

FARCET PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of meeting held 5th September 2023 at Farcet Village Hall

Cllrs M Rainey, J Hughes, D Gillam, A Cunnington, S Howell and the Clerk Mrs E Tajer
2 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

2925/23-24 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 L Granger

2926/23-24 Receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interest declarations

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

Resolved: None

2927/23-24 Consider Co-option to the Parish Council

Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Cunnington seconded by Cllr Hughes and agreed to Co-opt Mrs S Cox to the Parish Council.

2928/23-24 Approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 4th July 2023, 27th July 2023 and 8th August 2023.

Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Howell seconded by Cllr Hughes and agreed to approve the minutes of 4th July 2023, 27th July 2023 and 8th August.

2929/23-24 Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting of 4th July 2023

- Update regarding grass cutting- the Chair continues to liaise with the contractor regarding the schedule and standard of work.

2930/23-24 Matters for information and reports- Representatives on outside bodies

None

2931/23-24 Village matters

- Parish Inspections- completed by Cllr Cunnington and Cllr Hughes
Trig point sign- needs maintenance. Agreed to make this an agenda item.
Pathway to allotments- needs strimming.
Next inspection to be completed by Cllr Hughes and Cllr Rainey.

2932/23-24 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. Applications addressed by the Parish Council Planning Committee- None

3. New Applications- None

2933/23-24 Finance

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

2021/2022	05/09/2023	s/o	Payroll	Wages	£1283.59
2023	05/09/2023	Bacs	Superannuation	Contribution employee and employer	£276.90
2024	05/09/2023	s/o	Clerk	Home Office	£43.33

2025	05/09/2023	DD	Hunts DC	Business rates	£135.00
2026	05/09/2023	Bacs	Beebys	Grass cutting (6 cuts)	£3024.00
2027	05/09/2023	Bacs	Mircoshade	Exchange mailbox	£57.10
2028	05/09/2023	Bacs	SJ Ingledew	Boiler Service	£80.00
2029	05/09/2023	Bacs	L Silk	VH Deposit Refund	£100.00
2030	05/09/2023	Bacs	Mrs E Tajar	Expenses	£47.00
2031	05/09/2023	Bacs	Mr D Gillam	Expenses	£6.99
2032	05/09/2023	Bacs	Chadwick Design	Website hosting	£115.06
2024	05/09/2023	Bacs	HMRC	PAYE	£219.16
2025	05/09/2023	Bacs	Balfour Beatty	Street Light maintenance contract	£480.00
2026	05/09/2023	Bacs	Npower	Street light electricity	£22.53

Payments made outside the meeting:

2008/2009	8/8/2023	s/o	Mrs E Tajar Mr T Homewood	Wages	£969.14 £321.10
2010	8/8/2023	Bacs	Superannuation	Contribution employee and employer	£276.90
2011	8/8/2023	s/o	Clerk	Home Office	£43.33
2012	8/8/2023	DD	Hunts DC	Business rates	£141.00
2013	8/8/2023	Bacs	Beebys	Grass cutting (6 cuts)	£3024.00
2014	8/8/2023	Bacs	Mircoshade	Exchange mailbox	£57.10
2015	8/8/2023	Bacs	Hunts Dc	VH Bins	£120.90
2016	8/8/2023	Bacs	Mr C Lamb	VH Deposit Refund	£100.00
2017	2016	DD	Npower	Street light electricity	£22.89
2018	2016	DD	British Gas	Chapel electricity	£4.46
2019	2016	DD	British Gas	VH electricity	£110.76
2020	2016	DD	British Gas	VH gas	£14.51

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

2934/23-24 Parish Council

- Discuss energy renewal contract-
Cllr Rainey, Hughes and Gillam met to discuss the energy renewal contract. Quotations submitted from British Gas and Octopus Energy.
150kwh per year at chapel- recommend to stay with British Gas on British Gas Lite Village hall – electricity and gas recommend changing supplier to Octopus from 6th September 2023. A deposit will be charged by Octopus which will be refunded at the end of the contact.
Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Hughes seconded by Cllr Howell and agreed to accept the recommendations and to install smart meters at the chapel and village hall.

- Review Insurance policy
Mr Gillam outlined the insurance values and the review that needs completing before the quotation is supplied.
- Consider appointing a valuer to assess the village hall and chapel
Proposed by Cllr Gillam to accept the quotation by Howard David Association.
Cllr Rainey suggested approaching the insurance with an increased value to the Village Hall to £850,000 and leave the chapel at its current value to see if the insurance increase.
Quotations supplied
£600 – Howard David Associates
£750 -Cardinus
Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Rainey seconded by Cllr Cunningham and agreed to increased value to the Village Hall to £850,000 and leave the chapel at its current value to see if the insurance increase. It was agreed to conduct review on the insurance values within 12 months.
- Maintenance at cemetery- discuss additional work needed
Bollards need installing at the road access- Cllr Granger has already agreed to get these installed.
Laurel tree- in particular needs addressing. It was agreed to obtain quotations for additional work to the trees.
Rubbish heap at allotments- agreed to obtain quotations.
- Location of the potential additional MVAS unit
Cllr Cunningham outlined his suggested locations- One on straight drove, Cllr Gillam highlighted we agreed to have one post located near Blackpool cottages.
Potentially seven locations for two signs (includes existing lamp posts)
Cllr Cunningham will continue to liaise with Cambs CC. The MVAS will be same as the current unit owned by the Parish Council and two additional posts will be provided.

2935/23-24 Correspondence

- Request for invoice for grass cutting to Cambs CC- **Resolved:** It was proposed by Cllr Rainey seconded by Cllr Hughes and agreed to send an invoice for £800.00.
- Church use of the village hall for a café- **Resolved:** It was proposed by Cllr Hughes seconded by Cllr Howell and agreed the hall can be hired at the regular hire rate.
- Weeds – request to support petition to Cambs CC regarding the change in policy to weedkilling.
- Financial regulation model review from NALC
- Complaint regarding the village hall

2936/23-24 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

2937/23-24 The meeting closed at 9:40pm. The date of next meeting: 3rd October 2023