

FARCET PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of meeting held 6th June 2023 at Farcet Village Hall

Cllrs M Rainey, J Hughes, D Gillam, S Howell, L Granger, A Cunnington and the Clerk Mrs E Tager

2 Members of the public were present

District Councillor Gulson

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.

Committee members from Hampton FC attending

Club Secretary & Hunts FA committee member

Hampton FC want to explore the opportunity of using Haddon Way as a training area and possibly game day matches.

Games – The existing goals meet full size junior requirements, however the pitch is currently 80 yards, long and would ideally be 90 yards in length, and the near goal is too close to the play equipment.

Training is more a feasible option as the far goal could be used. The goal would require nets and Hampton FC maybe willing to fund obtaining the nets.

Usage would be April – October with 1 team using at present- 1 hour once a week.

Grass needs to be cut shorter but if cut every two weeks would be fine.

Possible grants available for goal posts and nets.

They currently pay £40 match fee- includes 1 training session a week

Would look to support the Parish Council with developing the land rather than pay rent for training.

2898/23-24 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: County Cllr McGuire, District Cllr Butler

2899/23-24 Receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interest declarations

[Regulation 2012 \(SI 2012/1464\)](#) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

Resolved: None

2900/23-24 Approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 2nd May 2023 ([LGA 1972 Sch12 para 41\(1\)](#))

Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Hughes seconded by Cllr Howell and agreed to approve the minutes of 2nd May 2023 for signing.

2901/23-24 Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting of 2nd May 2023

- All the updated policies are on VSM and the website

2902/23-24 Matters for information and reports- Representatives on outside bodies

Nothing to report

2903/23-24 Village matters

- Parish Inspections
Completed by Cllr Gillam and Hughes. The moon walker was repaired. The gates changed on Church Walk to open inwards and the Haddon Way gates repaired. A number of allotments need attention.
Chair contacted Phil Branigan contractor for a quotation for work to the middle access and side footpath at the cemetery.
Cemetery- weeds need addressing with contractor. The Parish Council may need to cut the hedges more than once a year and need to check cost implication. Grass cutting schedule needs submitting to the Parish Council- Cllr Gillam to chase.

2904/23-24 Cemetery and allotments

Chapel- museum items are currently being removed and the pews will be back installed. Cllr Gillam suggested the chapel could possibly be used for funeral meeting area- Cllr Gillam will produce a possible plan- this will be an agenda item.

2905/23-24 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- None

2906/23-24 Finance

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

1975/1976	6/6/2023	s/o	Payroll	Wages	£1281.44
1977	6/6/2023	Bacs	Superannuation	Contribution employee and employer	£276.90
1978	6/6/2023	s/o	Clerk	Home Office	£43.33
1979	6/6/2023	Bacs	Clerk	Expenses	£59.94
1980	6/6/2023	Bacs	Mr Gillam	Expenses (for village hall, play area and coronation)	£146.12
1981	6/6/2023	DD	Hunts DC	Business rates	£135.00
1982	6/6/2023	Bacs	Beebys	Grass cutting	£2016.00
1983	6/6/2023	Bacs	Mircoshade	Exchange mailbox	£57.10
1984	6/6/2023	Bacs	Balfour Beatty	Street light upgrade	£2602.85
1985	6/6/2023	DD	Npower	Street light energy	£25.34
1986	6/6/2023	DD	British Gas	VH electricity	£121.36
1987	6/6/2023	DD	British Gas	VH Gas	£189.18
1988	6/6/2023	DD	British Gas	Chapel electricity	£11.45
1989	6/6/2023	Bacs	HMRC	PAYE	£209.16

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

2. Asset Register- reassessed and valued

Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Howell seconded by Cllr Hughes and agreed to approve the updated asset register.

2907/23-24 Parish Council

- Consider planning committee
Mr Gillam Outlined the need for a planning committee. Cllr Howell and Cllr Cunningham were in Favour.
Resolved: It was agreed Cllr Granger, Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Howell and Cllr Hughes will be on the committee and accepted the terms of reference circulated.
- Parish council's employment policies and procedures
New policy circulated – deferred to allow all councillors to view.
- Clerk's appraisal Process
Deferred to next meeting
- Alternative Land management
Hunts Dc have identified one area, which is on Church Walk. Andrews Close is also included. The Parish Council will not be considering this for any of our areas.
- Neighbourhood planning

These have a strong influence over planning and it gives a Parish more control over development. These are costly, but grants can be obtained.

Information circulated to all councillors. Agenda item for next meeting.

- Consider a bi-weekly community social at the Village Hall
Cllr Gillam outlined the potential for a social which would be open to all, to include tea/coffee/biscuits/ board games, on an alternate Wednesday afternoon. 2pm- 4:30pm
Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Granger seconded by Cllr Hughes and agreed to start 14th June 2023. Open to all.
- Consider application for free use of hall for a village café
Resolved: It was agreed that as the Parish Council had already begun a Social café, it would ask the Church would like to volunteer to help rather than run a separate café.
- Consider Haddon Way use for football club
The Parish Council are in favour in principle. However, concerns over cost implications. It was agreed to investigate further.

2908/23-24

Correspondence

- A Thank you letter for the coronation celebrations
- Planning department advised the Parish Council would be notified when a re-consult is available for 19 Cross Street
- Hunts DC confirm Church Walk included on the 'Alternative land management scheme'
- Two complaints regarding grass cutting
- Cambridgeshire CC contribution for 2023/2024 is £450.73

2879/23-24

Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Energy contract – due Sept 2023

Vice chair - election

2880/23-24

The meeting closed at 9:23pm. The date of next meeting: Extraordinary meeting 20th June 2023 and next Full Parish Council meeting 4th July 2023