

Farmborough Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Location: Farmborough Memorial Hall

Date: 11/02/2025

Councillors Present:

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| Chair: Sam Ross (SR) | Mark Goodchild (MG) | Nick Barnett (NB) |
| David Howard (DH) | Phil Gray (PG) | Rob Breckon (RB) |
| Martin Carter (MC) | | |

1 Apologies for Absence

Daniel Pidcock (DP) and Jess Davis (Clerk)

2 Declaration of Interest

None

Public Participation (3 minutes per person)

None

Radstock Police Beat Manager Report

None

Action/Vote

3 Minutes

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| a | To approve the minutes held on the 14 January 2025 including changing Mark Hayward to Mark Goodchild | 7 approved |
| b | To receive reports on any further matters arising the decision of the last meeting | |
| | - None | |

4 Planning

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| a | To agree/report responses to the following applications: | |
| | - None | |
| b | To report on B&NES decisions for the following applications: | |
| | - 24/04694/FUL - Ling Heather, The Street, Farmborough - PERMIT | |
| c | To report on other planning matters (referrals, enforcement, appeals etc.) | |
| | - None | |
| | Local Plan Update | |
| | - SR provided an update that following the release of the new Government National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), local councils are having to reset their target numbers for new housing growth. | |
| d | - DH indicated his willingness to help draw up a Neighbourhood Plan for Farmborough. | Action: DH |

5 Finance and HR

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| | To approve the monthly finance report for February | |
| a | - Email received from the Information Commissioners Office regarding a 25% increase in their data protection service prices. Payment due 9 March. | 7 approved |
| | To receive the balance of accounts: | |
| b | (i) Current Account: £16,916.01 | |
| | (ii) Savings Account: £20,686.52 | |
| c | To consider candidates for co-option onto the Parish Council | |
| | - None | |
| d | To accept the resignation of the Parish Council Clerk. A card and flowers will be delivered as thanks. | 7 accepted |

- Budget of up to £500 allocated for advertising for new Clerk including via NALC (National Association of Local Councils) 7 approved
- Advert to be included in next issue of Farmborough Flyer. Action: SR

6 Highways, Rights of Way, Infrastructure

- Updates
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- Sweeper has started work, no issues.

7 Playground and Recreation Ground

Playground matters.

- a
- Sweeper to clean rubber playground matting
 - New lease for the play area to be sent Parish Councillors to review ahead of next meeting Action: SR

Recreation ground matters.

- b
- Substantial progress made by Temple Cloud Cricket Club (TCCC) - plastering, changing rooms and bar area progressing well.
 - SR to speak to Youth Connect SW as FPC have budgeted money for their service. To consider hosting at the newly upgraded Pavilion if possible Action: SR
 - TCCC have cleared old matting behind the storage container using two skips.
 - Letter from solicitor on behalf of FPC has been sent to Handy Compliance for return of money for uncompleted work at Pavilion.

8 Representative Body and Working Groups

- a To receive a report and agree any actions from the members of:
- i. Memorial Hall Committee
- Successful fundraiser event at end of January which will support Hall's project plan
- ii. Farmborough Sports & Social (FSS)
- First meeting held in Jan – FSS to be point of contact between FPC and TCCC. Meeting included Chairman and member of TCCC who will become members of FSS
 - Need to contact Charity Commission to determine whether charity status for Farmborough Recreation Ground Committee (FRGC) can be reinstated. Action: PG/MG
 - Then to consider whether FRGC takes over work of FSS.
- iii. Allotment Working Group
- None
- 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

To receive a report from ward councillor

- a
- Number of enforcement issues ongoing on periphery of FPC boundary
 - Ongoing highways and drainage issues.

To receive any other reports from councillors

- b
- Provisional date for annual parish meeting – Thurs 24 April
 - An aspiration to hold an Annual Village Day to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Pavilion – 31 May 2026 TBC. New 'Annual Village Day 2026' section to be included in FSS update in future meetings

Signed by



Meeting ended: 8.54pm

Chair to the Parish Council, as an accurate representation of the meeting as agreed on 11/03/2025