FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held on Tuesday 07/07/2026 at Farringdon Village Hall

Chair J Hutchings opened meeting at 7.30pm

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

2. Apologies of absence *,District Cllr P Fearnley sent apologies*

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. *Vice Chair JC submitted an informal notes report on the recent HB Liason Meeting and advised the PC on major points. The next HB meeting is January 2027. Cllr B Pearce read out report from Bishops Clyst Traffic Meeting – (*see 9a PC concerns for further info)*

6. Report From Chair-*Chair JH read out letter received from David Reed MP in response to the FPC letter*

7. PC to approve the minutes of the PC meeting held 09/06/26 *PC approved chair signed off.*

.**8. Planning –**

a) 26/11/0/AGR Proposal: agricultural storage building; Location: Linhayes Farringdon EX5 2JE Applicant: Mr N Berisford Linhayes Farringdon – *The PC reviewed . No concerns re the agricultural building. Concerns were raised over the lack of drainage and resultant flooding to neighbours property. It is understood the EA had recently attended the site to investigate. Action Clerk*

b)26/1106/AGR Proposal: proposed extension to existing agricultural storage building. Location: Linhayes Farringdon EX5 2JE. Applicant Mr N Berisford, Linhayes, Farringdon *The PC reviewed No concerns re the building extension. Concerns were raised over the lack of drainage and resultant flooding to neighbours property. Action Clerk*

The PC agreed a site visit would be useful in order to assess the situation fully. PC to action

c) DCC /4255/2021 withdrawal notice *FPC noted*

d)DCC /4470/2026 Rock Solid Planning Application

The PC reviewed this application and had several major concerns

1.Huge increase in vehicle movements –

At the recent Hill Barton Liason Meeting we were told there would be an increase from moving 60-65 tonnes to 150 tonnes and that current vehicle movements are 16 -20 movements per day, which would increase by 2.5 times to 40 – 50 movements per day THIS IS A MASSIVE INCREASE.

2.Increase of Workload Resulting in extra working hours-If RS are going to increase the workload it may well result in full weekend working to make up for the bank holidays. Particularly when it will affect residents using their gardens most such as the Easter through to May bank holidays and August/Christmas bank holidays . They already work a long working day from 7am – 6pm when working fully..

3. Increase in vehicles Extra Noise- The substantial increase in large commercial vehicle movements will increase the noise to residents substantially. Why are there deliveries from out of county Bridgewater and St Denis to get rid of their waste. Surely they be kept within their own counties? Particularly for their carbon footprint
4. Proximity to residential homes- inaccurate
The application makes no mention of Denbow (to the north-east 400m) at all and only refers to there being "no residential areas located near to the plant or on the access road between it and the A3052 (other than 2 dwelling s on the east side of the estate some 350 m south-west of the site and a small collection of dwellings 325 metres south-east of the site, with line of sight entirely blocked by intervening landform of the land raise activity"……..
5.Dust
Increasing production increases large vehicular movement. This will inevitably only cause more significant dust impact and noise pollution for nearby residents which is a justifiable concern. Complaints to the EA are still ongoing from nearby residents regarding the existing production quantities already on site. Photographs and videos of dust pollution have been provided to the EA as evidence. The dust correlates to the audible activity of diggers on site (machine bucket activity, reversing sensors, machine horns being used). The existing mitigation measures are not working in practice and properties are still being adversely affected by dust from the current operation Action clerk

e).Any other planning matters *none*

9. Parish Council Matters

a. Parishioner Concerns- * *Cllr B Pearce read out the recent Bishops Clyst Traffic & Parking Group report. The PC agreed that a request should be made to David Reed MP to lobby to have a roundabout at the junction on the A3052 at Crealy Great Adventure Park and opposite Hill Barton. This would slow down traffic and increase the safety of families trying to cross the A3052 to access Crealy Cllr J Bird also requested that the PC investigates Solar road signs to slow traffic –*
- FOI request from Vision Zero Southwest &DRC for figures from temporary camera trailer situated at the Cat & Fiddle car Park the day before the Devon County Show. The PC would like to know what the figures were for speeding and any other counting along the road. Data Request from PC - Action clerk
-Resident raised very serious concerns yet again regarding overdevelopment and continuing 24 hour commercial activity at Rose Cottage resulting in lack of amenity due to noise and disturbance. The PC understands that the enforcement officer S Sartain is dealing with the matter but it appears that no enforcement has been implemented yet.

b. Any other Parish Council Matters *none*

10. Finance

a. HSBC Statements for both accounts, receipts received & payments made.
Statement 03/06/26 – 02/07/26 (Sheet no. 453 reviewed and approved)
Paid Out Paid In

02/06/26 BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		***14,936.85***
29/06/2026 S O Sayers S A	*566.88*	*14,369.97*
01/07/2026 Payroll4Business	*10.00……*	*14,359.97*
02/07/26 BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		***£14,359.97***

b. Payments to be made against invoices received-

Invoice 28/06/26 Annual Internal Audit Mrs J Clarke £ 65 PC approved
Invoice 07/07/26 L1190 Mrs S A Sayers Expenses £135.00 PC approved
Invoice 31/06/26 L1188 Mrs S A Sayers Expenses £65.20 PC approved
Invoice 01/07/16 L1189 Mrs S A Sayers Expenses £129.24. PC approved

c Annual Return Internal Audit Report *Chair JH read out Internal Audit Report. Main points-*

1 The PC is to publish an IT policy to meet Assertion 10 requirements
2. Budget for coming year to be published as soon as possible
3 The council should develop , approve and publish a publication scheme
4 All parish councils should be members of the Information Commissioners Office . 4 Recommend the clerk speak to the ICO regarding membership
5 At the next PC meeting the council must clarify the clerk's home working allowances, payment of expenses and travel expenses and record in the minutes and reflected by updating the clerk's employment contract

d Clerk to confirm certificate of exemption received *clerk confirmed*

e. Any other Financial Matters -*none*

11. Matters Arising- *none*

12. Items at Chairman's Discretion *none*

13. Confirmation of next PC meeting *PC agreed 8 September 2026*

Chair closed meeting at 9.00pm

Parish Clerk