

THE MINUTES OF FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on 17/03/2026 at Farringdon Village Hall 7.30pm

Chair J H opened meeting at 7.30pm

1. **Attendees** *Chair J Hutchings, Cllr. B Pearce, Cllr J Bird, Cllr A Fletcher
Clerk Mrs A Sayers, 1 member of the public*
2. **Apologies of absence** *Parish Cllr J Chanot, District Cllr. P Fearnley*
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda** *none*
4. **Questions from the Public (15 minutes only)** *none*
5. **Reports** – *chair read out key points of report from Cty Cllr Henry Gent.
These included*
 - *DCC Budget for 2026/27 DCC’s council tax precept will increase by 4.99% which represents an additional £89.91 for band D properties.*
 - *Local Government Re organization consultation (LGR) 26th March is the final date of consultation. HG advises that most people in Broadclyst Division do not like the idea of being in a Greater Exeter authority .*
6. **Report from Chair** *none*
7. **To confirm the Minutes of the PC meeting 03/02/26** *The PC unanimously confirmed the minutes 03/02/2026 and chair JH signed off*
8. **Planning** –
 - a) **26/0239/FUL Proposal: proposed store building**
Location: 4 New Buildings Farringdon EX5 2HZ
Applicant: Mr J Rourke, 4 New Buildings Farringdon EX5 2HZ. *PC reviewed application and had no concerns*
 - b) **Any other planning matters** *none*
9. **Parish Council Matters**
 - a. **Parishioner Concerns-**
 - *Residents raised concerns regarding recent fly tipping in Farringdon (eg sofas abandoned in fields)*
 - *Cllr JB raised concerns about a vehicle which was abandoned and set on fire in Lay bye. PC agreed this should be officially reported (if no one else had not already done so) Cllr JB to follow up.*
 - *Also the appalling state of the A3052 lay bye road surface requires urgent attention. Cllr JB advised he would contact Cty Cllr HG to see if he could advise of best Highways person to contact. (The PC understood Frances Caveny James was no longer the HNO for Farringdon).*
 - b. **LGR consultation closes 26 March** *The PC overall would prefer the status quo. The PC unanimously agreed that in no circumstances did they wish to see Farringdon become part of Greater Exeter. Clerk to respond to consultation and report this.*
 - c. **Any other Parish Council Matters**
 - *Cllr JC had reported poor road conditions nr Denbow Cross. TS advised that they had undertaken road repairs recently in that area.*
 - *Clerk advised that Tarmac had been emailing with night working notice, though sometimes the notice had not been submitted till very close to when the night working was to take place..*

10. Finance

a. HSBC Statements , receipts, received & payments made

Statement 03/01/26 – 02/02/26 (Sheet no. 448)

	Paid Out	Paid In	
02/01/26 BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD			13,539.70
13/01/26 BP Local Auth Tec CC	378.00		13,161.70
Parishes Online Jan			
28/01/2026 S O Sayers S A	566.88		12,594.82
02/02/2026 Payroll4Business	10.00.....		12,584.82
02/02/26 BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD			£12,584.82

Statement 03/02/26 – 03/03/26 (Sheet no. 449)

	Paid Out	Paid In	
02/02/26 BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD			12,584.82
02/03/2026 S O Sayers S A	566.88		
02/03/2026 S O Payroll4Business	10.00.....		12,007.94
02/03/2026 BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD			£12,007.94

FPC reviewed both bank statements no concerns

b. Payments to be made against invoices received clerk advised that due to the NI threshold being lowered the clerk's salary HMRC had issued a payment invoice £176.76 . PC agreed payment Clerk also advised that D Smale £60 February invoice for bus shelter cleaning had been paid. PC agreed

c. Any other Financial Matters none

11. **Matters Arising** none

12. **Items At Chairmans Discretion** none

13. **Confirmation of next PC meeting** PC agreed next PC meeting
Tuesday 14 April 2026 Chair closed meeting 8.45pm

