

FARRINGTON GURNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on **Monday 20th October 2026** at the **Methodist Church, Farrington Gurney.**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Cllrs Wellman, Adams, Jeffery, Radnedge, Dando, Barber, Koellner, ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk & 5 members of the public.

Parish Council Minutes – 20th October 2026

		Actions
1	Apologies for absence & welcome: Cllrs Heffernan, Hedges, Morgan (BaNES)	
2	Declarations of Interest: None	
3	Confirmation of minutes: Minutes of the September meeting were agreed as a correct record.	
4	Public participation: There were some questions asked about the BaNES Local Plan proposals, in particular could a submission be submitted as a single item, rather than be divided into sub headings. The advice was yes, a single proposal would be accepted. It was also pointed out that from the 1801 census to the 2021 census the village population grew by 163% over 220 years. The Local Plan proposals would raise the population by 165% over just 10 years.	
5	Councillor's Reports: BaNES: Cllr Morgan reported on work she has been doing with Cllr Koellner in relation to the Local Plan, as well as the clean air zone. Playground: Cllr Dando reported that the bark chip has been delivered & 'spread'. There are also some broken fencing rails that need repairing. Climate Emergency: An apple harvest festival will be held this coming weekend. Cllr Heffernan submitted a written report, that included an update on the Neighbourhood Plan as well as the apple event. Footpaths: No specific issues to report this month. Hall & Social Club: The village hall is including street food vendors at the weekend. Allotments: Cllr Radnedge provided a written report, covering a number of issues. There is 100% occupancy at the moment, with one person on the waiting list. The plot holders who had faced eviction due to the lack of work on their plots had done the work to improve their plots. It was discussed & AGREED that in future, when a plot holder faced eviction for a lack of maintenance and or growing they would have one opportunity to appeal, but if their plot reverted then their would be no future appeal. Wording was agreed to be included in the tenancy agreements, to be circulated in January 2027. Highways: There was a discussion about the road works on the A37 & the disruption they were causing. Concern was expressed for the small businesses affected & clerk to investigate what support could be offered. Health & Wellbeing: Cllr Koellner reported on a number initiatives, the numbers completing the wellbeing questionnaire as well as a proposal to set up a skills swap network in the village. Clerk: The clerk reported on a number of issues, including: # Finance & cashflow # Payment for street lighting electricity.	Clerk

	# Separation between the decision making of the Parish Council & the Farrington Green environmental project																										
6	BaNES Local Plan Cllr Koellner proposed a Parish Council submission as part of the BaNES Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation process. The document could also form the basis for a submission to the independent inspection by the Planning Inspectorate. It was AGREED that: # The Parish Council will provide a submission to BaNES. # The PC will request a speaking slot for the independent inspection. # The PC agreed that a press statement would be made to local newsletters & that submission details would be published. # It was agreed that appropriate printing costs would be met. Cllr Koellner asked that if there were any further additions please could they be provided by 5pm on 5pm Thursday 22nd October. Cllr Koellner was thanked for the amount of work she has done in putting a complex & lengthy submission together.	Clerk																									
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8	Finance: a) The financial report was approved. b) Payments agreed: <table><tr><th>Payee</th><th>Description</th><th>Amount</th></tr><tr><td>Robin Moss</td><td>Sept salary & expenses</td><td>£521.17</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC</td><td>Payroll deduction</td><td>£98.04</td></tr><tr><td>Npower</td><td>Payment of arrears</td><td>£1,000</td></tr></table>	Payee	Description	Amount	Robin Moss	Sept salary & expenses	£521.17	HMRC	Payroll deduction	£98.04	Npower	Payment of arrears	£1,000														
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9	Information/ Items to raise at the next meeting: No specific items.																										
10	Date of next meeting: The date of the next meeting will be Monday 16th November 2026 7.30pm at the Methodist Hall.																										

Signed:

16.11.2026

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