

FARRINGTON GURNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 8pm on **Monday 18th September 2023** at the **Methodist Church, Farrington Gurney.**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: James Wellman (Chairman), Mike Hedges, Sally Bown, Chris Bullock, Clint Dando, Andy Jeffery

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk, Cllr Ann Morgan (BaNES), 41 member of the public

SVEZ Briefing

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. There was a briefing session from the BaNES Council SVEZ team as to the current state of progress & what would be the next steps. This was followed by a question & answer session. This section of the meeting finished at 20.58pm, with the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council starting at 21.10pm.

The presentation outlined:

Changes made to the Local Development Order (LDO) after the initial consultation.

Details of the proposed highways work, the anticipated demand, types of jobs, air quality statistics & the impact on MSN high street.

How the site was allocated in 2007.

How the cyclepath was not part of the scheme, but it was hoped that a current bid for funding would be successful in the new year.

The next steps – Somer Valley Forum on 20th September, revised consultation 22nd Sept to 22nd October, BaNES Cabinet decision 9th November.

Questions included:

Why weren't alternative sites, such as Purnells in Paulton & Welton Bibby in MSN considered ?

What mitigation was considered for Old Mills Lane & Langley Lane, which would be used as short cuts.

Pointing out that there were over 400 objections in the initial consultation, with only 13 in favour.

There was a request for another meeting, as there were still many questions to be answered & a number of people who didn't get the opportunity to contribute. The presentation and Q&As finished at 8.58pm.

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23/24 -06:060 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOME

Apology from Cllr Heffernan, Cllr Radnedge

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

23/24 -06:061 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Jeffery - SVEZ

23/24 -06:062 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

23/24 -06:063 REPORTS

a. RECEIVED the District Councillor's report.

Cllr Morgan reported on the bollards which had been placed in front of the Co-op on the A37, to stop HGV parking on the pavement. Unfortunately lorries were now parking & blocking access to houses. There had been a poll of residents about the SVEZ, which showed most voting against. Ann was going to meet with Paulton councillors, to discuss their views on SVEZ.

b. RECEIVED a report/update from the Chairman.

Report on items as they appear on the agenda. In addition there was a discussion about traffic calming & speed limits in the village, as well as a proposed pedestrian crossing on the bypass.

- c. RECEIVED the Clerk's report.
 - a. Street lighting – Volker Highways will be replacing the cowling on the lamp on Ruett Lane, also that an update on what work was still to be completed has been requested again.
 - b. BaNES have been reminded that road markings were to have been renewed in the last financial year, delayed to early this financial year. We are now in the 2nd quarter of this financial year but no sign of the work being started.
 - c. The Allotments have been visited & assessed. 2 more have been let to new tenants, while 5 need some remedial work to the undergrowth. Th financial report on payments & arrears was much improved.
 - d. Western Power have been contacted about a re-assessment of street lighting charges, as LED lights were being installed. A schedule of what lights have been improved & when to be provided, which will lower the charges & also initiate a rebate where appropriate.
 - e. There has been some work done to the drains in Church Lane, but still waiting for an update report from BaNES.
 - f. The Duchy of Cornwall have been reminded about the overhanging tree in the playground by the village hall.
 - g. There is no registered ownership of the Turning Circle. The painting contractors have requested more confirmation from BaNEs that they have no interest, which has been provided.
 - h. The lock on the noticeboard is broken, Clerk to organise for a locksmith to replace.
 - i. There was a request from Cllr Bown that signage be updated to include current contact details.

23/24 – 06:064 PLAY AREA

The retaining wood around the swings need replacing, it in more than a single person job. Cllrs Dando & Wellman to organise. Cllr Hedges asked that a request be made to BaNES for a dog mess bin, Cllr Morgan to follow up.

23/24 – 06:065 PLANNING

There was one planning application to be considered.

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
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Councillors felt that this is an overdevelopment considering the size of the plot of land, also it would set a worrying precedent in this cul-de-sac.

