

# FARRINGTON GURNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026** at the **Methodist Church, Farrington Gurney.**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Cllrs Wellman, Dando, Barber, Hedges, Heffernan, Jeffery, Cllr Morgan (BaNES) ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk & 2 member of the public.

## Parish Council Minutes – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 Meeting

		Actions
1	<b>Apologies for absence &amp; welcome:</b> Cllrs Radnedge, Kuellner, Adams	
2	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> Cllrs Wellman & Jeffery regarding planning applications.	
3	<b>Confirmation of minutes:</b> Minutes of the March meeting were agreed as a correct record.	
5	<b>Public participation:</b> There was a presentation by a local resident on air quality management in the parish being monitored by BaNES. The amount of nitrous oxide has decreased because of the improvements in car emissions, as well as the number of electric vehicles being driven, however the amounts of particulates from brakes and tyres remains high. National standards are 40 mg per cubic metre and the current level in Farrington Gurney is approximately 22 mg there has been an improvement to approx. 12 below national standards However the World Health Organisation standard is 10 mg while the EU is introducing a 20 mg standard by 2030. Concerns remain that because the SVEZ project has yet to be started this may be a temporary drop. There should also be a request to BaNES for a particulate monitor as well as a NO monitor.	
6	<b>Councillor's Reports:</b> <b>BaNES:</b> Cllr Morgan reported that she will be meeting with the Metro Mayor very shortly to discuss bus services in the district. She will follow up issues after the earlier air quality discussion. <b>Playground:</b> Cllr Dando reported that the work on the playground to repair the Witches Hat has been completed, although that does appear to be a problem with some of the rope that will need repairing. The anti slip strips appear to be working, there is probably a need for a couple of dumpy bags of wood chippings to go under the swings, clock to price up. The latches on the gate still needs repairing <b>Climate Emergency:</b> It was reported that there is a film available to be shown which outlines how environmental targets are not being met & the potential problems this will cause. It was agreed to look for a venue to show this locally.	Clerk

	<p><b>Footpaths:</b> There whilst nothing specific to report this month .</p> <p><b>Hall &amp; Social Club:</b> The village hall continues to be busy, the new cellar refrigeration unit is In place. The hall is close to being self sufficient in power generation, When the money is available to buy additional storage batteries. Work is being planned to improve the visual impression of the Hall, with the potential removal of the smoking shelter. The clerk also reported that there have been a number of bonfires next to the BMX track which is problematic as metal pieces in the burnt waist could damage the mower when the grass is being cut.</p> <p><b>Allotments:</b> Cllr Radnedge provided a written report, noting in particular that we are very close to 100% occupancy.</p> <p><b>Highways:</b> it was reported that the drain covers on the A 37 have been fixed, there was a discussion of how 1 speed indicator system could be afforded with the £5000 pound grant, with a speed watch camera making up the balance.</p> <p><b>Clerk:</b> The clerk reported on a number of issues, including:  # communication with BaNES council  # The trees on the bypass still need trimming, BaNEs have agreed they are now a priority to be cut.  # Slow progress on street light repairs</p>																														
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10	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b></p> <p>The date of the next meeting will be Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 7.00pm at the Methodist Hall. This will be the Annual Parish meeting, followed by the AGM &amp; also an Ordinary meeting</p>																																

Signed:

18.5.2026