

Notes of the meeting of Farndon Parish Council on 14th October 2025

Present: Cllr H. Williams (Chairman), Cllr V. Roberts, Cllr P. Roberts, Cllr P. Fish, Cllr B. Hillyer, Cllr K. Davies, Cllr, P. Amphlett, Cllr A. Foster

Borough Cllr A. Waddelove

Members of the public: Mrs Gill Griggs, Mrs Kathy Davies, Mrs Barbara Bilbrough

Apologies: Cllr M. Rudd, Cllr G. Dawson, Cllr F. Henderson, Hon Cllr M. Jones, Claire Taylor (Clerk)

Declarations of interest: None

General Public Speaking Time:

1. Gill Griggs and Kathy Davies want to set up a recycling scheme for tablet blister packs in Farndon (these already exist in some other villages such as Tattenhall). They have researched companies and would like to use an independent family business which is based in Hull and already services Tattenhall and other Cheshire villages. Funding is needed to purchase the (6?) large cardboard boxes which will be placed in various locations around the village (indoors). A larger receptacle for emptying the boxes into will, with permission, be located at FCC, and the company collects from that location monthly. They have already requested £500 funding from Cllr Waddelove's councillor's budget and are seeking a further £500 from the Parish Council.
 - a. They were asked to provide details and costings for the scheme in writing, as it was unclear how much the scheme would cost to run and where they proposed the collection boxes would be.
 - b. They were asked to provide website and contact information to the Parish council (this was passed to the Chairman).
 - c. They were informed that any contribution from the Parish Council would have to be included in the budget procedure and would not be available until the new budget year in April 2026.
2. Barbara Bilbrough is concerned about the hedges overgrowing boundary walls on Barton Road between April Cottage and Lime Tree Drive. After considerable discussion, where the Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council has reported this issue to CWaC on many occasions, Mrs Bilbrough agreed that she would report her list of properties where the hedges need cutting back directly to CWaC. She also passed a copy of this list to the

Chairman for further action as appropriate. There was a general consensus that many people do not cut their hedges back to their boundary walls, which creates difficulty for pedestrians along this relatively narrow pavement.

Community Safety: nothing received from the PCSO.

- a. Cllr Waddelove drew our attention to a different system currently operating in Malpas Ward. The Police hold a cluster meeting every 3-4 months for all the Parish Councils in the Ward and it appears to be successful. The Parish Council agreed that he should try to set up something similar for Farndon Ward.

Borough Councillor's Report: Adrian was asked to email the Clerk directly with his report. Topics covered:

- a. Toilet block
- b. Vistry potential plans for the horse field – he would ask the developers to attend the November meeting .
- c. The petition relating to safety at the A534/Sibbersfield Lane junction, started by Beverley Davies of the Antiques Shop, was to be presented to CWaC Full Council on 16th October
- d. Rumours are abounding relating to the Ainscough development on Sibbersfield Lane. After a wide-ranging discussion, it was agreed that this would be fully covered in the Parish Council newsletter to ensure that information reached every household.

Minutes of the last meeting: proposed V. Roberts, seconded P. Fish.. Agreed

Clerk's report: noted.

Additionally, the Chairman said that efforts to arrange a joint meeting with Holt Community Council were ongoing but there was difficulty finding a mutually acceptable date.

Planning: noted

Ainscough and Vistry proposals had been discussed earlier in the meeting

Finance: Proposed P. Roberts seconded P. Fish Agreed

Correspondence, etc: all matters deferred to November meeting

History Board: nothing new to note at this time

Farndon Community Club (Centre?): nothing to report

Newsletter: Agreed that the two new proposed developments should be the main topic for this newsletter and that Cllr Rudd should be asked if he would draft this. Only other items noted were from Cllr Hillyer re Youth Club (still to be done) and Cllr V Roberts re Farndon Memorial Hall (already submitted). No deadline was set for contributions.

As the last newsletter was delivered late by the printers, the Chairman said she would check out others, including the printer used by FCC recently who had provided a very quick turnaround from receipt of the copy.

Christmas: date for Village Christmas Tree lighting noted 5th December and that the band would play. No volunteers for announcing the carols etc.

Standing consideration of Highways Matters: all items deferred to November meeting except

15/vi Reinstatement of Riverside path update. The Chairman read an email from Deborah Lack proposing to start the diversion order, but as there are currently a number ongoing around the Borough, this would take some time. Meanwhile she suggested creating a Permissive Path along the route of the formal diversion and blocking off the informal path that has been created along the clifftop.

Date of Next Meeting: November 4th at 7.30 pm