

Farnborough Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Location: Farnborough Memorial Hall

Date: 12/11/2024

Councillors Present:

Chair: Sam Ross (SR) Daniel Pidcock (DP)
Phil Gray (PG) Martin Carter (MC)
Nick Barnett (NB) Rob Breckon (RB)
David Howard (DH)

Clerk: Phil Gray

1 Apologies for Absence

Mark Goodchild, Jess Davis (Clerk)

2 Declaration of Interest

None

Public Participation (3 minutes per person)

None

Radstock Police Beat Manager Report

None submitted

3 Minutes

- a To approve the minutes held on the 8th October.
To receive reports on any further matters arising from the decisions of the last meeting
- b NB has updated Fireworks risk assessment
PG to update RB of dimensions of cross-beam for play area
RB to prompt MG for play area cleaning

Action/Vote

7 in favour

Action: PG
Action: RB/MG

4 Planning

- To agree/report responses to the following applications:
- a No applications to consider
To report on B&NES decisions for the following applications:
- (i) 24/00359/FUL- Parcel 1100, Priston Lane, Farnborough- Creation of all-weather outdoor riding arena 20m x 40m.- PERMIT
- b (ii) 24/02327/FUL- Priston Lane Stud, Priston Lane, Farnborough- Erection of Boundary Fence- PERMIT
- To report on other planning matters (referrals, enforcement, appeals etc.)
- c Update to local plan and what is changing. SR to circulate a link to meeting.
SR to ask George Blanchard at BaNES to move existing assessments across to new plans. Additional areas to assess.

Noted

Action: SR

5 Finance and HR

- a To approve the monthly finance report for November
- b To receive the balance of accounts:
(i) Current Account: £32,380.33

7 in favour

(ii) Savings Account: £20,686.52

- c To approve the payments: 6 in favour
PG expenses for play area gate and swing repair - £42.14 1 abstention
- d To consider candidates for co-option onto the Parish Council. None.
- To receive the Financial Regulations:
- e Date of submission (4.9) to change from end of Feb to beginning of Feb to align with BaNES budget. Action: MC
To adopt financial regulations subject to the above change. 7 in favour.
To consider the asset register for 2024/25
The issue of Farmborough Memorial Hall on the asset register as a note only – should it be formally on the list? This would increase the asset register by £1.1M. The grounds and car park need to be included.
- f Clerk to contact Barnaby Harding (ALCA) to get advice of what to declare. Action: Clerk
To add to next year's budget the necessary cost to revalue the significant assets (hall and pavilion).
Clerk to ask Barnaby Harding to advise who can value our assets Action: Clerk
Asset register approval. 7 in favour
- g To receive the Risk Register for 2024/25 7 in favour
- h To receive the banking arrangements 6 in favour
RB to be additional signatory on account 1 abstention
Sweeper – two people have applied.
- i Clerk to go back to say application will close at the end of November. Action: Clerk
MC to send Clerk, street sweeper's manual (draft) to send to two applicants. Action: MC/Clerk
After that, invite for interview. 7 in favour

6 Highways, Rights of Way, Infrastructure

- a Nothing to note

7 Playground and Recreation Ground

Bath Rugby League.
Settlement agreed. Matter now closed.

Pakistani Express Cricket Club (PECC) letter sent saying their time playing at Farmborough Rec has now ended. They have written a letter back to the clerk with unsubstantiated claims. Response to be made with ECB cc'd, plus Cllr Abdul Malik (Bristol) who wrote on PECC's behalf.

Action: DH
7 in favour

Temple Cloud Cricket Club (TCCC)

- a Initially looking for a 5-year lease to be able to apply for grants. Negotiations for a 25-year lease to start next year.

Draft 5-year lease submitted by TCCC was discussed but not based on a lease required for public land. Concerns need to be addressed.

DH and MC to arrange with TCCC to carry out a line-by-line review of the document to get it to an acceptable position for signing before next meeting.

Before a 25-year lease can be agreed, the covenant needs to be reviewed. PG to review recreation ground archives.

Action: PG

Any footpaths or permissive paths must be established.

- b Playground – see notes in section 3b regarding cross-beam and matting

8 Representative Body and Working Groups

- a To receive a report and agree any actions from the members of:

- i. Memorial Hall Committee
Wooden floor is being refurbished during Christmas break.
- ii. Farmborough Sports & Social
Fireworks was a successful event with additional help from TCCC. Surplus income not yet determined but indications are that it will be not too far from that of 2023.
- iii. Allotment Working Group
Clerk to address arising issue and correspondence. 5 plots yet to pay
Action: Clerk
- iv. Farmborough Climate and Nature Emergency Working Group (FCNEW)
DP and SR will review previous docs and report/bring back to next meeting
Action: SR/DP

9 Correspondence and AOB

To receive a report from the ward councillor:

See section 4c regarding Local Plan.

Anyone of known risk due to no longer receiving heating allowance to contact SR

- a Meeting arranged with Blue Cedar to discuss boundary with recreation ground and issues with who is responsible for what.

Sleight Farm now being used as Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) site for local development. Changes to management of springs on the site may improve drainage on the Rec. May be useful if monitored. SR has asked the land manager to give updates to FPC.

- b To receive any other reports from councillors
Nothing to note.

Meeting ended: 21:30

Signed by

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