

Farnsfield Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Facilities & Environment Committee held at 7.15pm on Tuesday 10 March 2026

Present: Cllrs J Cracknell (chair), L Healy, R Parkin, J Shakeshaft
Also in attendance: Locum Clerk P Leppard and 12 members of the public

2526.FE064 To receive apologies for absence

- None

2526.FE065 To receive any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

- Cllrs Healy and Shakeshaft declared an interest, as allotment holders, in item FE069.

2526.FE066 Public Participation

- A member of the public commented that there might be merit in finding a new site for a football pitch rather than seeking to improve the existing one at The Acres.

2526.FE067 To approve minutes of the meeting of this Committee on 6 January

- It was resolved to approve the minutes of the 6 January meeting.

2526.FE068 To consider the current position regarding rabbit-culling and mole-catching at The Acres

- It was noted that the first session of rabbit-culling had been hindered by poor weather. It was resolved to instigate a further session, while also seeking to include some mole-catching in this.

2526.FE069 To amend the Delegated Management Agreement re the allotments

(Dispensations had been issued by the Clerk to Cllrs Healy and Shakeshaft to enable them to participate in this item, without which the discussion would be iniquorate.)

- It was resolved to approve the proposed amendments to the existing Agreement which had been submitted by the Farnsfield Allotments Association, except that the proposed amendments to paragraphs 9 and 10 were not approved.

2526.FE070 To consider 'No Mow May' arrangements for 2026

- It was resolved to make the same arrangements as in 2025 except to (i) increase the amount of unmown area on Wilson's Field, (ii) make a slight alteration to the boundary of the unmown area on The Acres, and (iii) procure more appropriate signage for this initiative than last year's.

2526.FE071 To review the position re creation of a new Scout Hut

- An update was given on site options which might be considered.

2526.FE072 To consider possible new grit-bin sites

- It was resolved to procure an additional bin at the bottom of Branston Ave, subject to there being a satisfactory site for this.

2526.FE073 To review progress towards procuring the 2026 Xmas lights display

- The Clerk gave a progress update, noting the need for a decision by the summer.

2526.FE074 To consider the approach to be taken to other Xmas arrangements in 2026

- Cllr Shakeshaft proposed some changes from last year's approach. After an inconclusive discussion, it was resolved to remit the matter to full Council for a decision.

2526.FE075 To consider quotations for football-pitch improvements

- The Clerk described the quotations received to date, noting that another was still awaited. It was meanwhile resolved to (i) investigate use of the PitchPower app and (ii) obtain quotations for a new water-tap in the pavilion, suitable for use for pitch-watering.

2526.FE076 To consider the current position re water ingress in the Library

- Recent correspondence from the Council's insurer was noted. It was resolved to now arrange to make good the damage, recovering costs from others where possible.

2526.FE077 To consider provision of a public bench on the Ridgeway

- It was resolved that the Clerk will seek landowner consent for use of a suitable location, and seek prices for provision and installation of a bench.

2526.FE078 **To consider reports of overflowing litter bins**

- It was resolved to defer this item pending further study of the situation.

2526.FE079 **To further consider uses for CIL funds expiring in April**

- It was resolved, further to full Council's views at its February meeting, to investigate the purchase of another Speed Indicator Device (for Station Lane).

2526.FE080 **To note any items for consideration for inclusion at a future meeting of this Committee**

- There were none.

2526.FE081 **To confirm the date of the next meeting of this Committee**

- It was noted that this will be in June, on a date to be decided.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.