

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7.30PM in FARNDON WAR MEMORIAL
HALL**

Present: Cllr H Williams (Chair), Cllr F Henderson (Vice Chair), Cllr V Roberts, Cllr P Fish, Cllr P Amphlett, Cllr A Foster, Cllr P Roberts, Cllr G Dawson, Cllr B Hillyer, Cllr K Davies.

In attendance: Borough Cllr A Waddelove,

PART 1

138.25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs C Taylor, Clerk, Cllr M Rudd and Mrs M Jones. **Resolved: that the apologies be noted.**

139.25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

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

140.25. GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.

None present

141.25. COMMUNITY SAFETY.

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

i) Cllr Waddelove reported that he had come across PCSO McKevitt on The High Street and had taken the opportunity to raise the possibility of organising a thrice yearly catch up with Farndon Ward Parish councils which she had agreed to set up.

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142.25. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr A Waddelove was in attendance and reported:
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i) The CWAC/Wrexham Borough Council meeting regarding the A534 safety measures had been 'pushed back' to December.

ii) The petition regarding safety at the A 534/Sibbersfield Lane junction, which was to have been presented to CWaC Full Council in October, had been deferred to the December meeting at the request of Beverley Davies, who had initiated and co-ordinated the petition and was to present it.

iii) He and the MP have jointly written to the Secretary of State about various issues to do with the two proposed housing estates. He will share the reply if received.

iv) The barnyard, Marsh Lane : notice to quit has been served with 9 months to comply. Then to demolish within 12 months of this notice and 15 months to make the ground good.

Resolved: Noted.

143.25. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th October 2025 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr B Hillyer Seconded Cllr A Foster

144.25. CLERK'S REPORT.

Noted: No formal report. All updates circulated on email between meetings.

- i) Blister pack recycling: Further to residents raising the initiative at the October meeting members discussed further (cost, size of collection boxes, places to 'host' the boxes). **Resolved:** Cllr Henderson to investigate further and report back at the December meeting. Two companies to be investigated – MyGroup and TerraCycle
- ii) Cllr P Roberts proposed that we write to the CWaC Chief Executive to ask if they are going to proceed with adding blister pack recycling to the kerbside collection.
- iii) The question was also asked whether we could proceed with a joint project between the five councils in the Ward which are clerked by our Clerk if neither of the above proposals proceed. This would share the costs of the boxes and hopefully the locations for collection.

145.25. PLANNING.

Existing applications where decision is still awaited:

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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.

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

25/03070/NMA 2 Rectory Close Farndon Non-material amendment to planning permission **25/01704/FUL** to change the French doors to a fixed glazed panel on the rear elevation and change the fixed glazed panel to a sliding door on the side elevation.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

25/02915/FUL Deebank House High Street Farndon Re-erect greenhouse onto existing dwarf walls from the previously demolished greenhouse.

25/03068/FUL 3 Raven Close Farndon Single storey rear and side extension.

25/02512/FUL 6 Strawberry Close Farndon Erection of timber outbuilding adjoining side of dwelling and erection of boundary fence.

25/03298/PDQ conversion of barn at Lodge Farm, Worthenbury Road, to 6 dwellings – OBJECT on grounds that the access is on a very dangerous stretch of road with poor sightlines

25/03299/PDQ conversion of barn at Lodge Farm, Worthenbury Road, to 4 dwellings – OBJECT on grounds that the access is on a very dangerous stretch of road with poor sightlines

DECISIONS:

Approved: 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.

REFUSALS:24/00954 The Barnyard Marsh Lane Kings Marsh Chester CH3 6NG Retrospective planning application for conversion of existing building to a dwelling and construction of stable and manege. (Refusal decision issued 31 January 2025). PP- 12623460. Enforcement notice served with 9 months to comply.

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

Proposed Cllr V. Roberts Seconded Cllr H. Williams

Hard copy documents to be verified and countersigned at December meeting.

All councillors were asked to consider any projects for next year's budget and bring back to the December meeting.

147.25. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS.

Received: correspondence, publications, and invitations.

i) Cheshire Community Action: Notification of Community Building Network meeting and AGM 6 November 2025 and details of various funding opportunities. **Resolved:** Noted.

ii) Approach from Wrexham Round Table reference Santa float in Farndon.

Resolved: Agreed in principle. Clerk to clarify cost of £400 would be split /shared with Holt Community Council.

148.25. HISTORY BOARD.

Cllrs Dawson and P Roberts reported: Continues to progress. **Resolved:** Noted.

149.25 FARNDON COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Cllr Williams reported:

i) Building is believed to be undervalued for insurance, so new insurance quotes are being obtained. New valuation to be passed to the Clerk for the asset register to be updated

ii) Music fundraising quiz

iii) Cllr Hillyer was concerned that at the last Youth Club night, the gate to the MUGA, which should be opened only with a code, was already open. The

Chairman said she would pass this on with a suggestion that a fixed lock rather than a magnetic one be used.

- iv) Cllr Hillyer also reported that the Youth Club had received two bequests/grants: a bequest from the estate of Mrs Joyce Kehlenbeck and a grant from the Soapbox Derby, which together would enable the Youth Club to continue for another year.

151/25 CHRISTMAS TREES

The lighting up of main Christmas tree will be on Friday December 5th at 6.30pm, with Farndon Band and Santa in attendance. The small trees will be lit on or around 13th December, to preserve the batteries.

152.25. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

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

- i) Cllr Amphlett : The light on Crewe Lane, which was damaged in an accident some time ago (first lamppost on left turning in from main road) is still unrepaired, with the light itself missing. With the dark nights, repair is urgent on this narrow part of the road with cars parked down one side.
- ii) Cllr Hillyer: at the pedestrian entrance to the field at the Crewe Lane end one post is missing and another is snapped off, leaving a jagged piece above ground. Barnston Trust to be asked to repair/replace.
- iii) Cllr V Roberts: Hedge at The Twychooks. Could the Clerk please write to the Householders to request that they cut back the hedge to the line of the wall for the full length of the property, and specifically that the light on the corner of Church Lane which is currently overgrown by this hedge is kept clear at all times.
- iv) Cllr Henderson: some items have been fly tipped by the litter bin in the Top Farm car park. As CWaC empties the bin, could they be asked to remove the fly tipping.
- v) From October meeting: Condition of the Boardwalk;
Overgrown hedges;
Monument Place speed limit sign (Cllr V Roberts asked for this to be included on the list of projects for next year's budget – quote was received last year for raising it higher up the existing lamppost);
Quarry Hill play equipment (report that the "speaking" piece of equipment no longer works and would be very expensive to repair. Possibly replace this equipment – after discussion: add to projects list)
Relocation of dog-poo bin at Crewe Lane : after considerable discussion , it was suggested that it would be best to continue to collect from the Crewe Lane end, but that the Clerk to arrange a meeting with Streetscene to discuss.

153.25. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING. Resolved: that the date and time of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 7.30pm. To be held in Farndon War Memorial Hall.

