

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2025 AT 7.30PM in FARNDON WAR MEMORIAL
HALL**

Present: Cllr H Williams (Chair), (in part) 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, Hon Cllr Mrs M Jones.

In attendance: Borough Cllr A Waddelove, Mrs C Taylor, Clerk.

Members of the public: Mrs Gill Griggs, Mrs Kathy Davies.

PART 1

154.25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Rudd. **Resolved: that the apologies be noted.**

155.25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

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

156.25. GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.

Two members of the public, Mrs Griggs and Mrs Davies, attended to continue the discussion on potential blister pack collection. Discussion brought forward from Agenda item 7 (i).

Cllr Henderson gave a comprehensive report on the possible rollout of the initiative detailing how it would work and costs involved.

An exchange of views took place following which the two members of the public left the meeting and, with that, any decision on progression with members.

Resolved: Agreed by all members present: 12 boxes at a cost of £500 plus vat to be ordered by Cllr Henderson. Clerk to pay invoice on demand and to apply to Cllr Waddelove's Members Budget for the £500 pledged to the initiative. Cllr Waddelove to inform members of the public, Mrs Griggs, and Mrs Davies, of the agreed action.

Agenda item 163.25 (iv) was brought forward and discussed at this point of the meeting to facilitate Cllr Henderson having to leave the meeting early. Community Benefit Fund application from Farndon Primary School (circulated).

Resolved: Agreed to grant £200 to the school.

Cllr Henderson left the meeting.

157.25. COMMUNITY SAFETY.

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

i) Proposed significant reduction in PCSO numbers in Cheshire reported as expected.

ii) Government had announced the intention to remove the PCC role when the models existing terms ended May 2028.

iii) Cllr Waddelove reported that it was still the intention of PCSO McKevitt to hold a Farndon Ward 'cluster' meeting during the second week in January (details tbc).

Resolved: Noted.

158.25. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr A Waddelove was in attendance and reported:

i) CWAC/Wrexham Borough Council proposal to reduce the speed limit to 40mph on a considerable section of the A534 taking in the Holt and Farndon crossroads was a step in the right direction. Long term aim was for something a little more robust in the form of possible traffic lights or a roundabout.

ii) The petition regarding safety at the A 534/Sibbersfield Lane junction, was to be presented to CWaC Full Council the following week by Beverley Davies, who had initiated and co-ordinated the petition.

iii) Housing: No planning applications received to date.

iv) Chester Green Belt Alliance petition being circulated will push more houses into Farndon.

v) Malpas were 'pushing' another petition Green Field Belt Alliance covering Malpas, Tilston and Farndon and FPC members should expect an approach by Malpas.

vi) Farndon Public toilets: CWaC Streetcare had recently undertaken some grounds maintenance and had done a very thorough job. Cllr Waddelove would ascertain what level/frequency of service could be expected from them going forward.

vi) Overgrown hedges should be reported via the pathway recently instructed by CWAC Highways.

Resolved: Noted.

159.25. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th November 2025 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr P Fish Seconded Cllr P Amphlett

Noted: Clerk to write to Chief Executive (Minute 144.25 (ii). (Cllr P Roberts previously 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).

160.25. CLERK'S REPORT.

Noted: All updates circulated on email between meetings.

i) Blister pack recycling: Further discussed at Agenda item 3 Minute reference 156.25.

ii)Joint meeting with Holt Community Council: Cllr Williams reported: The meeting had been helpful and informative and she had been further invited to attend their next normal monthly meeting to which she had gone along to.

Wrexham Borough Council had agreed to continue the 40mph speed reduction scheme on the A534 all the way to the river (border) and this would hopefully be implemented at the same time as the CWaC 40 mph speed reduction scheme along the same stretch of the A534 on the other side of the border.

Their Clerk asked what Farndon Parish Councils view might be on extending the 20mph speed limit they had in force leading down to the bridge (over to Farndon High Street) on the Farndon side. Cllr Williams had agreed to raise it with Cllrs at the next PC meeting. Members discussed and were not in favour of any such reduction.

iii)Overgrown hedges on Barton Road: Dealt with at Minute 158.25 (vi).

iv)Riverside path conversion: The Clerk updated: The PROW Officer was looking to obtain a quote for clearance works. **Resolved:** The Clerk to enquire whether CWAC envisaged any charge to the Parish Council.

