



**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 28<sup>th</sup> July. 7 in Favour

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

On 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pavilion) on 31<sup>st</sup> May with a focus on the Emergency Plan and promoting the Parish Council.  
ACTION: SR to supply PC posters used at the Memorial Hall 60<sup>th</sup> celebration and MC to organise the stall along with support from cllrs. SR/MC/ALL

**b Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm Confirmed attendees and speakers.**

- i. Youth Connect SouthWest - Jayne Lewis and Rob Rummig-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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary will take place next month.

**b Memorial Hall Committee**

Painting and updating the hall has been completed. AGM 21<sup>st</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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

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