

FARCET PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of meeting held 3rd October 2023 at Farcet Village Hall

Cllrs D Gillam, M Rainey, L Granger, S Howell, S Cox and the Clerk Mrs E Tajer

0 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.

None

2938/23-24 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: Cllr J Hughes and A Cunningham

2939/23-24 Receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interest declarations

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

Resolved: None

2940/23-24 S Cox to sign the declaration of acceptance of office

Resolved: Mrs S Cox duly signed the acceptance of office witnessed by the Clerk.

2941/23-24 Approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 5th September 2023

Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Howell seconded by Cllr Rainey and agreed to approve the minutes of 5th September 2023.

2942/23-24 Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting of 5th September 2023

- A response was sent to the Church
- The Chapel electricity has been transferred to British Gas light and the Village gas/electricity has now been transfer to Octopus, with smart meters due to be installed
- The VAT refund has been received from last year's expenditure
- The Clerk and Chair continue to chase a response to the Cambs highways grass cutting contribution

2943/23-24 Matters for information and reports- Representatives on outside bodies

- Village Hall roof has had tiles repaired
- Village Hall boiler has been serviced
- PCSO did not attend the 'summer social' but will attend the next event on 4th October 2023
- Second half of Parish precept has been received

2944/23-24 Village matters

- Parish Inspections
Conducted by Cllr Rainey and Cllr Hughes.
Cllr Rainey asked if the flooring as Church walk could be looked at again in the next inspection.
Next inspection to be conducted by Cllr Rainey and Cllr Howell.

2945/23-24 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-

- 22/01107/FUL - Proposed Anaerobic Digestion Plant and Associated Infrastructure, Collmart Growers Ltd The Drove Pondersbridge Huntingdon PE26 2TP- Approved
- 23/00694/FUL - Retrospective Application for erection of 1no industrial building and siting of 9no. shipping containers in Class E (g)iii) and B8 Uses., The Barracks Piggery Milk And Water Drove Farcet Peterborough PE7 3DS- Refused
- 23/00325/FUL - Change of use and conversion of Sorting Office into dwelling with associated works., Flat Rear Of 30 - 32 Main Street Farcet Peterborough PE7 3DB- Approved

- 23/00486/FUL - Change of use to commercial vehicle storage and depot (part retrospective), The Plough Milk And Water Drove Farcet PE7 3DR- Refused

2. Applications addressed by the Parish Council Planning Committee- None

3. New Applications-

- 23/01157/FUL- Proposed installation of a telecommunications base station comprising a 20m monopole supporting 6 no. antennas, 2 no dishes together with 3 no cabinets, meter cabinet and ancillary development thereto including new access road, Land Opposite 145 Peterborough Road Farcet-no objections
- 23/01557/HHFUL- To drop pavement for access to driveway, 32 Peterborough Road Farcet Peterborough- recommend approval as it would make access to the property safer.

2946/23-24

Finance

1. Half year budget review- circulated prior to the meeting
Cllr Gillam gave a brief outlined of income and expenditure for the half year.
2. Renew Insurance policy
Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Gillam seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed to accept the renewal sent through by Gallagher's on a 3 year agreement.

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

2034/2035	02/10/2023	s/o	Payroll	Wages	£1270.29
2036	02/10/2023	Bacs	Superannuation	Contribution employee and employer	£276.90
2037	02/10/2023	s/o	Clerk	Home Office	£43.33
2038	02/10/2023	DD	Hunts DC	Business rates	£135.00
2039	02/10/2023	Bacs	Beebys	Grass cutting	£3024.00
2040	02/10/2023	Bacs	Mircoshade	Exchange mailbox	£57.10
2041	02/10/2023	Bacs	M Bass	VH Deposit Refund	£100.00
2042	02/10/2023	Bacs	Mrs E Tajer	Expenses	£29.79
2043	02/10/2023	Bacs	Red Shoes	Payroll service	£73.50
2044	02/10/2023	Bacs	Hunts DC	VH Bins	£120.90
2045	02/10/2023	Bacs	D Lyford	VH roofing	£300.00
2046	02/10/2023	Bacs	D Gillam	Expenses (wood for chapel door)	£30.00
2047	02/10/2023	Bacs	Mr Homewood	Expenses (fence panel for VH)	£81.26
2048	02/10/2023	Bacs	Gallagher's	Insurance	£4446.62
2049	02/10/2023	DD	Octopus Energy	VH Electricity	£43.73
2050	02/10/2023	DD	Octopus Energy	VH Gas	£8.43
2051	02/10/2023	DD	Octopus Energy	VH Energy deposit	£333.97

Payments made outside of meeting:

2052	22/9/2023	DD	British Gas	Chapel Electricity	£2.02
2053	22/9/2023	DD	British Gas	VH Gas	£19.85

2054	22/9/2023	DD	British Gas	VH Electricity	£60.05
2055	22/9/2023	DD	British Gas	VH Gas	£18.57

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

2947/23-24 Parish Council

- Maintenance at cemetery- discuss additional work needed
Cllr Gillam outlined the two areas of work needed, the chapel and the groundworks.
Groundworks:
Lime trees need pollarding, both hedges need work and other additional tree work.
Arisings will be chipped back on to borders as mulching.
Quotation submitted by Beeby's @ £2,550.00 (inclusive of hired-in plant).
Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Granger seconded by Cllr Gillam and agreed to accept the quotation.

Chapel: Needs external painting to doors and frames. Quotations submitted by Richard Siström Painting & Decorating @ £410.00
Internal walls, ceiling and woodwork need attentions.
Quotation submitted by @ £1073.00
Chapel Ceiling quotations submitted @ £980.00
Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Granger seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed to accept the quotation.
- Haddon Way additional maintenance
Cllr Gillam advised the hedges/trees/ brambles need maintenance. Not included with the maintenance contract.
Quotation submitted by Beeby's @ £1,530.00
Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Granger seconded by Cllr Rainey and agreed to accept the quotation.
- Cemetery- regulation compliance
Cllr Gillam advised two newer graves have had the top soil excavated and stone chips placed on the graves. This poses as health and safety risk to the grounds maintenance team. It was agreed a letter will be sent to the family to request this is removed.
- Cambs CC grass cutting contribution- agree action
Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Gillam seconded by Cllr Granger and agreed to invoice the amount indicated by Cambs CC and raise a complaint with the our Cambs County Cllr regarding the process and the amount invoiced.
- Trig point sign maintenance- deferred.
- Appoint working group to investigate assets value for insurance
Cllrs Howell, Cllr Hughes and Rainey agreed to form the working group.
The Clerk agreed to circulate the insurance schedule, asset register.
- Review Grass cutting contract in lieu of additional hedge and tree work to be discussed as part of the precept.

2948/23-24 Correspondence

- Complaint regarding speeding on Peterborough Road
- Email from police regarding MVAS data
- Hunts DC – planning training

2949/23-24 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

- Precept setting
- Village Sign maintenance
- Neighbourhood plan
- Village Hall hire fees for one off bookings
- Allotment clearance

2550/23-24 The meeting closed at 9:22pm. The date of next meeting: 7th November 2023