

THE MINUTES OF FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 11/11/2025 at Farringdon Village Hall 7.30PM

Chair J Hutchings opened meeting at 7.40pm

1 Attendees *Chair J Hutchings , Vice Chair J Chantot , Cllr B Pearce , Cllr A Fletcher, Clerk A Sayers, 1 member of the public present.*

2. Apologies of absence *Parish Cllr J Bird, Dst Cllr E Rylance , Dst.Cllr P Fearnley, Cty Cllr Nat Vanstone*

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

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

5. Reports . *Chair JH read out key points in report submitted by Cllr J Bird who attended the recent CPRE meeting .*

“-The Holsworthy 2700 acre solar park which is being proposed by Central Government would be one of the biggest in the country. Galileo are the company involved. . Over 300 people attended including Cllrs Peter Faithfull and Roy Cross from EDDC. The local MP spoke at length about the travesty of this and how it would ruin the area .As a KC he is going to pull together a legal team to fight alongside the CPRE (which even took CPRE by surprise). The area would be 11sqkm with 1.2 million panels covering the area plus the large battery storage unit or units which would be very big. It is thought that when this solar farm ceases operations 30-40 years possibly, (given that today there are limited resources to recycle solar panels,) by today’s costs it is estimated it be £30 million to clear the site and restore it etc. The message is to ensure existing brownfield sites are used, incorporate as standard into any building planning, domestic and commercial, and add to existing buildings IF solar is to be used

.(Clerk confirmed that Annual Payment had been made for FPC CPRE membership) Both Cllrs E Rylance and P Fernley advised that Local Government Re organization was taking priority. No clarity yet on the Local Government Review. Several proposals have been put forward to central government but none have been decided on yet.

6 Report from the Chair- *none*

7. PC to approve the minutes of the Farringdon PC meeting 07/10/2025

PC reviewed and unanimously approved PC minutes 07/10/25. Chair signed off.

8. Planning –

a) no planning applications to review

b) Any other planning matters *none*

9. Parish Council Matters

a. Parishioner Concerns –

Residents had contacted Cllr J Bird re a number of concerns. These included:-

*-Farringdon House residents are finding it difficult regarding the lack of the Stagecoach bus service The PC advised that for other possible transport solutions to contact -Ring and Ride Broadclyst and -Freed on wheels (take people to hospital etc).clerk to contact Dist Cllrs ER and PF for suggestions
-Resident raised query as to why in a recent media article, the NP formulated between Clyst St Mary & Sowton appears to be taken more seriously than the Farringdon NP. PC had not seen any evidence of this. Clerk advised that all funding for Neighbourhood Plans had now been withdrawn.*

- The PC unanimously agreed the EDDC Local Plan will take strategic precedence and this would make no difference to Farringdon.

- Resident raised concern regarding unacceptable noise from the new energy plant particularly noisy at night. TS advised the PC that ongoing investigations into solutions for this were being undertaken. Possible solutions were complex.

2 new seals had been put on and for the same tonnager per hour it reduced some noise but by not enough. They were investigating whether the stack diameter could be reduced. They were also investigating the possibility of a taller stack & silencers but this would require planning . Investigative work is ongoing to find a solution..

b. Any other Parish Council Matters- none

10. Finance

a. HSBC bank statement & receipts received & payments made–PC to review & approve

FPC reviewed HSBC Bank statement sheet no 445 and approved

02/10/25 BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD **15,414.34**

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b. Payments to be approved against invoices received-

D Smale Invoice Bus Shelter Cleaning November 2025 £60 *PC Approved*

Clerk confirmed 11/11 25 direct debit Annual Payment £84 had been set up for CPRE Membership – *PC approved*

c. Any other Financial Matters none

11. Matters Arising- none

12. Items at Chairman's Discretion - none

13. Confirmation of next PC meeting - PC agreed next meeting to be on 09/12/25.

Chair closed meeting at 8.45pm

Parish Clerk