Parish Clerk

NOTICE FROM FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

CALLING ALL GARDEN DESIGNERS! THE PC WOULD LIKE TO ENHANCE THE A3052 LAY BYE AREA WITH IDEAS FOR PLANTING . THIS WOULD BE A COMMUNITY PROJECT. ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING THE PC PLEASE EMAIL THE CLERK: clerk@farringdondevonparishcouncil.gov.uk

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POTHoles, ROAD OBSTRUCTIONS AND ANY OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO ROAD CONDITIONS. Please do not contact the Parish Clerk regarding the above. The correct contact number is Devon Highways on

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

Tel 0345 155 100

[Roads and transport | Devon County Council](#)

REPORTING NOISE, BAD SMELLS AND ODOURS

If you are concerned about noise, or a bad smell or odour you should contact both the Environment Agency and the EDDC Environmental Health (who have a 24 hour reporting service)

Environment Agency Hotline 0800807060

EDDC Environmental Health – During working hours 01395517457

– During out of hours 01395 516854

Please call at the time you are experiencing this

In addition ics@environment-agency.gov.uk

- 1) name, address, or post code or phone contact#
- 2) where suspected noise or smell is coming from
- 3) when noise or smell first noticed
- 4) rate noise or smell 1 (low) - 6 (high)
- 5) weather conditions (if known)
- 6) if residence, can you smell odour or hear the noise from inside the house with windows opened, with Windows closed.

The following operators have agreed their details can be published in The Flyer so that any issues that parishioners can be raised direct as well as reported to EA/EDDC etc.

Farringdon Parish Councillor Jane Chanot is the PC Representative on the Hill Barton Liason Committee. Her mobile number is 07783 004688 parishioners may contact her with any concerns

Operator Contact Details:

Coastal Organics (Deep Moor LF Ltd) - reports@coastaluk.co.uk;

- Glyn Brooke (Brooke Energy) - Office: 01823 242555 & Mobile: 07971280360;
- Jack Stuart (EMS) – 07814 731526;
- Tom Stuart (Wash Plant) – 07811 190710;
- Troy Stuart – 07976 700555;
- Tarmac - Weekday telephone number 01395 232739 - Evening/ Weekend number 07483 955871 (Plant normal operating hours are Monday to Friday 0530 – 1500)

WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF A FLOOD

In the event of a flood, there are many authorities available to help. Below outlines who should be contacted for the various types of flooding incidents and emergencies that occur. The local authorities rely on information reported to them to inform any investigations and prioritisation of investment. If it is an emergency and there is danger to life as a result of flooding, you should not hesitate to call 999

To report flooding of the highway and blocked drains contact Devon County Council's Highway Customer Service Centre on 0345 155 1004 or visit the Roads and Transport webpage. Office hours are Monday to Friday 8am – 8pm and Saturdays 9am – 1pm. For emergencies outside of these hours call 01392 383329 For any flooding on major trunk roads (the M5, A30, A38, A35 and A303) contact the Highways Agency on 0300 123 5000 (24 hour service)

To report flooding from sewers and water pipes contact South West Water on 0344 346 2020 (24 hour service)

For enquiries about flood warnings contact the Environment Agency's Floodline on 0345 988 1188 (24 hour service)

For general enquiries about Main River or flooding from the sea contact the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506

For all other flooding enquiries contact the Devon County Council Flood Risk Management Team on 0345 155 1015 or email floodrisk@devon.gov.uk

Preparing for a flood

Please refer to Devon County Council and Environment Agency web pages for advice on what to do before, during and after a flood. In the first instance of flooding and sandbag requests contact your local District or Parish Council to be directed to any local sandbag supplies that may be available.

Sign up to flood warnings: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

Flood Alert: Flooding is possible. Be prepared.

Flood Warning: Flooding is expected. Immediate action required.

Severe Flood Warning: Severe flooding. Danger to life

Warnings no longer in force: No further flooding is currently expected

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