

Farmborough Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Location: Farmborough Memorial Hall

Date: 08/04/2025

Councillors Present:

Chair: Sam Ross	Mark Goodchild	Nick Barnett
Daniel Pidcock	Phil Gray	Rob Breckon
Martin Carter		

1 Apologies for Absence

David Howard

2 Declarations of Interest

None

Public Participation (3 minutes per person)

A Parishioner signalled their interest in applying for the vacant Parish Clerk position.

Two Parishioners presented their ideas to hold a VE 80th anniversary event and sought FPC support.

Radstock Police Beat Manager Report

None

Action/Vote

3 Minutes

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| a To approve the minutes held on 11 th March 2025 | 6 Approved |
| b To receive reports on any further matters arising the decision of the last meeting | |
| Chelwood Bridge Rotary Club Award nomination completed by Mark Goodchild | |

4 Planning

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| 1) 25/00981/FUL - 73 Tilley Close, Farmborough - Erection of two-storey side extension with internal alterations. | |
| a Object – in an area with already congested on-road parking, there are no plans to increase the parking provision in line with the proposed increased number of bedrooms. This may affect access to the Curo garage area but will limit communal parking for those who do not have their own driveways or garage. | 7 approved |
| 2) 25/01295/FUL - 26 Ferenberge Close, Farmborough - Erection of single-storey rear extension, extension of garage at front and utility room at rear with new pitched roof over. | 7 approved |
| a Support. | |
| b To report on B&NES decisions for the following applications: | |
| - None | |
| c To report on other planning matters (referrals, enforcement, appeals etc.) | |
| - None | |
| Local Plan Update | |
| - Discussion with George Blanchard (BANES Planning Officer) re HELA assessments. | |
| d - Ongoing conversation regarding identifying potentially suitable sites for grey belt housing development as per the Government's housing growth targets. | |
| - SR to notify GB of FPC's plans to invite him to future meeting to discuss potential sites. | SR |

5 Finance and HR

- a To approve the monthly finance report for March 7 approved
To receive the balance of accounts:
- b (i) Current Account: £10,847.45
- (ii) Savings Account: £20,686.52
- c To consider candidates for co-option onto the Parish Council
- None
- d Update on appointment of Clerk
- Interviews with candidates scheduled for 23 April.

6 Highways, Rights of Way, Infrastructure

- a VAS realignment
- SR & MC pursuing BANES to have the VAS realigned. SR/MC
- Speeding along the A39
- b - FPC will be highlighting ongoing community issues concerned about speeding on A39 to BANES Council NEW CLERK
- Notices
- Resurfacing A368 Chelwood - overnight resurfacing works at A368 Hunstrete
- c Road Junction from Thursday 22 May for up to 2 nights, depending on weather.
- Work will be carried out under a road closure between 7pm and 7am.

7 Playground and Recreation Ground

- 1) Glebe land lease
- A number of queries regarding the lease remain outstanding. SR to chase.
- a 2) Playground / leisure equipment SR
- Plans to obtain quotes for a variety of new play equipment solutions.
- Pavilion repair update.
- Nearing completion – launch event on Easter Saturday 19th April @ 11am.
- Additional storage container now installed. Variety of old equipment needs to be removed.
- b - Two new movable goal nets have been identified to replace permanent goal post and net that needs to be taken down. Agreed £2000 for new goals. 7 approved
- PG to investigate selling old goal post and nets. PG

8 Representative Body and Working Groups

- a To receive a report and agree any actions from the members of:
- i. Memorial Hall Committee
- Agreed to have a new picnic table on their land. PG to enquire with TCCC where they sourced their benches from. PG
- ii. Farmborough Sports & Social (FSS)
- None
- iii. Allotment Working Group
- Agreed £400 to hire an 8-yard mixed skip ahead of the Easter Bank Holiday weekend to aid allotment holders in clearing away waste. SR to arrange. 7 approved
- iv. Farmborough Climate and Nature Emergency Working Group (FCNEW) SR
- SR has sent DP documentation for review. SR/DP

9 Correspondence and AOB

- To receive a report from ward councillor
- a - Quiet month due to Easter holidays and upcoming WECA election.
- Continuing to follow up highways issues.
- b To receive any other reports from councillors
- Annual Parish Meeting – 24 April

- Confirmed speakers: Vicki Cracknell (Avon Needs Trees), Jayne Lewis/Rob Rumming-Pain (Youth Connect SW),
- TBC speakers: Community Speed Watch (Rep from Avon and Somerset CSW or Timsbury CSW), Stephen Carey (Radstock Beat Manager)

Correspondence

- c i. Notice of Mayoral Election for the West of England Combined Authority to be held on Thursday 1 May.

Meeting ended: 9.45pm

Signed by

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Chair to the Parish Council, as an accurate representation of the meeting, agreed on 13 May 2025