

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 2025 AT 7.30PM in FARNDON WAR MEMORIAL HALL**

Present: Cllr H Williams (Chair), Cllr F Henderson, Cllr K Davies, Cllr V Roberts, Cllr B Hillyer, Cllr A Foster, Cllr P Roberts, Cllr P Amphlett, Cllr G Dawson, Mrs M Jones.
In attendance: Borough Cllr A Waddelove and Mrs C Taylor, Clerk.

PART 1

94.25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P Fish, Cllr M Rudd, Mr E Barnston.

Resolved: that the apologies be noted.

95.25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

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

96.25. GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME. Nothing raised.

97.25. COMMUNITY SAFETY.

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

Cllr V Roberts requested that the Clerk write to PC Gardner to ask if he would like the Police comments box from the Post Office back.

Noted: Clerk had asked PCSO to attend the meeting as requested at the May meeting.

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98.25. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr A Waddelove was in attendance and reported:
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i)Rats: He had raised residents concern with CWaC and circulated their response to members to inform advice/feedback to complainants. Any further concerns should be reported to the Clerk.

ii)Sibbersfield Lane speed limit: Signage was in situ and 50mph limit was to be implemented 6 June.

iii)Deployment of speed gun on Barton Road: Clarification was awaited. **Resolved:** Clerk to ask PCSO if a fixed location along Barton Road could be approved to deploy the speed gun.

iv)Safety Issues Crossroads A534: There were promising potential resolutions coming out of the cross-border review being conducted between CWaC and Wrexham Borough Council.

v) Devolution: There was to be a legally binding vote held in July.

vi) End of year Council financial report: A £3.5m overspend had been reported meaning the Council had had to dip into reserves, reducing the savings account to below the minimum threshold.

Resolved: Noted.

99.25. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 6th May 2025 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr V Roberts Seconded Cllr A Foster.

100.25. CLERK'S REPORT.

Resolved: that the clerk's report be noted.

i) Newsletter: Becoming repetitive - Future editions need to be more interesting with more interaction/contributions from members. **Resolved:** to review continuation after next edition.

101.25. 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).

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.

24/01630/FUL Land at Barton Road Farndon Chester Change of use to a camp site for up to 15 tents trailer tents for 60 days a year.

25/00988/FUL Marsh House Marsh Lane Kings Marsh Chester Construction of a roofed Farm Yard Manure Store, replacement works to the Concrete Yard area.

25/01020/FUL Marsh House Marsh Lane Kings Marsh Chester To construct building to cover existing silage clamp.

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

NEW APPLICATIONS:

25/01476/CAT Brewery Garage Churton Road Farndon 1 x Sycamore – fell. 1 x Hawthorn – fell.

25/01088/FUL Dandelions Day Nursery Chester Road Churton by Farndon Installation of modular classroom unit.

DECISIONS: Approved: 21/00882/FUL Lewis' of Farndon The Gateway High St Farndon Retractable awning over enclosed patio.

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

Proposed Cllr V Roberts Seconded Cllr P Roberts.

103.25. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS.

Received: correspondence, publications, and invitations.

i)Phase 2 changes to kerbside recycling service: Details circulated to all on email. Apart from a few exceptions all households who still used the old system of boxes for recycling would be migrating to the red and blue topped black bins.

ii)Severn Trent update on Farndon Bridge works: Advisory update had been circulated to all members and Severn Trent had written to residents.

iii)TTRO for Deva Triathlon 31 May/1 June 2025. Resolved: Noted.

iv)Town and Parish Connections Online meeting: Planning held 22 May 2025. Cllr Williams had provided feedback.

v) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL): The Clerk had been requested to complete and return a 2024/25 CIL report to CWaC. The report confirms the amount of any levy spent/still unspent.

vi)History Board Group correspondence/progress: Various costing options were explained.

Resolved: Members were happy with the supplier options outlined. The Parish Council had pledged £2k towards the project with an additional £500 only if necessary. Barnston Estate had also granted £500. The group could go ahead with commissioning works on this basis. If it were to cost over £3k the group would have to come back to members to further discuss. The group would invite Michael Barnston to unveil the board.

104.25. FARNDON COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Cllr Williams reported: A reopening celebration on the evening of 10 May had been held to which all fundraisers, supporters, residents, and user groups had been invited. The next big and main event was Farndon Rocks Band and Beer Festival 6 and 7 June.

i)Mound to the left of the scout hut becoming overgrown and hampering residents' ability to cut the back face of their hedges. Resolved: Cllr Williams to make enquiries and report back at next meeting.

105.25. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

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

i)Verge at junction of Sibbersfield Lane/B5130 reported as overgrown and impacting sightlines. Resolved: Noted.

ii)Hedge cuttings in ditch behind Meadow Close: Noted: Resident happy with CWaC response confirming that their operatives would remove the cuttings.

iii)Broken stile reported in field by riverside chalets: Resolved: Clerk to inform/forward photograph to Barnston Estate.

iv) Quarry Court residents complaint about street lighting raised: Resolved: Cllr Hillyer to advise that they should contact Sanctuary Housing as it was their responsibility.

v)Report of street lighting on Church Lane being impeded by Twychooks trees/hedging. Resolved: Clerk to report to CWaC.

vi)Head of lamp post on Crewe Lane reported as not having been replaced following damage caused by a car collision. Resolved: Clerk to report.

106.25. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING. Resolved: that the date and time of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st July 2025 at 7.30pm. To be held in Farndon War Memorial Hall.

