

# FARRINGTON GURNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 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, Cllr Morgan (BaNES), 8 member of the public

## **Parish Council Minutes – June 2024 Meeting**

### 24/25 – 3:028 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOME

Apologies from Cllr Dando

Cllr Bullock is moving from the parish, so has resigned from the PC. Cllrs thanked him for his contribution as a councillor.

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 24/25 – 3:029 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Jeffery – planning application at the FG Farm Shop

### 24/25 – 3:030 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

### 24/25 – 3:031 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 on the campaign against the Local Plan proposals. Local polls & opinion is against so many houses. There is a fundraising campaign to fund advice. There is some research work underway, including about the transport infrastructure issues. There will be a meeting with the Duchy, as landowners. Other villages are prepared to take an additional 5% of houses, so it seems out of proportion that Farrington Gurney should be expected to have so many additional dwellings.

- c. RECEIVED the Clerk's report.

# There is an additional street light not working, in Church Lane. The Ruett lane adjustment & repair are still outstanding.

# There will be an allotment inspection prior to the July Parish Council meeting.

### 24/25 – 3:032 PLAY AREA

The wood chipping safety layer has yet to be ordered. Alan Smith will be contacted about the suppliers of the current equipment, as some repairs to the rope scramble nets are needed.

### 24/25 – 3:033 LOCAL PLAN

There was an update in Councillor Morgan's report. There is an active campaign group, challenging the current draft proposals. There will be meetings with BaNES Planning Dept, also the Duchy of Cornwall.

### 24/25 – 3:034 PLANNING

There was a discussion about the development at the Golf Club. There appears to be no progress with any planning application to Somerset Council, although some site work has already started. The site entrance has been created away from Marsh Lane & outside the parish. There has been a public meeting in Ston Easton

about the proposals. It was also suggested that BaNES highways could be contacted about a potential weight restriction on Marsh Lane.

24/01774/FUL	Farrington Farm Shop	Erection of a new agricultural storage building
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No comment was made on this application.

Planning applications submitted in the recent past are:

Date				FG PC	BaNES
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 – 3:035 HIGHWAYS

- # The local Community Speed Watch group have continued to monitor traffic.
- # The 30mph sign on Marsh Lane is due to be replaced by BaNES.

#### 24/25 – 3:036 FINANCE

Payments & monthly finance report agreed:

There is a funding application with Sperring Trust, also BaNES community fund for £500

Payee	Details	Amount
R.Moss	Salary April, May £689.17 & Office expenses £91.68	£780.85
HMRC	Payroll deduction	£172.29
WJ South West	Line painting	£750.00
Duchy Cornwall	Rec ground rent	£105.00
KC Printing	Memorial booklet	£620.00

#### 24/25 – 3:037 MEETINGS

- Meetings are continuing with members of the BaNES planning team.
- There are also meetings with the Duchy & also the Housing Action Group planned.

#### 24/25 – 3:038 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

- # The heat survey of the village hall has been completed, prior to a funding application.
- # There is a grant application being prepared for a biodiversity project
- # A scheme is being planned to collect & sell aluminium cans.
- # The pollinator fund will finish in July, there will be an event in July at the village hall.

#### 24/25 – 3:039 UPDATES/ INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIAL INTERESTS

**Village Hall** – The new boiler is having some teething problems with the remote phone app. The new electric tariff from the solar panels is bringing in an extra approx. £2,000. The hall is being decorated by volunteers. There have been a number of popular events in the social club.

**Footpaths** – It was reported that the damage to a footpath from horses has not been fully repaired..

**Allotments** – Cllr Radnedge: reported on the continued take up of vacant plots & that there will be an inspection just prior to the next PC meeting.

**Crime** – Cllr Wellsman reported on a number of incidents of damage to cars, also a stolen car being abandoned on Main Street.

24/25 – 3:040 INFORMATION/ ITEMS TO RAISE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

24/25 – 3:041 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Mon 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at Methodist Hall.

Signed

15.7.2024