

FARCET PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of meeting held 6th September 2022 at Farcet Village Hall

Councillors D Gillam, N Benn, L Granger, M Rainey and the Clerk Mrs E Tajer

District Cllrs S. Howell & E. Butler

10 Member of the public were present

MEMBERS: 11

QUORUM: 4

Public Participation

This section (at the Chairman's discretion may last up to 15 minutes) is to ask questions of, and make comments, regarding the Parish Council. Questions not answered at this meeting will be answered in writing to the person asking the question, or may appear as an agenda item for the next meeting.

22/01107/FUL- Proposed Anaerobic Digestion Plant- a member of the public spoke regarding the planning application and raised the following points: government guidelines states 'no houses with 250m', a water course is located near which raised concerns about possible leaching, concerns over the additional traffic. He hoped the Parish Council would recommend refusal.

Whittlesey Town Cllr David Connor- highlighted his support for the residents of Pondersbridge and the desire to see the application refused.

Speedwatch- concerns regarding speeding through the village and the volume of HGV using the roads throughout the Parish.

2786/22-23 Receive and approve apologies

Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record to be kept of the members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Parish Clerk as it is usual for the grounds upon which apologies are tendered also to be recorded.

Resolved: Councillors J Hughes and A Cunningham

2787/22-23 Consider co-option to the Parish Council

Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Gillam, seconded by Cllr Benn and agreed to co-opt Ms Sally Howell to the Parish Council. The declaration of acceptance of office was duly signed.

2788/22-23 Receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interest declarations

Regulation 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

Resolved: Cllr Sally Howell on Planning item 22/01107/FUL- Proposed Anaerobic Digestion Plant.

2789/22-23 Approve the minutes of the meetings held on 5th July 2022 (LGA 1972 Sch12 para 41(1))

Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Benn, seconded by Cllr Granger and agreed to approve the minutes of 5th July 2022.

2790/22-23 Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting of 5th July 2022

- War memorial renovations have begun
- The signed Maintenance contract was returned to Balfour Beatty

2791/22-23 Matters for information and reports- Representatives on outside bodies

District Cllr Butler gave an overview of Hunts DC, but August was a quiet month.

Cllr Cunningham provided a report on Speedwatch, which was read by Cllr Gillam.

2792/22-23 Village matters

Plan of priorities for the village (includes Community projects and feedback from working group on Church Walk and Haddon Way)

Cllr Gillam gave an overview on the of the ongoing projects and their progress.

2793/22-23 Cemetery and allotments

1. Consider quotation for filling in and grass seeding graves

Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Gillam, seconded by Cllr Granger and agreed to accept the quotation.

2794/22-23 Planning (Please note: in planning matters the Council acts as the consultee of the Principal Authority. The Principal Authority being the deciding body)

1. Approvals/Refusals/Appeals

Cllr Howell left the meeting

22/01107/FUL- Proposed Anaerobic Digestion Plant and Associated Infrastructure, Collmart Growers Ltd The Drove Pondersbridge

Cllr Gillam raised his concerns regarding the increase in noise, increase in traffic, effects on the community and its proximity to housing and children's play areas.

Other councillors highlight there is already an existing digester and new machinery are more efficient regarding reducing smell and potential leaching.

Resolved: 1 Vote to recommend refusal and 3 abstentions from voting.

Cllr Howell return to the meeting

22/01713/HHFUL- Erection of single storey rear extension and minor internal alterations, 59 Peterborough Road Farcet Peterborough.

Resolved: 5 votes for approval as could not see any grounds for refusal

22/01762/HHFUL- Erection of single storey front extension, 40 Main Street Farcet Peterborough

Resolved: 5 votes for approval as could not see any grounds for refusal

22/01523/FUL- Conversion of public house to dwelling and construction of three new dwellings, Public House Black Swan 77 Main Street

Resolved: votes for approval as could not see any grounds for refusal

2. New Applications- None

2795/22-23

Finance

1. Approve accounts for payment ([LGA 1972 s150 \(5\)](#))

2. Payments to be authorised:

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| 1837/1838 | 6/9/2022 | s/o Cheque | Clerk Mr T Homewood | Wages | £941.66 £391.95 |
| 1839 | 6/9/2022 | Cheque | Superannuation | Contribution employee and employer | £276.90 |
| 1840 | 6/9/2022 | s/o | Clerk | Home Office | £43.33 |
| 1841 | 6/9/2022 | Cheque | Clerk | Expenses | £41.99 |
| 1842 | 6/9/2022 | Cheque | Mr M Kinder | Village Warden | £291.90 |
| 1843 | 6/9/2022 | Cheque | Beebys (Inv 69724) | Village Maintenance (Visit 7,8,9) | £3004.00 |
| 1844 | 6/9/2022 | Cheque | P&J MASSINGHAM ELECTRICAL | Ladies' toilet light | £164.70 |
| 1845 | 6/9/2022 | DD | Hunts DC | Business rates | £135.00 |
| 1846 | 6/9/2022 | Cheque | Chadwick | Web hosting | £115.06 |
| 1847 | 6/9/2022 | Cheque | ROSPA | Playground inspections | £414.00 |
| 1848 | 6/9/2022 | Cheque | Beebys (Inv 69770) | Allotment clearing | £660.00 |
| 1849 | 6/9/2022 | Cheque | Beebys (Inv 69882) | Village Maintenance (Visit 10,11,12) | £3024.00 |
| 1850 | 6/9/2022 | Cheque | CAPALC | Councillor training | £75.00 |
| 1851 | 6/9/2022 | Cheque | OLP | Spring for gates | £70.00 |
| 1852 | 6/9/2022 | DD | OLP | Haddon Way repairs | £1488.00 |

