

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

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk, 2 members 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.

#### 22/23-03:124 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOME

Apology from Cllr Jeffery & Cllr Smith

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 22/23-03:125 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

#### 22/23-03:126 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

#### 22/23-03:126 ELECTIONS

Clerk outlined the election timetable & nomination process. Links will be placed on the parish website.

#### 22/23-03:127 REPORTS

- a. To RECEIVE the District Councillor's report.  
Cllr Wills has been following up the road markings, due to be completed in this financial year. There may be some delay, with & they will be a priority in the new financial year. He also said that he may not be able to attend the April meeting & as he is standing down as a councillor in May this may be his last parish council meeting. The chair thanked him for his work & wished him the best in the future.
- 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 are agreed & payment will be confirmed in the financial payment agenda item.
  - b. There have been complaints about lorries continuing to park on the pavement outside the Co-op, chewing up the grass verge. It was agreed that the parish will look at placing some planters on the grass to deter parking. Clerk to contact Co-op to ask for financial support for the scheme.

#### 22/23-03:128 PLAY AREA

Nothing to report. As the weather improves then it will be possible to place the new matting & repair the wooden borders.

#### 22/23-03:129 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/00735/FUL	3 Duchy Cottages Pitway Lane BS39 6TU	Erection of single storey rear extension and detached garage
22/04875/FUL	Weaver Demolition Ltd Unit 1 Farrington Fields Trading Estate BS39 6JU	Construction of two storey extension to existing industrial unit.

# 23/00735/FUL – No objection, but questions as to the size, dimensions & placement of the garage, which does not appear to be appropriate for the setting.

# 22/04875/FUL – support, as it is not detrimental to the area & does not take away any parking spaces.

22/23-03:130 HIGHWAYS

# 3 drain covers are loose on the A37, Cllr Wellman will report to 'fix my street'.

# A local Community Speed Watch is being set up, & is looking for volunteers. They will be monitoring traffic, probably on the A37 & the bypass. Speeding cars will be contacted & warned.

# Cars are speeding up the lane to the Golf Club, in a narrow lane & close to houses. Clerk & Cllr Hedges to contact the club, to ask they speak to club members.

22/23-03:131 FINANCE

Following payments AGREED

Cheque number	Payee	Details	Amount
001416	HMRC	Jan & Feb 2023	£166.23
001417	St Johns Church	Grass cutting grant	£1000.00
001418	R.Moss	Salary Jan & Feb	£722.90
001419	Volker Highways	Street light maintenance	£4,164.59
001420	Midsomer Norton & Radstock Silver Band	Band grant	£75.00

22/23-03:132 MEETINGS

Clerk has attended a number of election briefings.

22/23-03:133 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Cllr Heffernan reported that she is applying for funding for the pollinator event in June.. There is also a funding application for insulation & energy saving in the village hall.

22/23-03:134 UPDATES/ INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIAL INTERESTS

**Health** – Cllr Bown reported on initiatives that included setting up a community wellbeing hub at the RUH, that will provide patient discharge support. The Samaritans have a “small talk saves lives” initiative, Mentoring Plus are looking for volunteers to support children from difficult family backgrounds.

**Village Hall** – Cllr Hedges reported that the redecoration of the Hall is complete. Events have been well attended, including people from outside the village who have 'found' the hall, as an events venue.

22/23-03:135 INFORMATION/ ITEMS TO RAISE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

22/23-03:136 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm at Methodist Hall.

Signed

17.4.2023