



**Minutes of the Full Farnsfield Parish Council Meeting  
held on**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7:00 pm.**  
in the Lower Hall of the Village Centre,  
New Hill, Farnsfield, NG22 8JN.

**In Attendance:**

Councillor Sarre (Chair), Councillor Harris Sutton (Vice Chair), Councillor Thompson,  
Councillor Moore (minute taker), Councillor Cracknell

- 23.113      **Apologies:** Councillor J Shakeshaft, Councillor M Shakeshaft (and NSDC Councillor), Councillor Healy, Councillor Savage. Accepted 5:0.

Parish Clerk Olwen Edwards

- 23.114      **Declarations of Interest** – none.

- 23.115      **To approve the Minutes** of the 26<sup>th</sup> September Full Council Meeting as accurate.

Item 23.129 Monitoring Hedgehog item has been merged with Speedwatch paragraph. These are two separate items.

Corinne Moor name at end of para to be corrected as Moore.

23.118 should read 'dropped off'.

The minutes were accepted unanimously 5:0.

- 23.116      **Matters arising** from the minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> September, if not already on the agenda.

In the absence of Councillor Maurice Shakeshaft consideration of actions referenced was deferred until the next meeting.

In the absence of the Parish Clerk, the Chair reported on actions listed from notes received from the Clerk:

Ref. 23.124 - The two sports clubs had been emailed about the agreement at Council, subsequently their S106 documents had been sent onto NSDC. It was confirmed that VAT was applicable on Village Centre S106 expenditure.

Ref 23.126 - The advert for co-option had been placed on the Hugo Fox website and on Notice Boards. There had already been one expression of interest. The deadline had been deferred to 17<sup>th</sup> November rather than 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Ref 23.128 - The flags had been ordered

Ref 23.130 The tabards and tuning fork had been ordered and received. An order for the road sign had been placed but they had not yet been received.

Ref 23.124 Village Centre. Councillor Cracknell reported that there is still difficulty in receiving quotations for the electrical installation of the air

conditioning unit. It was agreed that further quotations should be sought.  
ACTION: Councillor Cracknell to follow up including web advertising

Ref 23.124 s.106 funds Football Pavilion. The Chair reported that that 1 quotation had been received. He had approached 5 firms in total; another one had visited but no quotation had been received. Another three were yet to produce a quote. He will continue to pursue this.

Ref 23.127 Councillor Harris Sutton reported that she has been reaching out to Councils in relation to the Health and Safety Policy and Open Spaces policy. It is not usually within a council's remit. Councillor Shakeshaft is also seeking advice from NSDC.

23.117

### **Public session**

The Chair suspended standing orders

a. County Councillor Laughton and District Councillor M Shakeshaft were not present.

b. Representation regarding items on the Agenda: Skateboard Park item (23.125a). The Chair said he would be suspending Standing Orders on this issue so that all present could discuss the item.

A resident raised the issue of CIL and S106 funds. How is the £68k S106 money going to be spent? She commented regarding relaxation of regulations, the scope for combining CIL and S106 funds and noted that there had been an improvement in community facilities except for the Football Club. The pavilion is squalid and there are no facilities for women and children.

A resident noted that there was a lack of supporting documents available to the public on the website i.e. Bills for Payment, the Draft Budget. Concerning the bills, the Chair said that he thought this was an administrative oversight. The Chair stated he was unsure as to the draft budget. He undertook to raise these matters with the Clerk.

A resident asked why the Church Clock is now being referred to as the Parish Clock.

A resident commented that a traffic survey on Quaker Lane had highlighted speeding issues and was much related to increased usage of the facilities on the Acres and neighbouring fields. From Main Street some 1000 vehicle movements take place each week. The highest speed was 60 – 70 mph with 40 – 50 mph on occasions. Resident will approach Councillor Laughton. Residents would like a speed limit of 20mph. The question of 2-wheel speeds and 4-wheel speeds was raised. Councillor Sarre and Julie Butler are working together to understand the data. A query was raised as to whether Quaker Lane was being used as a 'cut through'.

c. Urgent Village Matters not previously raised:

A resident raised the issue of the New Years Eve disco. She emphasised that that this is a community village event which was very much enjoyed last year by people who came as groups, in families, or by themselves. Councillor Harris Sutton said that there is discussion taking place about the need for review.

A resident reminded Council that last year there had been two poppy wreaths purchased on behalf of the Council. One was for the War Memorial and the other at Parfitt Drive. The cost would be £25 per wreath. It was agreed that these should be purchased. ACTION Parish Clerk to send a Bank Draft for £50

to the British Legion. On a separate matter, he remarked that on the Hugo Fox website a 7-a-side football pitch for hire is advertised though there isn't one.