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| 1853 | 6/9/2022 | DD | British Gas | VH Electricity | £128.14 |
| 1854 | 6/9/2022 | DD | Npower | Street light energy | £25.41 |

Payments made outside the meeting:

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| 1855 | 30/8/2022 | s/o Bacs | Clerk Mr T Homewood | Wages | £941.66 £348.30 |
| 1856 | 30/8/2022 | Bacs | Superannuation | Contribution employee and employer | £276.90 |
| 1857 | 30/8/2022 | s/o | Clerk | Home Office | £43.33 |
| 1858 | 30/8/2022 | Bacs | M Kinder | Village Warden | £348.30 |
| 1859 | 30/8/2022 | DD | Hunts DC | Business rates | £135.00 |
| 1860 | 30/8/2022 | Bacs | Wave | VH | £30.10 |
| 1861 | 30/8/2022 | Bacs | Wave | Chapel | £18.22 |
| 1862 | 30/8/2022 | DD | British Gas | VH Gas | £29.25 |
| 1863 | 30/8/2022 | DD | British Gas | Chapel Electricity | £18.92 |
| 1864 | 30/8/2022 | DD | British Gas | VH Electricity | £122.68 |
| 1865 | 30/8/2022 | DD | Npower | Street light energy | £22.72 |

Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Rainey, seconded by Cllr Howell and agreed to approve the accounts for payment.

3. VH Gas/electricity contracts- agree supplier
Mr Gillam gave an overview of the current gas/electricity usage and potential increase in costs. Only British Gas offered a quotation, with two choices, keep on the variable rate or transfer to a fixed price plan.
Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Granger, seconded by Cllr Gillam and agreed a 1-year fixed contract for the chapel.
It was proposed by Cllr Gillam seconded by Cllr Granger and agreed a 1-year fixed contract for the Gas and Electricity village hall.
4. Consider purchasing Laptop and software for Clerk
Cllr Gillam gave overview of the Microshade software and the costs.
Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Granger, seconded by Cllr Howell and agreed to proceed Microshade, at a cost of £100 admin fee plus annual fee of £367. At present the Clerk will continue to use her own laptop.
5. Discuss quotations received for the scope of works at the village hall
Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Howell, seconded by Cllr Granger and agreed to accept the quotation from A&J Massingham for the emergency lighting.
It was proposed by Cllr Howell, seconded by Cllr Granger and agreed to accept the quotation from Art in Glass for the replacement to the lead/glass work.
It was agreed to continue with Mr Homewood for village hall cleaning.
Cllr Howell suggested applying for a National Lottery grant of up to £10,000 towards the painting and carpentry.
The Floor repair quotations were discussed.
The Clerk highlighted her concerns regarding the on-going running costs of the hall and the potential maintenance needed, balanced with the income and parish usage. It was agreed to have a separate meeting to discuss.

6. Asset register- ongoing
7. Concerns regarding HGV's usage on Main Street/ Concerns regarding speeding
Cllr Gillam advised the Parish Council is aware of the concerns regarding the HGV usage of the Parish's infrastructure and the ongoing concerns regarding speeding throughout the Parish. He outlined the Parish Council's desire to purchase a portable speed indicator which would record speed data.
Cllr Granger highlighted that the Parish Council has previously written to the HGV companies to raise its concerns regarding the usage of Main Street.
Cllr Butler suggested asking Cambs Highways for a site visit regarding the ongoing issues on Main Street.
The cost for each speed indication sign is £3550.00.
County Cllr Butler suggested applying for a CIL bid for the units, However the next round of funding is not available until next year.
Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Granger, seconded by Cllr Benn and agreed to purchase one unit to be placed on Main Street. The Clerk will contact Highways to arrange a meeting regarding potential locations.

2796/22-23 Parish Council

2797/22-23 Correspondence

- Concerns regarding HGV's usage on Main Street
- Concerns over speeding on Straight Drove
- Letter from Mr Bradley
- External auditor consultation- agreed to stay with current external auditor

2798/22-23 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

- DPO Officer
- ROSPA reports
- Budget planning
- Amend December meeting date

2799/22-23 The meeting closed at 21:27pm. The date of next meeting: 4th October 2022