

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 6th JANUARY 2026 AT 7.30PM in FARNDON WAR MEMORIAL HALL**

Present: Cllr H Williams (Chair), Cllr F Henderson (Vice Chair), Cllr V Roberts, Cllr M Rudd, Cllr P Roberts, Cllr G Dawson, Cllr B Hillyer.

In attendance: Borough Cllr A Waddelove, and Mrs C Taylor, Clerk.

Members of the public: Mr E Barnston, Mr P Griffiths.

Prior to this Part 1 session Members held, as in brought forward on the agenda, a Part 2 session Minuted as Item 17.26.

PART 1

1.26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P Fish, Cllr P Amphlett, Cllr A Foster, Cllr K Davies, Hon Cllr Mrs M Jones. **Resolved: that the apologies be noted.**

2.26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

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

3.26. GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.

Ed Barnston reported: The village Christmas tree had now been taken down and the Top Farm Christmas event had been very successful and it was the intention to repeat next year with a marquee or similar available to accommodate any inclement weather. There had been an attempted break in at the farm and police had been informed.

4.26. COMMUNITY SAFETY.

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

i) A proposed significant reduction in PCSO numbers in Cheshire had now been confirmed and the progression of the proposed Ward cluster meeting was therefore now uncertain.

Resolved: Noted.

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5.26. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr A Waddelove was in attendance and reported:
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i) The CWAC consultation on the proposal to reduce the speed limit to 40mph on a considerable section of the A534 taking in the Farndon crossroads was now closed and Cllr Waddelove had requested acceleration to put the lower limit into place as soon as possible.

ii) The petition regarding safety at the A 534/Sibbersfield Lane junction had been presented to CWaC Full Council by Beverley Davies, who had initiated and co-ordinated the petition.

iii) No. 5 bus service: The late evening service on a Saturday and Sunday had initially been well used but this had not been sustained with 'use it or lose it' being the implication.

iv) Bollards on Church Lane: Still missing but 'chased up'.

v) Grit bins: There were currently 3 (2 PC owned ones at Top Farm car park and outside The Hare and 1 Memorial Hall owned one in their car park). All in need of refilling or topping up. **Resolved:** 1 tonne grit delivery to be ordered by Cllr Henderson to service all 3.

6.26. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd December 2025 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr V Roberts Seconded Cllr P Roberts

7.26. CLERK'S REPORT.

Noted: All updates circulated on email between meetings.

i) Blister pack recycling: Cllr Henderson gave an update. Three boxes were now in situ (with 9 spares) and the initiative underway.

ii) Boardwalk repairs: Reactive ad hoc repairs were becoming more frequent, draining current ring fenced resources when the required action was becoming a more radical proactive replacement of whole sections, potentially more.. **Resolved:** Clerk to make some initial enquiries (CHALC, CCA, CWaC and local contractor).

iii) Overgrown hedge at Twychooks: **Resolved:** Clerk to report to CWaC as letter from Parish council requesting cut back had not prompted any response.

8.26. 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).

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

NEW APPLICATIONS: None.

DECISIONS:

Approved: 25/02915/FUL Deebank House High Street Farndon Re-erect greenhouse onto existing dwarf walls from the previously demolished greenhouse.

Prior Approval Requires Permission: 25/03298/PDQ Barn at Lodge Farm Worthenbury Road Crewe by Farndon Conversion of steel barn into 6 dwellings. (Comment made).

Prior Approval required and refused:25/03299/PDQ Barn at Lodge Farm Worthenbury Road Crewe by Farndon Conversion of steel barn into 4 dwellings. (Comment made).

Enforcement: 24/00954 The Barnyard Marsh Lane Kings Marsh Chester CH3 6NG Retrospective planning application for conversion of existing building to a dwelling and construction of stable and manege. Refusal decision issued 31 January 2025. PP- 12623460. To note reinforcement notice served 4 November 2025 to take effect 4 December 2025.

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

Proposed Cllr V. Roberts Seconded Cllr P. Roberts

i) No further projects were put forward in addition to those already suggested:

a) Monument Place speed limit sign (Cllr V Roberts previously asked for this to be included on the list of projects for next year's budget – quote was received last year for raising it higher up the existing lamppost).

b) Quarry Hill play equipment (the “speaking” piece of equipment no longer works and would be very expensive to repair. Possibly replace this equipment – after discussion: add to projects list).

It was noted that the Clerk had arranged a date (19 January) for the Finance Sub-Committee to meet to draft budget and precept recommendation.

10.26. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS.

Received: correspondence, publications, and invitations.

i) Rural Key Service Centres Meeting – Formation of Green Open Space Alliance: Feedback from meeting held 16 December 2025. Cllr Williams reported: The meeting was hosted by Malpas Parish Council with various other PCs in attendance (Tattenhall, Tarvin, Farndon). The initial meeting was a general introductory and sharing of individual positions. A further meeting to be convened in January to which Rob Charnley, CWaC Planning would be invited.

ii) Notification received of 2026 MBNA Chester Marathon 11 October 2026.

iii) Notification received of 2026 Deva Triathlon 7 June 2026.

Resolved: Noted.

11.26. HISTORY BOARD. No further progress to report.

12.26. FARNDON COMMUNITY CENTRE. Nothing to report.

13.26. CHRISTMAS.

Cllr Henderson reported: Farndon Primary School had indicated that the school was no longer big enough to hold their end of term Christmas fair and the thought was that next Christmas the school, Parish Council, Top Farm, Church, might all come together and stage coordinated events. **Resolved:** Clerk to book Farndon Brass Band for village Christmas tree lighting first Friday in December pending Restaurant 209 confirming this date to be the start of their planned Christmas weekend event at

Top Farm. Cllr Henderson to co-ordinate wider plans going forward and report back to Parish Council.

14.26 ANNUAL DINNER. Resolved: Save the date for 28 February 2026, venue to be confirmed.

15.26. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

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

i) Light reported as being 'out' on High Street next to Top Farm car park in direction of Chemist still not repaired. **Resolved:** Clerk to report again.

16.26. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING. Resolved: that the date and time of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd February 2026 at 7.30pm. To be held in Farndon War Memorial Hall.