

THE MINUTES OF FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 03/12/2024 7.30pm at Farringdon Village Hall

Chair J Hutchings, opened meeting 7.30pm

1. Attendees *Chair J Hutchings, Cllr J Chanot, Vice Chair, Cllr J Bird, Cllr B Pearce, Clerk Mrs A Sayers, several members of the public present*

2. Apologies of absence *Cllr. A Fletcher District Cllr P Fearnley Cty Cllr. H Gent*

3. Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda *-none*

4. Questions from the Public – 15 minutes allowed *(nb this is not minuted)*

5. PC to approve the minutes of the PC meeting 22/10/24 *unanimously approved. Chair JH signed off*

6. Reports

7. Planning –

a. 24/2346/CPE Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing) Application.

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for an existing use of storage buildings, containers and vehicles Location: The Old Quarry Farringdon EX5 2HZ

PC reviewed the documents associated with 24/2346/CPE. The PC accepts the existing use of storage over 10 years. . The PC raised concerns that in addition to the historic use of "storage" the applicant appears to be seeking to extend this to "maintenance of cars, bikes, motorhomes and boats," which is not historic.

b. 24/2473/TRE Proposal: Cedar reduce crown laterally to the north by 3m, east by 3m, and south by 1.5m Applicant: Mr Richard Cord, East Clyst, The Drive Farringdon EX5 2JD Location : East Clyst, The Drive Farringdon EX5 2JD *PC has no concerns*

c. 24/1203/COU Proposal: Change of use from agricultural to commercial storage (Class B8). Applicant: Mr Sam Slade, Rosamondford Farm, Perkins Village EX5 2JG Location: Vacant Chicken Shed, Rosamondford Farm Perkins Village EX5 2JG

PC raised same concerns as previously:-

-- The lane is far too narrow. It is unclassified and single track with a lack of passing places

-There is already a current problem with damage done to the road and an increase of large commercial vehicles will only exacerbate the issue

-Totally unsuitable size in any way for large commercial vehicles would endanger local residents use of the lane

- Dangerous visibility splay

- all of the above make this a totally unsuitable location for B8 storage and distribution use.

This application must be refused.

d.Update on Local Plan Consultation- *Cllr J C advised that according to Strategic Planning this had been pushed back by a couple of months until confirmation of the new NPPF is received.*

e. Any other planning matters *none*

8. Parish Council Matters

a. Parishioner Concerns

- residents had raised concerns regarding the very strong lights of the Circus top situated at Greendale. Cllr JB advised that these had also caused an Aviation Safety concern. The owners will be officially notified to lower the lights or they would be in Contravention of an Air Safety Traffic Order.

-Cllr J B advised that he would be attending the upcoming HB meeting in the place of Cllr JC who is unable to attend. Cllr JC queried the lagoon top that had been installed.

-Chair JH advised that he had been in contact with the chair of Woodbury PC re the possibility of sharing a lengths man services with other parish councils. Clerk is to contact Woodbury PC to discuss.

b. Review of Parishes Online *Clerk advised that she had attended a zoom meeting run by Parish Helper to outline the process for parish councils to move forward to a.gov.uk domain and email . Nigel*

Dutt had carried out much research into this and advised the PC that the best service on offer was by Parishes Online. Nigel had communicated with several other local clerks including Woodbury who gave positive feedback. The government is offering a one off grant £100 towards the process but this must be taken up by late January 2024. The annual cost to the PC of the service is approx. £400. (increase of approx. £200 on Chess) The government will require all parish councils to have a .gov.uk site eventually. The PC thanked Nigel for all his work and unanimously agreed with his recommendation Parishes Online as the server. Clerk to liase with ND and to contact Parishes Online

c. Any other Parish Council Matters Re A3052 road signs- clerk advised that the parish Highways Officer Frances Caveney-James had confirmed receipt of photos and advised that she will arrange for the left over work signs to be collected, and an order has been placed for the village centre sign and directional sign to be sorted,

9. Finance

a. HSBC bank statement and receipts received & payments made– PC to review and approve (sheet no 433)

FPC reviewed HSBC Bank statement sheet no 433

	Paid Out	Paid In	Balance
02/10/24 BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD			13,624.89
12/10/24 BP Darren Smale			
Bus Shelter Clean	60.00		13,564.89
23/10/24 DR Total Charges			
To 01 OCT 2024	5.00		13,559.89
28/10/24 SO Sayers S A	450.02		13,109.87
01/11/24 SO Payroll4Business	10.00		13,099.87
02/11/24 BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD			13,099.87
No concerns raised. FPC unanimously approved			

b. Payments to be made against invoices received- none

c. Precept 2025/26

Clerk advised that the national Joint Council for Local Government Services had come to an agreement for a pay award £1290 for parish clerks. Applicable from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025. PC unanimously agreed the increase

A Precept of £10,933.00 was unanimously agreed by the PC for 2025/2026 .

The Precept has remained the same as 2024 apart from :-

- 2025 Parishes Online £400 (2024 Chess Broadband £250.00)
- 2025 Clerk’s salary and expenses increase

10. Any other business none

11. Items at Chairman’s discretion none

12. Confirmation of next PC meeting parish clerk PC confirmed next PC meeting Tuesday 14 January 2025. The PC wished all Farringdon residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Chair closed meeting at 9pm.

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