

Farmborough Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Location: Farmborough Memorial Hall

Date: 14/04/2026

Councillors Present:

Chair: Sam Ross	Martin Carter	Nick Barnett
Mark Goodchild	Phil Gray	
Rob Breckon	David Howard	
Clerk: Debbie Tutchell		

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Agnes Nowak, Cllr Dan Pidcock

2 Declarations of Interest

None

Public Participation (3 minutes per person)

None

Action/Vote

3 Minutes

a To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2026

No amendments required, proposed by PG seconded by DH
Minutes signed off by SR

7 Approved

b To receive reports on any further matters arising from the decisions of the last meeting

None

4 Planning

a To agree/ report responses to the following applications:

i. None

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

i. **26/00012/FUL** Priston Lane Stud, Priston Lane, Farmborough
Retention of a mobile home that is currently permitted as a temporary rural workers dwelling. Erection of lean-to structure (Regularisation)
PERMIT

ii. **26/00566/FUL** Farmborough Recreation Ground, Tilley Lane, Farmborough
All weather single lane cricket nets
PERMIT

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

None

5 Finance, HR, Legal and Admin

a To approve the monthly finance report for March 2026

Additional payment approved to David Howard for allotment materials £82.63

6 Approved

b Balance of accounts on 31st March 2026

i. Current account: £15,541.89
ii. Savings account: £20,978.67

c To approve the Bank Reconciliation for October 25 to March 26

The bank reconciliation balances were presented.

7 Approved

d To approve a summary of the end-of-year accounts

The end of year summary for the end-of-year accounts was presented.

7 Approved

e To note the progress of financial recovery from Handy Compliance

Still being pursued and waiting for a reply.

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

None

g To consider the topic for an ad to be included in the next issue of the Flyer

Encourage volunteers to join the Emergency Plan team, where they can help provide services in case of a village emergency. 7 in Favour

6 To receive a report from the Clerk

Clerk planned to take a holiday in July when the meeting was originally scheduled, so it was agreed to reschedule the meeting to 28th July. 7 in Favour

Tree surgeon booked to carry out work on the 28th/29th April.

On 12th May, the Bristol Water team will visit the allotments to conduct a standpipe inspection.

ACTION: Clerk to work with MC to get ready for the forthcoming financial audit. Clerk

7 Parks, Open Spaces and Environment

a Play & Fitness Equipment

- i. To note any report and actions from the Working Group
A meeting had been held to discuss actions to move the project forward, including identifying potential companies to provide equipment for both the play area and the rec as well as grant funding opportunities. Suggested ideas included circuit training fitness equipment and a fitness 'rig' at the Rec. The Youth Club would be involved for feedback on plans at some point.

b Allotments

- i. To note any report and actions from the Working Group
Hedge along the wall adjacent to the A39 has been trimmed, and pads have been set ready for a container to hold the Village Sweeper's equipment—thanks to DH and MG for carrying out this work.
ACTION: PG and RB will review container options within the £3000 budget. PG/RB
- ii. Standpipes need check valves before inspection
ACTION: PG and DH to discuss requirements and install before 12th May PG/DH
- iii. Plot 16 needs wire and metal cleared ready for a new tenant
ACTION: MG. MG
- iv. Boundary line between the allotments and Mount Pleasant Farm needs looking at again and formalising.
ACTION: Clerk to look for deeds in email archives and contact Stone King Solicitors for historical work completed regarding deeds and confirm any outstanding actions. Clerk

c Farmborough Climate and Nature Emergency

- i. To note any report and actions from the Working Group
Nothing to report

8 Highways, Rights of Way and Infrastructure

a To receive an update on Community Speed Watch

Nothing to report

b To agree on any additional tasks for the Village Road Sweeper

To mow allotment plot 16 ready for new allotment holder

ACTION: Clerk to inform the Village Sweeper Clerk

c To receive an update on any response from Highways regarding safety concerns

No update

9 Community Engagement

a Emergency Planning Working Group

- i. To note any report and actions from the Working Group
Table to be set up at the Village Day (50th anniversary of the Pavilion) on 31st May with a focus on the Emergency Plan and promoting the Parish Council.
ACTION: SR to supply PC posters used at the Memorial Hall 60th celebration and SR/MC/ALL MC to organise the stall along with support from cllrs.

b Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting – 30th April – 7.30pm Confirmed attendees and speakers.

- i. Youth Connect SouthWest - Jayne Lewis and Rob Rumming-Pain to give presentation/feedback about Farmborough Youth Club.
- ii. TCCC – speaker TBC to give a presentation about the success and ongoing plans for the cricket club in Farmborough.

c Correspondence

- i. The Cam Valley bus proposal – update
The campaign continues to get a replacement for the 179 which was lost in 2023. A cllr lead has been requested.
ACTION: SR to lead the proposal for Farmborough. SR
- i. WECA bus consultation - closes 10th May 2026
While the consultation appears urban focussed, cllrs were asked by SR to complete the consultation to provide more rural responses.
ACTION: SR to promote the survey by putting up posters and leaving paper questionnaires in the community shop. SR
- ii. To consider nominations for the Chelwood Bridge Rotary Club Community Award 2026
Some suggestions have been made and further information on the nominees is being sought.
ACTION: Clerk to add this item on the agenda for further consideration until the deadline in August. Clerk

10 Reports

a Farmborough Recreation Ground Committee (was Sports & Social)

The previous meeting was postponed, and a new date has not been set yet. The Pavilion's 50th anniversary will take place next month.

b Memorial Hall Committee

Painting and updating the hall has been completed. AGM 21st April 2026.

To Note: Anita Eatherden is stepping down after long service as a hall trustee. The chair requested it be noted that the Parish Council thanks Anita for her support for the village over many years.

c To receive a report from the Ward Councillor

Attended Parish Liaison Meeting on 18 March: EV Charge Points and on-street charging – WECA funding. WECA Bus Survey – closes 10 May. Have sent two open letters to WECA/B&NES Council/FirstBus, plus press releases and a council statement about service losses and timetable errors on the 522 and 172 services. Draft Local Plan is in final preparations prior to final consultation. PC will be updated on the next steps in the next few weeks.

d To receive any reports from Councillors

None

e To receive items put forward for discussion at the next meeting to be held on Tuesday 12th May 2026

AGM meeting in May. A new chair will be required as SR needs to step down having been in the position for the maximum five years.

Meeting ended: 9.06pm

Signed by Martin Carter

Chair to the Parish Council, as an accurate representation of the meeting, agreed on 12 May 2026