

FARRINGTON GURNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on **Monday 15th July 2024** at the **Methodist Church, Farrington Gurney.**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk, 4 member of the public

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24/25 – 04:042 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOME

Apologies from Cllr Dando, Cllr Morgan (BaNES)

Angharad Baber was welcomed & agreed as a co-optee onto the Parish Council.

24/25 – 04:043 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

24/25 – 04:044 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: Minutes of June 2024 meeting agreed & signed by chairman

24/25 – 04:045 REPORTS

- a. RECEIVED a report/update from the Chairman.
Report on items as they appear on the agenda.
- b. Received from Cllr Morgan (BaNES)
Cllr Morgan reported by email on meeting with BaNES Planning Dept, also the Duchy of Cornwall. She is also following up on delays with Volker street lighting repairs.
- c. RECEIVED the Clerk's report.
Street lighting: The correspondence with Volker Highways is ongoing & unproductive. An additional light needs repairing in Ham Lane.
Allotments: Clerk meets with Cllr Radnedge on a regular basis to view & discuss allotment rentals & issues.

24/25 – 04:046 PLAY AREA

The rubber mats have been laid & pinned down. They have been placed over the existing mats, which gives an additional layer of protection & cushioning. There are also some second hand pieces of Playground fencing at Kings Reclamation, Cllr Hedges will investigate availability & prices.

24/25 – 04:047 LOCAL PLAN

Cllr Morgan emailed some comments about meetings with BaNES planning officers. Cllr Heffernan discussed the Housing Requirement survey conducted in the parish, in which residents said that the proposed housing developments were inappropriate for a village where there was inadequate infrastructure.

There was a discussion about how limited infill & building could contribute towards housing targets. appropriate to identify land for the Forest of Avon, to assist with biodiversity gains.

24/25 – 04:048 PLANNING

There were concerned that the 'holiday let' permission granted in Marsh Lane was not being used in line with the permission & that there may be a permanent resident.

There has been an invitation from the golf course owners to discuss the development.

Planning applications submitted in the recent past are:

Date				FG PC	BaNES
July 2024	24/01774/FUL	Farrington Farm Shop	Erection of a new agricultural storage building	No comment	Pending
April 2024	24/01074/FUL	7 Rush Hill, Farrington Gurney, BS39 6TP	Erection of 1 no. 3 bed dwelling	Oppose	Pending
March 2024	24/00883/FUL	The Cottage Marsh Lane BS39 6TT	Change of use from Garage to Holiday Let	Object	permitted
March 2024	24/00909/FUL	Wood View, Pitway Lane BS39 6TX	Conversion of outbuilding into annexe	No comment	Permitted
Oct 2023	23/03709/FUL	Meadow Farm Ruett Lane BS39 6UP	Erection of a single storey dwelling following demolition	Oppose	Pending

24/25 – 04:049 HIGHWAYS

- # The local Community Speed Watch group is planning some additional sessions.
- # The road markings on the A37 have faded again.
- # Cllr Morgan is organising 'Keep Clear' signage opposite the petrol station.
- # The 30mph signs on Marsh lane have still not been replaced.
- # Meadow Close needs vegetation to be cut back, it has been reported on 'Fix My Street'
- # The request for a weight restriction on Marsh Lane during the development has been turned down. The site entrance is likely to be onto the A37 near Ston Easton.

24/25 – 04:050 FINANCE

Payments & monthly finance report agreed:

Payee	Details	Amount
Margaret Heffernan	Reimbursement of consultant fees	£300
Farrington Gurney Methodist Church	Hall Hire	£225.00
Gallagher Hiscox	Insurance Policy	£993.40

24/25 – 04:051 MEETINGS

- There have been meetings with BaNEs planning, to discuss the local plan as well as the SVEZ development. There was a meeting of BaNES cabinet, where Compulsory Purchase Orders were agreed, if necessary, for SVEZ land.
- A meeting needs to be arranged with the Golf Club re:development..

24/25 – 04:052 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

- # The Community Larder will be completed in early October, with multiple donations & grants. Can the PC cover this under their public liability insurance ? Clerk to check.
- # South West 'In Bloom' volunteers are planting in a number of locations.
- # The heat survey on the village hall has been undertaken. There is a grant application ongoing, to hopefully pay for solar panels on the roof.

24/25 – 04:053 UPDATES/ INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIAL INTERESTS

Village Hall – the hall continues to be busy, with monthly fundraising events. These have included events on the filed as well as inside. There is a wifi microwave link being set up, with a receiver on the church.

Health – There has been an alcohol awareness week, there will be a ‘beat the heat’ campaign in July to warn of the dangers of heatstroke. On the 25th July there will be a ‘safe near water’ campaign day.

It was also reported that the defibrillator has been used recently, & has been reset

Footpaths – Cllr Baber will take over responsibility for footpaths.

Allotments – Cllr Radnedge: reported on the continued take up of vacant plots & that there had been an inspection recently

24/25 – 04:054 INFORMATION/ ITEMS TO RAISE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

24/25 – 04:055 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Mon 16th September 2024 at Methodist Hall.

Signed

16.9.2024