

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 1st JULY 2025 AT 7.30PM in FARNDON WAR MEMORIAL HALL
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Present: Cllr H Williams (Chair), Cllr F Henderson (Vice Chair), Cllr V Roberts, Cllr P Fish, Cllr M Rudd, Cllr P Roberts, Cllr G Dawson, Mrs M Jones.

In attendance: Borough Cllr A Waddelove, Mr J Brooks (Ainscough Strategic Land), Mr E Barnston (Barnston Estate), and Mrs C Taylor, Clerk.

PART 1

107.25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr K Davies, Cllr A Foster, Cllr B Hillyer and Cllr P Amphlett.

Resolved: that the apologies be noted.

108.25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were made. Members to declare if anything arises further on the agenda.

PART 2

121.25. LOCAL PLAN

Resolved: To move to Part 2 and bring forward Agenda item 15. Proposed: Cllr P Roberts Seconded Cllr V Roberts. Discussed and minuted separately under Part 2. Mr J Brooks and Mr E Barnston left the meeting on the conclusion of this agenda item.

Resolved: To move back to Part 1 Proposed Cllr V Roberts Seconded Cllr P Roberts.

PART 1 resumed:

109.25. GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME. Nothing raised.

110.25. COMMUNITY SAFETY.

Police monthly report not available to circulate prior to the meeting. PCSO McKevitt was not in attendance.

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111.25. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr A Waddelove was in attendance and reported:

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i) Sibbersfield Lane speed limit: Signage was in situ and 50mph limit implemented 6 June. The scheme ended short of the A534 junction and Cllr Waddelove was in the process of raising this with CWAC.

ii) Access to waste sites: Access to be capped to 30 visits per household in each 12-month period to CWaC sites (with further conditions on amounts of some waste and type of vehicle). Cllr Waddelove currently working with neighbouring Councils to try and facilitate cross border access.

iii) Devolution: There was to be a legally binding vote held in July but this had now been postponed to September.

iv) Farndon land availability assessment: Cllr Waddelove was looking to organise a public meeting late in July to discuss the wider implications of the Farndon land availability assessment.

v) CWaC Local Plan Consultation: Formal consultation period expected to be advertised imminently. **Resolved:** Cllrs Williams and Henderson to prepare a response on behalf of FPC to be circulated to all members prior to being submitted by the deadline (date tbc but anticipated mid to late August).

Resolved: Noted.

112.25. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd June 2025 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr V Roberts Seconded Cllr G Dawson.

113.25. CLERK'S REPORT.

Resolved: that the clerk's report be noted. Clerk to forward contact details of speed gun volunteers to Cllr Henderson.

i) Defibrillator outside Pharmacy, High St, Farndon: Clerk reported that the defibrillator and cabinet outside the pharmacy had been replaced with newly purchased equipment via London Hearts. To be funded from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies. **Resolved:** Noted. Clerk to offer new battery from old unit to Tattenhall First Responders.

114.25. PLANNING.

Existing applications where decision is still awaited:

21/02184/S73 The Boathouse High Street Farndon CH3 6PU Demolition of existing café/dwelling house buildings and erection of a replacement dwelling house.

Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 15/02649/FUL (and 19/04100/NMA).

23/03669/FUL Rockside Cottage and The Vineyard High Street Farndon Chester CH3 6PU Demolition of dwelling known as Rockside, garage and caravan on land known as The Vineyard and construction of replacement dwelling on land known as The Vineyard.

24/01630/FUL Land at Barton Road Farndon Chester Change of use to a camp site for up to 15 tents trailer tents for 60 days a year.

25/00988/FUL Marsh House Marsh Lane Kings Marsh Chester Construction of a roofed Farm Yard Manure Store, replacement works to the Concrete Yard area.

25/01020/FUL Marsh House Marsh Lane Kings Marsh Chester To construct building to cover existing silage clamp.

25/00082/FUL Land adjacent to The Nook Churton Road Farndon Proposed single dwelling unit.

25/01088/FUL Dandelions Day Nursery Chester Road Churton by Farndon Installation of modular classroom unit.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

25/01839/CAT 5 Rectory Close Farndon Weeping Willow (T1) – Pollard to approx. 10m for the purpose of maintaining a smaller crown and preventing the tree further out growing its space.

25/01476/CAT Brewery Garage Churton Road Farndon 1 x Sycamore – fell. 1 x Hawthorn – fell.

25/01704/FUL 2 Rectory Close Farndon Single storey side and rear extensions.

DECISIONS: None.

115.25. FINANCE. Resolved: that the payment of salaries and expenses, the payment of invoices for goods received and services rendered for June be approved and the receipts and balances be noted.

Proposed Cllr V Roberts Seconded Cllr P Roberts.

116.25. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS.

Received: correspondence, publications, and invitations.

i)Cheshire Community Action: Renewal invitation. **Resolved:** Noted that the Clerk had renewed.

ii)Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service: Advisory re caution during hot weekend weather (fire and open water). **Resolved:** Noted.

iii)Letter from resident forwarded raising concerns about footpath from Crewe Lane down onto A534. **Resolved:** Cllr Waddelove advised that he had requested the gate be replaced and had received confirmation that it would be actioned in this financial year.

iv)Request from Holt Council for respective Chairs, Clerks and Borough Councillors to consider a meeting to discuss a joint approach to the dangers posed by Holt and Farndon junctions on the A534 along with regular dialogue to work together on common issues. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to Holt Community Council Clerk confirming that Farndon Parish Council would be happy to meet and work collaboratively.

v)Complaint received regarding gents' public toilet being locked. **Noted:** Cllr Waddelove had raised with CWAC and would chase progress.

vi)PROW: CWaC 020 DMMO: Update on consultation. CWAC had advised that the consultation had resulted in two objections which they were in the process of going through and preparing a response to. If they were not withdrawn the case would then be referred to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). Objections were not publicised at this stage but if the matter went to a hearing or public enquiry, objections would be made available to any person wanting to inspect them. **Resolved:** Noted.

vii)CWaC Let's Talk About Transport in Cheshire West and Chester Consultation: Closing date 17 August 2025. **Resolved:** Noted. To be completed on an individual basis.

viii) Request from Farndon War Memorial Hall Committee to use Parish Council noticeboard. Cllrs V Roberts, P Roberts, P Fish declared an interest.

Resolved: Request denied to avoid setting a precedent for all other community interest groups wishing to do the same.

ix) Notice of 2025 Chester Marathon and Metric Marathon 5 October 2025.

Resolved: Noted.

117.25. HISTORY BOARD.

Cllr Dawson reported: The group continued to make good progress. **Resolved:** Cllr Rudd would look over the draft contract for the illustrator.

118.25 FARNDON COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Cllr Williams reported: Farndon Rocks had been very successful with £11k raised towards Project 28.

i) Request for Parish Council to consider paying 50% of cost of 6 x mowing and strimming of field excluding pitch: **Resolved:** Members agreed to pay 50% of £204 x 6 cuts.

119.25. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

Members inform the Clerk of any issues regarding highways and footpaths.

i) Overgrown hedge at Avondale: **Resolved:** As it was regularly raised, Clerk to report to CWaC to address as appropriate.

ii) St Chads: Concern raised re evidence of mole activity in the Remembrance Garden and by the cenotaph in the closed churchyard. Also, moss around church pathways: **Resolved:** Clerk to investigate and raise with appropriate personnel.

120.25. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING. Resolved: that the date and time of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at 7.30pm. To be held in Farndon War Memorial Hall. No meeting in August.