Past Applications in last 3 months

Date			FG PC	BaNES
May 2023	23/01506/FUL	5 Manor Close, Farrington Gurney,	Erection of new single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory	No comment Pending
Feb 2023	23/00306/FUL 23/00438/FUL	21 Sunnyside Main Street BS39 6UN	#1 - Erection of side extension and loft conversion #2 –garage & parking	Comment on use of space #1 permitted #2 pending

23/24 – 06:066 SOMER VALLEY ENTERPRISE ZONE

It was agreed to request another meeting with the BaNES SVEZ team. It was suggested that 7pm start on 16th October prior to the October Parish Council meeting should be proposed.

23/24 -06:067 HIGHWAYS

- # The local Community Speed Watch group is organising, nothing additional to report after the summer.
- # A resident has written to Jacob Rees-Mogg MP asking for speed restrictions on the A37 up Rush Hill. Clerk to also write in support of that idea.
- # There continues to be speeding up Marsh Lane. Clerk to write again to the Golf Club, asking that they write to their members & users.

Payments agreed:

Cheque number	Payee	Details	Amount
Direct payment	R.Moss	Salary July August & office expenses.	£754.63
001431	HMRC	Payroll deduction	£166.23
001432	Duchy of Cornwall	Village Hall rent June Sept 2023 - £390.00 Allotments Mar Sept 2023 - £315.00	£705.00
001433	ALCA	2 x Training course	£80.00
001434	CPRE	Annual subscription	£36.00
001435	NPower	Steet lighting	£282.75
001436	Methodist Church	Hall Hire	£225.00

23/24 -06:069 MEETINGS

An online consultation meeting has been set up by BaNES to discuss the Local Plan. FG PC councillor should attend, Clerk to circulate details.

23/24 -06:070 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Cllr Heffernan provided some comments about the SVEZ prior to the meeting.

23/24 -06:071 UPDATES/ INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIAL INTERESTS

Health – Cllr Bown reported on an increase in Measles infections, at the same time as a decrease in MMR vaccinations. There are some Bath urban tree trails organised, to improve mental health.

Allotments – Cllr Radnedge provided an update on the plots at Ham Lane. There was also a discussion about a tree that needs pruning at Ham Lane. Also a bush needs removing. Agreed that the bush can be removed, Cllrs to visit to to examine the mature tree.

Footpaths – Cllr Bullock has taken on this responsibility.

Website - .Cllr Wellman has updated the underlying software & safety certificates. Clerk to update information on the site.

Village Hall – Cllr Hedges reported that the Hall continues to do well. The boiler replacement is booked for October. There are 4 teams playing regularly on the pitch.

Recycling – Cllr Bullock has purchased Terracycling bins, receipts to be reimbursed, the initiative is being well used.

23/24 -06:072 INFORMATION/ ITEMS TO RAISE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Update on progress with the BaNES local plan.

23/24 -06:073 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Mon 16th October at Methodist Hall. There may be a prior public meeting about SVEZ, PC meeting to take place after that event.

Signed

16.10.2023

Action points

	ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE	
Noticeboard	Clerk to organise a locksmith to replace the broken lock	Clerk	
Signs	The contact details need to be updated on all signage	Clerk	
Playground	Overhanging tree to be pruned by Duchy	Clerk	

	Retaining wood around the swings to be repaired	Cllrs Dando, Wellman	
	Dog mess bin to be installed	Cllr Morgan	
Planning	Objection to 23/02394/FUL to be logged	Clerk	√
Highways	Write to JRM MP in support of speed restrictions on Rush Hill	Clerk	
	Speeding on Marsh Lane, write to Golf Club	Clerk	
SVEZ	BaNES to be asked to attend another meeting on 16 th October	Clerk	√
Meetings	BaNES Local Plan briefing – FG PC should attend, details to be circulated	Clerk	√
Website	Following software update, information on the site needs to be updated	Clerk	