

FARCET PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of meeting held 13th December 2022 at Farcet Village Hall

Councillors D Gillam, L Granger, J Hughes, M Rainey and the Clerk Mrs E Tajer

1 Members 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.

A resident enquired who they report the continued use of bonfires, causing smoke to blow over houses. The Chair advised environmental Heath.

2826/22-23 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: S Howell and A Cunningham. County Cllr McGuire and District Cllr Gulson

2827/22-23 Receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interest declarations

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

Resolved: None

2829/22-23 Approve the minutes of the meetings held on 1st November 2022 (LGA 1972 Sch12 para 41(1))

Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Rainey seconded by Cllr Hughes and agreed to approve the minutes of 1st November 2022

2830/22-23 Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting of 4th October 2022

- War memorial renovation was not completed on 10th October 2022, but was completed before Remembrance day
- Village Hall lighting was completed on 11th November 2022

2831/22-23 Appoint Vice Chair for the remaining municipal year of 2022/2023- Deferred

2832/22-23 Matters for information and reports- Representatives on outside bodies

No Speedwatch report available

Cllr Cunningham and Cllr Howell completed the first village inspection and the report circulated to all councillors.

2833/22-23 Village matters

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

Young Techs update- awaiting quotation

2. Village maintenance contract renewal- quotation submitted

Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Gillam seconded by Cllr Granger and agreed to accept the quotation submitted by Beeby's for a 3 year contract.

2834/22-23 In accordance with Standing Orders 7(a) and 9, Motion to reverse resolutions to would allow Cemetery regulation and fee review and a Village Hall fee review, which were originally resolved in June/July 2022.

Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Gillam seconded by Cllr Hughes and agreed to reverse the resolution.

2835/22-23 Cemetery and allotments

- Cemetery regulation and fee review

Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Hughes seconded by Cllr Rainey and agreed to accept the regulations and fee review effective of the 1st January 2023. The Clerk will circulate to the Funeral Directors and update the Parish Council website.

2836/22-23 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- None

2. New Applications-

22/01660/FUL- Erection of new SEN school including parking area and outbuildings for storage of educational equipment/maintenance, Yard 2 At Ashley Lodge Conquest Drove Farcet
Cllr Gillam raised his concerns regarding the highways safety issue due to single track road access road and increased traffic at peak times. Concerns over disability access due to condition of road and the school provides no economic benefit for the village.

Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Gillam seconded Cllr Hughes by and agreed to recommend refusal.

2837/22-23 Finance

1. Approve accounts for payment (LGA 1972 s150 (5))

1894/1895	13/12/2022	s/o	Clerk and Caretaker	Wages	£1270.99
1896	13/12/2022	Bacs	Superannuation	Contribution employee and employer	£276.90
1897	13/12/2022	s/o	Clerk	Home Office	£43.33
1898	13/12/2022	Bacs	Clerk	Expenses	£43.50
1899	13/12/2022	Bacs	New Flame	VH Fire alarm test	£107.10
1900	13/12/2022	Bacs	Mr Gillam	Expense	£35.97
1901	13/12/2022	DD	Hunts DC	Business rates	£135.00
1902	13/12/2022	Bacs	HMRC	PAYE	£170.55
1903	13/12/2022	Bacs	Beebys	Village Maintenance	£1008.00
1904	13/12/2022	Bacs	Microshade	Microshade set up	£527.52
1905	13/12/2022	Bacs	Redshoes	Payroll service	£63.00
1906	13/12/2022	Bacs	Microshade	VSM Share	£54.00
1907	13/12/2022	Bacs	PRS	Music license	£220.80
1908	13/12/2022	Bacs	Fenland Stoneworks	War memorial renovations	£1944.00
1909	13/12/2022	Bacs	Wave	VH Water	£47.94
1910	13/12/2022	Bacs	Wave	Cemetery Water	£17.05
1911	13/12/2022	DD	British Gas	VH electricity	£33.96
1912	13/12/2022	DD	British Gas	VH gas	£64.13
1913	13/12/2022	Cheque	Royal British Legion	Poppy wreaths	£20.00

Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Granger seconded by Cllr Hughes and agreed to approve the accounts for payment.

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- Update regarding purchase of portable speed indicator sign
It was agreed to confirm location of the sign in order application can submitted in January 2023.
- LHI scheme

Resolved: Cllr Cunnington prepared the Bid and submitted to Cambridgedhire Highways.

- VH hall fee review and revise regular hire procedures
Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Granger seconded by Cllr Gillam and agreed to amend the booking fees to:
One off bookings: Small Hall: £13 Large Hall : £15
Regular bookings: Small Hall: £11 Large Hall: £13
Starting: 1st January 2022
It was also agreed to ask the Community Association for a donation towards the hire of the hall.
It was proposed by Cllr Granger seconded by Cllr Gillam to increase the fee paid by the Craft club to £15 for the two-hour hire.
Furthermore, it was agreed to amend the regular hire condition to include:
Hirers are required to provide booking dates in advance on a quarterly basis. Although invoices would still be invoiced monthly.
All New hirer will be given a 3-month probationary period, where they can cancel their booking free of charge with this period.
All hirers are permitted 1 cancellation with less than 7 days notice per quarterly booking. This must be for extenuating circumstances and the Clerk advised via email.
Full cancellation outside of 1 month notice would incur no penalty.
- Consider creating a Planning committee and an allotment/cemetery working group- deferred
- Use of Small hall to display historic village items (photos, tablecloth)
Resolved: It was proposed by Mr Granger seconded by Ms Hughes and agreed to install a display board in the small hall. The Clerk will ask the Community Association to remove four book cases to accommodate the display case.
- Renewal of PRS license for village hall
Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Gillam seconded by Cllr Granger and agreed to accept quotation.
- External Audit report
Resolved: The report was noted by the Parish Council.
- Parish Council email provider- consider alternative options
Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Gillam seconded by Cllr Granger and agreed to accept quotation submitted by Mircoshade for transfer the Parish Council email to Microsoft exchange.

2839/22-23

Correspondence

Resignation of Mr Benn
Christmas bin collection dates

2840/22-23

Matters as agenda items for future consideration

2841/22-23

The meeting closed at 9:20pm. The date of next meeting: 6th February 2023