

Farnsfield Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Facilities & Environment Committee held at 7.15pm on Tuesday 6 January 2026

Present: Cllrs J Cracknell (chair), L Healy, R Parkin, J Shakeshaft
Also in attendance: Locum Clerk P Leppard and 16 members of the public

2526.FE048 **To receive apologies for absence**

- None

2526.FE049 **To receive any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests**

- Cllrs Healy and Shakeshaft declared an interest, as allotment holders, in item FE055. Cllr Healy also declared an interest, as a member of Farnsfield Green Spaces in item FE054.

2526.FE050 **Public Participation**

- A member of the public commented on different methods of rabbit-culling.
- Another member of the public commented on (i) rabbit-culling methods and (ii) whether there had been appropriate public involvement in developing the project in item FE057.
- A member of the public felt that this year's Xmas lights display had been poor, and also commented on the degree of involvement to date of the Youth Council in item FE057.
- A member of the public asserted a need for a new Scouts hut adjacent to the football field.
- A member of the public asserted a need for a meeting space for the Youth Council, and questioned whether residents would support the proposal in item FE057.
- A member of the public thanked those involved in erecting the large Xmas tree on a stormy day, and commented on a public consultation some months ago.
- A member of the public asked that the benefits of the project in FE057 be clearly assessed and articulated.

2526.FE051 **To approve minutes of meetings of this Committee on 9 September & 11 November**

- It was proposed by Cllr Cracknell, seconded by Cllr Healy and resolved unanimously to approve (after correcting 1 typographical error) the minutes of the 9 September meeting.
- It was proposed by Cllr Cracknell, seconded by Cllr Healy and resolved unanimously to approve the minutes of the 11 November meeting.

2526.FE052 **To receive an update on a possible Amenities Focus Group**

- It was noted that a public drop-in session, to discuss any views on future projects on lands owned by the Parish Council, will take place from 2pm to 4pm on 18 January in the Village Centre. (It was clarified that this can include views on the possible new roadway from Parfitt Drive to the football field.)

2526.FE053 **To review the 2025 Xmas lights display**

- After a discussion, it was resolved that the Clerk will obtain comparative quotes for illuminated decorations on 14 lampposts, to enable a decision to then be made re displays for Xmas 2026.

2526.FE054 **To receive an update on the Biodiversity Action Plan**

- Cllr Healy gave an update on recent activity, including tree works and associated activity in the Millennium Wood.

2526.FE055 **To discuss proposals for rabbit-culling on the allotments**

- *The Clerk explained that he had issued Dispensations to Cllrs Healy and Shakeshaft to enable them to participate in this item, without which the discussion would be inquorate.*
- It was unanimously resolved to approve the proposal contained within the meeting papers.

2526.FE056 **To decide next steps re football-field improvements**

- It was resolved that the Clerk will request NSDC to undertake a new survey to confirm (i) what is currently required, and at what likely cost, to bring the football pitch up to an acceptable standard and (ii) what would then be a suitable specification for ongoing maintenance.

2526.FE057 **To consider next steps re development of the Lady Goodwin site**

- Cllr Shakeshaft spoke to the written proposal contained within the meeting papers. It was resolved that, after possible further consideration at the 18 Jan drop-in session (see minute FE052), the Clerk will obtain 3 quotes for the proposed works.

2526.FE058 To consider possible actions to prevent vehicle incursions on to Hadleigh Park

- It was resolved that the Clerk will obtain quotations for the installation of c.4 additional posts, to address current gaps which are of vehicle width.

2526.FE059 To note the current position re finalising the Fire Risk Assessment for the Village Centre

- It was noted that, following a discussion in December with Notts Fire Service:
 - i. the Clerk will be writing a revised Fire Risk Assessment (FRA) for the Village Centre, utilising the best parts of the previous FRA but not those elements which had taken a disproportionate view of risk.
 - ii. creation of an action-plan will then follow.
 - iii. there is no issue with the building which currently requires urgent fire-safety action.

2526.FE060 To decide on a use for CIL funds (£1,446.80) which must be spent by January 2026

- Consideration was given to 4 estimates received for refurbishment of the Village Centre's 2 external fire-escapes, and it was resolved (3 for, 1 against) to award the work to Alliance Painting Ltd in the sum of £4,150.00 + VAT – to be partly funded by the abovementioned £1,446.80 of CIL funds, with the remainder coming from later-expiring CIL funds which the Parish Council currently holds.

2526.FE061 To note the current position re water seepage into the Library

- It was noted that remedial actions taken so far have reduced the extent of the seepage, and that the Council's insurers are assessing what further action is still needed.

2526.FE062 To note any items for consideration for inclusion at a future meeting of this Committee

- There were none, other than follow-ups to issues discussed at this meeting.

2526.FE063 To confirm the date of the next meeting of this Committee

- 10 March at 7.15pm at the Village Centre, Farnsfield

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.