

FARRINGTON GURNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 8pm on **Monday 16th October 2023** at the **Methodist Church, Farrington Gurney.**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: James Wellman (Chairman), Mike Hedges, Chris Bullock, Clint Dando, Andy Jeffery, Margaret Heffernan, Paul Radnedge

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk, Cllr Ann Morgan (BaNES), 4 member of the public

Parish Council Minutes – October Ordinary Meeting

23/24 -07:074 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOME

Apology from Cllr Bown

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

23/24 -07:075 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Jeffery - SVEZ

23/24 -07:076 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: Minutes of September 2023 meeting agreed & signed by chairman

23/24 -07:077 REPORTS

a. RECEIVED the District Councillor's report.

Cllr Morgan reported that

she has set up an online survey about opinions on the SVEZ, also that there will be a demonstration at the site on the 13th October.

The recent litter pick went well.

There has been a request from residents for a pelican crossing near to the petrol station on the A37, which she has followed up. She has asked if speeding fines can be used to contribute, but that isn't the case. There was a discussion as to whether a zebra crossing would be cheaper, less intrusive & possibly more effective, which she will follow up.

b. RECEIVED a report/update from the Chairman.

Report on items as they appear on the agenda. In addition he has been in contact with Ston Easton PC about the SVEZ proposals, they are opposed. MSN & Paulton councils will be meeting over the next few days & discussing the issue.

c. RECEIVED the Clerk's report.

a. Street lighting – Volker Highways will be replacing the cowling on the lamp on Ruett Lane, which is currently 'on order'. An update on what work was still to be completed was requested, the reply was that 'parts take some time to be ordered'. It was then pointed out they said the work was to be done in June this year. Clerk to provide an update to Cllr Morgan.

b. BaNES have been refreshing the road markings due to be renewed. It does appear that a number of places these have been 'missed' so clerk to remind.

23/24 – 07:078 PLAY AREA

Some young lads have been swinging & pushing on the perimeter fence, so that the posts are now loose & are a potential hazard. Cllrs Dando will inspect, to see if the posts need replacing or resetting.

23/24 – 07:079 PLANNING

There was one planning application to be considered.

23/03709?FUL	Meadow Farm, Ruett Lane BS396UP	Erection of a single storey dwelling following demolition of existing stable block.
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It was agreed that the Parish Council should oppose this application. There have been objections to past applications, on the basis of overdevelopment & difficulty of access. There is also a legal issue with rights of access to the property. There is also a public right of way through the site, access through has not been properly allowed in the past & the ongoing impact is not clear. Concerns were expressed about how this current application fits into a pattern of incremental changes which are creating an overdevelopment.

Past Applications in last 3 months

Date				FG PC	BaNES
Sept 2023	23/02394/FUL	22 Hill View, Farrington Gurney BS39 6UJ	Erection of 3 bed dwellinghouse including demolition of existing garage and utility to adjoining property	Oppose	

Cllr Bown has emailed PC members about a change in route of a footpath. This appears to be a minor variation to an infrequently used path.

The Farrington Gurney Neighbourhood Plan needs to be refreshed, alongside BaNES refresh of the Local Plan. A group to discuss this will be set up, to include councillors & also local residents with particular planning expertise.

23/24 – 07:080 SOMER VALLEY ENTERPRISE ZONE

There is a meeting of the SVEZ stakeholders group next week, with a BaNES cabinet in November to agree what should happen. Clerk to coordinate questions & comments to go to these groups.

23/24 -07:081 HIGHWAYS

The local Community Speed Watch group is now operational on one site. 5 cars were ‘logged’ as speeding & will have reminder letters sent to them. The group is looking to set up a second site on the A37. The signs & road markings on the main road need to be clear, so that motorists are aware of speed limits.

A resident has written to Jacob Rees-Mogg MP about speed restrictions on Rush Hill. This is now with BaNES. Clerk has contacted the relevant BaNES officer, supporting the idea & asking to be included in correspondence & updates on progress.

23/24 -07:082 FINANCE

Payments & monthly finance report agreed:

Cheque number	Payee	Details	Amount
Direct payment	R.Moss	office expenses.	£40.74
001437	Chris Bullock	Reimbursement: tetracycle recycling equipment & footpath equipment	£109.49

23/24 -07:083 MEETINGS

An online consultation meeting about the Local Plan is being organised by BaNES, councillors to attend.

23/24 -07:084 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Cllr Heffernan provided an update on donations & grants that have been received. Also that feedback following the Pollinator event has been positive, residents enjoyed the event.

23/24 -07:085 UPDATES/ INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIAL INTERESTS

Village Hall – Cllr Hedges said that events in the hall & social club were proving popular. There have been fundraising events to raise money for the solar panels.

urban tree trails organised, to improve mental health.

Footpaths – Cllr Bullock explained that some repair & remedial work has been done. A gate has disappeared, near Hill View.

Allotments – Cllr Radhedge provided an update. New plot holders were starting to prepare for next year. A number of plots are now available, but will need some work The tree that needs pruning at Ham Lane needs to be visited, to

assess the amount of work needed. Some bags of scalplings are needed, which will be purchased & the parish agreed to reimburse.

23/24 -07:086 INFORMATION/ ITEMS TO RAISE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING
CIL money – amounts & potential projects

23/24 -07:087 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Mon 20th November at Methodist Hall.

Signed

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