161.25. 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).

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

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

25/03298/PDQ Barn at Lodge Farm Worthenbury Road Crewe by Farndon Conversion of steel barn into 6 dwellings. (Comment made).

25/03299/PDQ Barn at Lodge Farm Worthenbury Road Crewe by Farndon Conversion of steel barn into 4 dwellings. (Comment made).

NEW APPLICATIONS: None.

DECISIONS:

Approved: **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.

Approved: **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.

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

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

Enforcement: **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. To note reinforcement notice served 4 November 2025 to take effect 4 December 2025.

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

Proposed Cllr V. Roberts Seconded Cllr P. Roberts

Resolved:

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

a) 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).

b) Quarry Hill play equipment (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).

ii) Clerk to arrange a date for Finance Sub-Committee to meet to draft budget and precept recommendation.

Noted iii) A further £3731.48 Community Infrastructure Levy received from CWaC.

163.25. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS.

Received: correspondence, publications, and invitations.

i) Request from Vistry Group (reference Land off Barton Road) to attend 6 January 2026 meeting to present to members under Part 2.

Resolved: Agreed.

ii) Request from Tilston speed watch group coordinator to use community speed gun once training requirements met.

Resolved: Noted that Tilston now had a training session booked with PCSO. Clerk would co-ordinate handover of speed gun.

iii) Letter from resident regarding housing and planning (circulated).

Resolved: Noted and Cllr Dawson thanked for some interesting data she had circulated.

iv) Community Benefit Fund application from Farndon Primary School (circulated). This item was discussed at the beginning of the meeting after blister pack item to facilitate Cllr Henderson having to leave the meeting early. **Resolved:** Agreed to grant £200 to the school.

v) Connections Event: Get Cheshire West Moving Strategy: Feedback. **Resolved:** Noted that Cllr Fish had attended this event and the Clerk had circulated slides.

vi) Chester Green Belt Alliance petition circulating: **Resolved:** Noted.

vii) Allotments: Request received (and responded to by the Clerk) from CWaC Property Asset Manager for a copy of TR1 to update their records (original lease / handover document from CWaC). **Resolved:** Noted. Clerk to forward background papers to Cllr V Roberts for information.

viii) Defibrillators: Voluntary recall on HeartSine Samaritan Pad-Paks (circulated to custodians). **Resolved:** Noted. Cllr Amphlett reported that she had checked her equipment situated externally at the doctors and that all was in order. Cllr Foster to take over custodianship of this equipment temporarily and with immediate effect to cover short term absence of Cllr Amphlett.

ix) ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England): Details of Village halls small grants fund (circulated). **Resolved:** Noted.

- x) Complaint regarding parking on yellow lines outside pharmacy. **Resolved:** Cllr Waddelove reported that he had raised this through the appropriate channels and that there would be some enforcement actions going forward.
- xi) Request from Crewe by Farndon Chapel for help to obtain clarification regarding any necessary planning permissions required for an illuminated sign. **Resolved:** Noted that the Clerk had requested advice from CWaC Planning on behalf of the Chapel and they had responded to the effect that planning permission would need to be sought unless the sign was just seasonal (e.g. for Christmas).

164.25. HISTORY BOARD.

Cllrs Dawson and P Roberts reported: No further progress to report. **Resolved:** Noted.

165.25 FARNDON COMMUNITY CENTRE. Cllr Williams reported:

- i) Music fundraising quiz had been a success.
- ii) Burns Night planned for January.

166.25 CHRISTMAS.

Reaffirmed: The lighting up of main village Christmas tree to be on Friday December 5th at 6.30pm, with Farndon Brass Band and Santa in attendance. The small street trees already placed in situ but to be lit on 12th December, to preserve the batteries. Wrexham Round Table Santa Float to pass through Farndon approximately 6.15pm on 12th December with route and stops to be confirmed.

Resolved: Clerk to advertise on village Facebook pages. Cllr V Roberts to take copies of carol sheets along to the tree lighting on the 5th.

167.25. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

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

- i) Light reported as being 'out' on High Street next to Top Farm car park in direction of Chemist. **Resolved:** Clerk to report.

168.25. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING. **Resolved:** that the date and time of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 7.30pm. To be held in Farndon War Memorial Hall.