The Chair thanked the public for their contributions and reinstated standing orders

23.118 Road closures and roadworks. The Chair said that there were a few roadworks as advertised but the most important one was the closure of Longland Lane (11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December) and Blidworth Road (14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December).

23.119 Bills for payment and The Monthly Financial Summary: noted

23.120 Update from Senior Citizens TLC Working Party. Councillor Moore reported that the group had now consulted with the residents' groups, and others. Several different issues had been raised. The group had decided to focus on two main issues: that a Community Newsletter would be very welcome and beneficial for village life. Judith Hodge and Anne Purday had already begun to explore this. Judith Hodge, Brian Hill and Chris Puddephatt are continuing to take this forward. The need for Community Transport is also being explored and contacts have been made with other villages and NCC. The next meeting will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Councillor Savage is now a member of this group.

23.121 Update to Access to Recreation Working Party: Councillor Sarre reported that he had received from Severn Trent very detailed plans of the drains and sewers of the East Side. From the outset it had been the intention for the working party to co-opt members of the public to A2R WP. Councillor Sarre said that he hoped that a wide variety of ages could be included. It was suggested that St Michael's School be approached. Currently David Austin who has wide knowledge of the village and the East side had said he was willing to join the WP. This was proposed by Councillor Sarre, seconded by Councillor Cracknell and approved by Council. Additionally, Ian Boothroyd, who has considerable experience of Town Planning has agreed to be an advisor to the group.

The Chair elected to take item 23.123 at this point.

23.123 Update on the Hadleigh Park car park extension. The viaEM survey has now been completed and is being reviewed by the Working Party. Recommendations will then be put before the Council. Standing Orders were suspended and Derek Purcicoe explained the background of the Car Park and the plan for extension. The survey was undertaken because of possible contamination, suitability of the ground and surface material. The Chair thanked Derek Purcicoe for his explanation and reinstated standing orders.

23.122 Party in the Park: the Facilities and Environment sub-committee will be meeting on Tuesday 31st October when this event for 2024 will be discussed. The tables and chairs from the Village Centre will be considered for loan.

23.124 Update on the renewal of leases (Tennis and Bowls club) and the timeline: Councillor Thompson reported that there had been consultation with the Tennis and Bowls Clubs. Legal advice had been sought from Kirkland & Lane as the leases were 20 years old and were out of date. The current leases are 'roll over leases' without an end deadline. Kirkland & Lane are to produce draft leases for discussion.

23.125 a) Emerging issues relating to the Skatepark, initial discussion and considerations for action. The Chair suspended Standing Orders for this item.

Stella Cusick read an email she had sent to the Council. Residents are identifying many concerns – intimidation and vandalism on Quaker Lane and the footpath 'rat run' from Tippings Lane through Sunnyside and Parfitt Drive down to the Acres. These included householders' doors being kicked; damage to fences;

a vulnerable lady being intimidated by teens peering through her window; foul language and noise all of which impacted on residents living near the Skatepark. It seems that the Skatepark is a magnet for this type of behaviour especially late afternoon into the evening and after dark on occasions. Some users are being put off from using the Skatepark. Councillor Moore pointed out that most users, families and children including teens enjoyed using the Skatepark. The young people involved in setting up the Youth Council had been exploring the possibility of an event early next year to include a Graffiti Art project which has been successful in reducing vandalism in other areas.

Other residents described incidences of anti-social and threatening behaviour querying the reasons for placing the Skatepark in such an isolated area. The Chair clarified that this was a decision made by the previous Council. Incidences had been reported to NSDC, the Police and agencies are talking. CCTV is a possibility but there had been no conversation with residents. Discussion followed. The Chair agreed that a public meeting could be called to include residents and representatives of the agencies mentioned. Further information about this meeting will follow.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

b) Farnsfield Parish Council Action Plan for the quarter November '23 – January '24 for discussion and approval. This was discussed and agreed. Proposed by Councillor Thompson and seconded by Councillor Cracknell. Agreed 5:0

c) Parish Clock Review: Councillor Thompson withdrew this item due to several Councillors being absent and the wish to have the fullest discussion. The matter will be carried forward to 2024.

23.126 Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the Lower Hall.

#### Closed Business Items

23.127 Lease: Councillor Thompson outlined the legal advice received. It was agreed that Kirkland & Lane would be asked to draw up draft lease agreements for discussion with the Clubs.

23.128 Draft Budget: It was agreed that this be deferred until the forthcoming Finance and Governance Meeting

**Signed:**

**Date**

**Name:**