting about the new BaNES Local Plan, which will be adopted in 2024, to run for 10 years. This will be opportunity to refresh the Farrington Gurney Neighbourhood Plan. As well as transport & housing etc themes, there will be new elements of the plan, to include green sustainability as well as Health & Wellbeing. There will also be a seminar on the May 2023 local elections, to include the new voting regulations. Clerk to attend & report back.

22/23-01:106 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Cllr Heffernan reported that there will be a Pollinator event, which will look at bird, bee & hedgerow boxes. There is an application being made to the Sperring Trust to fund this project, Parish Council agreed to support. There is a 2nd cohort of students visiting & running projects in the village. There is a meeting arranged with local residents for 7pm on 13th February

22/23-01:107 UPDATES/ INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIAL INTERESTS

Health – Cllr Bown reported that BaNES & Public Health have provided information concerning a warm spaces register, 'Try Dry January', Cervical Cancer prevention week, an anti-idling (car ticking over) campaign, Breastfeeding Welcome in Somer Valley advertising, & encouraging flu, Covid & MMR vaccination.

Village Hall – Cllr Hedges reported that the Hall has been very busy over the Christmas period, bookings are robust, the acoustics night is going well. There is a Coronation event planned, which will combine with the Village Day.

Highways – It was suggested that an officer from A&S Police responsible for Community Speeding Watch could be invited to a future meeting.

Police & Crime – There were two reports of shoplifting & a case of theft in the village during the last reporting period, in October & November last year.

Church Yard – It was AGREED that we contribute £1,000 to grass cutting.

22/23-01:108 INFORMATION/ ITEMS TO RAISE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

2023 -24 budget will have to be agreed.

22/23-01:109 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Mon 20th February 2023, 7.30pm at Methodist Hall.

Signed