

Farnborough Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Location: Farnborough Memorial Hall

Date: 14/01/2025

Councillors Present:

Chair: Sam Ross	Mark Goodchild	Nick Barnett
David Howard	Phil Gray	Daniel Pidcock
Martin Carter		

Clerk: Jessica Davis

1 Apologies for Absence

Rob Breckon

2 Declaration of Interest

None

Public Participation (3 minutes per person)

Rich Appleyard - Temple Cloud Cricket Club - Pavillion Update-
Close to 35k target for fundraising. Updated costs to about 63k, means they are left with a 9k shortfall.

Windows have been fitted 14/01.

Will facilitate movement of unused play matting - FPC to pay for skip.

Would like a second container (painted green to match existing container) to house all the cricket equipment - roller etc. FPC need to check with BANES Planning.

TCCC will manage ground up to ditch adjacent to Brookside Drive (Blue Cedar).

Radstock Police Beat Manager Report

None

Action/Vote

3 Minutes

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| a To approve the minutes held on the 10 th December 2024 | 7 supported |
| b To receive reports on any further matters arising the decision of the last meeting
Scumbrum Bench - SR and PG found a letter from Hunters Rest in 1997 that states High Littleton Parish Council agreed to maintain the bench.
Clerk to contact High Littleton with a copy of the letter and to let them know that they can replace it if they wish to. | Action: Clerk |
| It was agreed to use the Memorial Hall's address as the official address for FPC, to prevent the need for costly updates to official documents each time the clerk changes. Clerk to send letter to BANES. | 7 supported
Action: Clerk |

4 Planning

- a To agree/report responses to the following applications:
- 24/04694/FUL-** Ling Heather, The Street, Farnborough- Erection of two storey side and rear extensions to the north and east elevations and single storey extension to front elevation. Alterations to front and rear dormers, existing north facing roof slope pitch reduced and eaves height raised, new roof tiles, new render to finish to external walls and replacement windows and doors.

- Recommendation to SUPPORT 7 supported

To report on B&NES decisions for the following applications:

- 24/01983/FUL**- Honeysuckle Barn, Timsbury Road, Farmborough- Erection of a glass and aluminium garden room. – **PERMIT**

- 24/03650/FUL**- 4 Barrow View, Timsbury Road, Farmborough- Installation of energy efficiency measures inclusive of 10no ground mounted Solar PV Panels- **PERMIT**

- To report on other planning matters (referrals, enforcement, appeals etc.)

- None

Local Plan Update

- i. HELAA Site Assessments Action: Clerk
Completed – needs to be returned to BANES
- ii. Housing Needs Survey Action: SR
SR to contact George Blanchard and Gary Ward at BANES to check if we are eligible.

5 Finance and HR

- a To approve the monthly finance report for January 7 approved

To receive the balance of accounts:

- b (i) Current Account: £15,740.22
- (ii) Savings Account: £20,686.52

2025/2026 Budget

- The budget figures were presented by MC who outlined areas where costs were increasing. Items discussed and considered as needing investment this year were for completing the building work at the Pavilion, repainting the MUGA, and funding new village Youth Services (via Youth Connect SW).
- The additional increases and investment in parish facilities and services increased the budget for 2025-2026, which was agreed. 7 approved

2025/2026 Precept

- d - A vote to agree the precept figure of £60,500 7 approved
- Clerk to email the precept form to BANES Action: Clerk

- e To consider candidates for co-option onto the Parish Council

- None

To agree appointment of new sweeper, Alex Vowles

- f - MC had met with Alex for an interview and was left with a positive impression of someone who was keen to help keep our village clean and tidy. His first day was agreed as 03/02/25 7 approved

6 Highways, Rights of Way, Infrastructure

- a Updates
- None

7 Playground and Recreation Ground

Pavilion repair update

- SR and PG had been through the archives and found the schedule from the Secretary of State written in 1970 which appointed FPC as the trustee, and requires a Recreation Ground Committee to manage the day to day running of the facilities. (This is not a committee of the council.)
- The Recreation Ground Committee and its charitable status has been in obeyance for a number of years and The Sports and Social Committee has been managing things on a low-key level in the interim. While the latter can run events, it should not be managing the recreation ground.
- Sports and social have a meeting 15/01 and will discuss the Recreation Ground Committee's Charitable status with the aim of renewing the Recreation Ground Committee in due course.

- Agenda from next month to change 7a to Playground and create 7b for Pavilion Matters. Action: Clerk
- Playground matting still needs to be cleaned. Action: MG/RB

8 Representative Body and Working Groups

- a To receive a report and agree any actions from the members of:
 - i. Memorial Hall Committee
 - Meeting next week.
 - The hall floor was restored over Christmas thanks to a generous donation.
 - ii. Farmborough Sports & Social
 - See Public Participation.
 - iii. Allotment Working Group
 - SR and NB need to arrange a time to visit the allotments. Action: SR/NB
 - Clerk to phone Truespeed about the wiring over the chicken run. Action: Clerk
 - iv. Farmborough Climate and Nature Emergency Working Group (FCNEW)
 - The group needs renewing – SR and DP to meet and discuss Action: SR/DP

9 Correspondence and AOB

- a To receive a report from ward councillor
 - Nothing to update due to Christmas break
- To receive any other reports from councillors
 - DH has been looking into how FPC can recover outstanding money from Handy Compliance. It was agreed to engage the services of a solicitor. PG to give DH a timeline of communications. A budget of £1,000 was agreed to cover the costs of a letter and any following action. Action: PG /DH 7 approved
- b
 - Clerk to convert the actions document into a spreadsheet. Action: Clerk

Meeting ended: 9.57pm

Signed by 

Chair to the Parish Council, as an accurate representation of the meeting as agreed on 11/02/2025