

# Farway Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2026

Minutes of the Farway Parish Council held at Farway Village Hall.

Present were Cllr Steve Snell (Chairman), Cllr Steve Loud, Cllr Stephanie Kastner-Walmsley, Cllr Kate Kenlock Cllr Sue Tucker. District Councillor Helen Parr

1. To receive apologies for absence. There were none.
2. To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

At the meeting on Weds 25 Feb, the Council approved the Budget as per Cabinet Recommendation- Council Tax requirement for this Council £11,629,564, resulting in a Council Tax Band D amount of £176.92. This is an increase of 2.99%, the maximum within the threshold stipulated by government before triggering a council tax referendum.

**Marlcombe-** The planned new community, Marlcombe, proposed in the new Local Plan, to be built between the A3052 and A30, around Farringdon, has not been selected for the next phase of the national New Towns programme. East Devon District Council and Devon County Council are challenging the government's decision, which will have infrastructure funding implications. However, the District Council Leader, Cllr Arnott, and the Planning Portfolio Holder, Cllr Olive, have stated that the council is committed to delivering an infrastructure-first new community despite "frustrating" Government decision

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government recently launched its consultations on the proposals.

The Chair thanked Cllr Parr for attending and updating the council.
3. To receive Declarations of Interest for this meeting. There were none.
4. To receive, confirm and agree on the Minutes of the last meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

The minutes were agreed to be a true and correct copy. The Chairman signed a copy.
5. Matters arising: There were none.
6. Parishioner's Questions: There were none.
7. Highways: Cllr Kastner-Walmsley mentioned that the pull-in half way up Warren Hill was missing the safety fence and post markers. This has been reported before but the Clerk would chase up and report on the website with What3word phrase. The Clerk also suggested chasing up Stephen Kelly and the Ford as this would be a good time to repair with the water level low.
8. To update council on new guidance regarding 'Casual Vacancies' The Clerk had received updated guidance regarding casual vacancies and had already forwarded this to the councillors for their information.
9. Clerk to update Councillors on .gov website and email correspondence. The email address for the Clerk has been up and running for a while and working well. The website is ready to go live but there are a number of issues popping up because I am not using the same company to run the website as my email. I am now hoping that this will be up and running before the end of March to coincide with the internal audit as this is now one of the stipulations to have this in place.
10. Update on outstanding planning applications:

**25/2566/FUL – Ms V Topham, Ball Farm, Farway** – Construction of an agricultural/equine building. The Council decided to have a site visit and will submit comments once this has been carried out. Permission granted.

**25/2644/FUL – Ms V. Topham, Ball Farm, Farway** – Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings, Proposed erection of single dwelling with associated works. – Council support – awaiting decision

11. To update council on financial transactions:

The new bank account is now open and there are at present two signatories – The Chair and The Clerk. This was set up whilst Cllr Loud was on holiday so that it could be opened before the end of February. Going forward Cllr Loud would also be added to the signatories for extra security.

Balance as at the opening of the new account:

27/02/2026 £11,577.49

**Payments:**

Clerks wages x 2 months £ 225.32

**Balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

**£11,352.17**

There will be two upcoming payments made by BACS:

DALC – Membership £ 115.02

Half payment of Clerks membership to SLCC £ 58.00

All councillors were in agreement.

- Since the new noticeboard would be put up this would need to be registered on the Asset Register going forward.
- The Clerk asked if everyone was in agreement that Trudie Jenkins be asked to do the internal audit. All in favour

12. Date of next meeting : Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

13. Any other business:

(a) The Clerk raised the issue of the risk assessment for the Council which part of the audit. It was agreed that although there were no plans for any risks that require an assessment this would be taken into account if needed.

(b) Cllr Sue Tucker wanted to let the council know that she would be standing down from the council and would like to hand in her resignation. The Chair thanked Sue for her many years of commitment to the Council and the Parish but understood that her now leaving the parish and sale of land would not allow her to continue in her role as parish councillor. In line with the new guidance the Clerk requested a written resignation from Sue by email which will then trigger a ‘Casual Vacancy’. The Chair reported that he had had a request from a Parishioner who had attended a previous council meeting (when a planning application was being discussed) that he would be interested in joining the council at the next election – The Chair to contact him with the notice of vacancy.

As there was no further business the meeting was declared closed.

Signed:..... Dated:.....