

FARRINGTON GURNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on **Monday 18th May 2026** at the **Methodist Church, Farrington Gurney.**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Cllrs Wellman, Dando, Barber, Hedges, Adams, Jeffery, Koellner ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk & 2 member of the public.

Annual Parish Meeting May 2026

1. Welcome by the Chairman.
2. Chairman's Report: Cllr Wellman reflected on a busy & productive year, where the Parish Council represented the views of local residents on issues such as local planning applications & the SVEZ development, maintenance and repair of the playground as well as the BMX track, monitoring public footpaths, traffic speeding and pollution, allotments, as well as supporting environmental initiatives such as pollinator parties. He also thanked councillors and local residents for all their work.
3. Village Hall report: Cllr Hedges reported on a busy & successful year for the Village Hall & social club. They continue to be well used by many different groups as well as the local school, there are family events at weekends such as weddings and birthday parties. The solar panels are now in place thanks to fund raising batteries have been installed and some problems with the three phase electricity resolved. There are plans to invest in another battery which will be 'spending to save', with the aim of making the village hall closer to being self sufficient in power consumption. There are also plans to resurface the wooden floor in the whole as the current layer of varnish is wearing through.
4. There was an open forum, where local residents could raise issues that they felt were important for the parish council to consider. There was a discussion about the levels of traffic pollution in the parish, in particular about how particulate pollution was not being considered in the same way as nitrous dioxide pollution, although it is probably just as damaging. Councillor Koellner and the parish clerk explained how representation had been made to Bath and Northeast Somerset Council about continuing the monitoring of traffic pollution, and how a Zephyr monitor which measures both particulates as well as nitrous dioxide has been placed in the parish. However it does not appear to have been placed in the correct location so discussions would continue with BaNES to correct this.

Annual General Meeting May 2026

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Cllr Wellman was re-elected as chairman for 2026-27
2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN Cllr Jeffery was re-elected as Vice Chairman for this municipal year.

3. MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL INTERESTS

Memorial Hall, Social Club & Playing Field. - Cllr Hedges
 Allotments – Cllr Radnedge
 Climate Change. – Cllr Heffernan
 Playground – Cllr Dando
 Footpaths. – Cllr Barber
 Planning – Planning applications to full council.
 Highways – Cllr Wellman
 Health & Wellbeing – Cllr Koellner

Parish Council Minutes – 18th May 2026 Meeting

		Actions
1	Apologies for absence & welcome: Cllrs Radnedge, Heffernan, Morgan (BaNES)	
2	Declarations of Interest: None	
3	Confirmation of minutes: Minutes of the April meeting were agreed as a correct record.	
5	Public participation: There was a presentation by a local resident on air quality management during the Annual Parish meeting.	
6	<p>Councillor’s Reports:</p> <p>BaNES: Cllr Morgan reported on a number of local problems, including an access slope to a bungalow in Chapel Close, as well as a pontial footpath to Ruett Lane.</p> <p>Playground: Cllr Dando reported that the current phase of repairs have been completed, there are a number of minor repairs to be done when budget allows.</p> <p>Climate Emergency: It was reported that the pollinator party had been a success followed by the film showing that outlines how environmental targets are not being met & the potential problems this will cause.</p> <p>Footpaths: Repairs are needed to one of the kissing gates, which has been reported to BaNES.</p> <p>Hall & Social Club: The village hall continues to be busy, as outlined in the APM report.</p> <p>Allotments: Cllr Radnedge provided a written report, noting in particular that we are at 100% occupancy. There has been a problem with the new compost tumblers, instructions on use have been recirculated. It was agreed that a sign reminding plot holders of responsible bonfire use should be fixed.</p> <p>Highways: It was agreed that the decision on purchasing a speed indicator system could be afforded with the £5000 pound grant should be delegated to Cllrs Wellman & Adams as well as the clerk.</p> <p>Clerk: The clerk reported on a number of issues, including: # communication with BaNES council # The trees on the bypass have been trimmed.</p>	Clerk

	<p># Slow progress on street light repairs # the new bank account is up & running. # advice has been taken on dropped kerbs & front gardens being turned into parking spaces. # BaNES have been approached about pollution monitors, as noted above in the APM record.</p>																															
7	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a) There were no applications to consider this month. b) There was a report on the neighbourhood plan consultation, where local res were overwhelmingly supportive of the parish Council proposals c) The next stage of the BaNES Local Plan has been put back to the first week in July 2026. d) Previous applications</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Reference</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Description</th> <th>FG recommend</th> <th>BaNES Decision</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>26/01049/FUL</td> <td>The Garden House, Rush Hill BS39 6AG</td> <td>Change of use of outbuildings to a single self-contained unit of short-term holiday accommodation)</td> <td>No comment</td> <td>Under consideration</td> </tr> <tr> <td>26/01290/FUL</td> <td>21 Sunnyside Main Street BS39 6UN</td> <td>Removal of storage container & erection of domestic garage.</td> <td>No comment</td> <td>Under consideration</td> </tr> <tr> <td>26/01300/FUL</td> <td>Home Farm Main Street BS39 6UB</td> <td>Change of use of land to create outdoor leisure area</td> <td>No comment</td> <td>Under consideration</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24/00883/FUL</td> <td>The Cottage, Marsh Lane BS39 6TT</td> <td>Change of garage use</td> <td>Unauthorised use</td> <td>Permitted</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25/00877/FUL</td> <td>The Garden House Rush Hill BS39 6AG</td> <td>Change of use to holiday let</td> <td>No comment, except on process</td> <td>Withdrawn</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Reference	Location	Description	FG recommend	BaNES Decision	26/01049/FUL	The Garden House, Rush Hill BS39 6AG	Change of use of outbuildings to a single self-contained unit of short-term holiday accommodation)	No comment	Under consideration	26/01290/FUL	21 Sunnyside Main Street BS39 6UN	Removal of storage container & erection of domestic garage.	No comment	Under consideration	26/01300/FUL	Home Farm Main Street BS39 6UB	Change of use of land to create outdoor leisure area	No comment	Under consideration	24/00883/FUL	The Cottage, Marsh Lane BS39 6TT	Change of garage use	Unauthorised use	Permitted	25/00877/FUL	The Garden House Rush Hill BS39 6AG	Change of use to holiday let	No comment, except on process	Withdrawn	Clerk
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9	<p>Information/ Items to raise at the next meeting:</p> <p>No specific items.</p>																															
10	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>The date of the next meeting will be Monday 15th June 2026 7.30pm at the Methodist Hall.</p>																															

Signed:

15.6.2026