

Draft Minutes are subject to approval at the next Council Meeting
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Farnsfield Parish Council held at 7.00pm
on Tuesday 23rd June 2025**

Commenced at 7.00pm. Conclusion at 8.15pm

Councillors present: Rachel Parkin (Chair) Lesley Healy, Joss Dixon, Mickey Gavin, Corinne Moore (Minute Taker)

Other Attendees: County Cllr Bruce Laughton plus 15 members of the public

Chairman's Welcome: The Chair welcomed those present and formally opened the meeting

2627.FC0 55 Public Participation – the following comments were made by members of the public.

- A member of the public commented that there had been news that a planning application had been submitted for 160 houses. The Chair responded that she had been in contact with Cllr Maurice Shakeshaft (also District Councillor at NSDC) who had confirmed that at this stage this is a SLAR study. A new local plan. Landowners in all areas had been contacted re land that may be available. Further information is awaited.

2627.FC056 Reports from County and District Councillors.

Cllr Shakeshaft (also District Cllr) had submitted apologies for absence.

County Cllr Laughton said he had been following up the speeding issues on Quaker Lane and has written to the Enforcement Office.

Speeding traffic along Southwell Road between Farnsfield and Edingley is being addressed. There is a possibility of a 50mph speed limit.

Cllr Dixon said he had done a poll which indicated that most residents were unhappy about the parking problems in the village. Cllr Laughton said that the County Council would support more parking. This is a difficult issue which has been explored before. There is no central space available in the village.

2627.FC057 Apologies for Absence: Councillors Joyce Shakeshaft, Maurice Shakeshaft, Michele Wilson, Sally Savage, Nick Greene. These were accepted. Proposed: Cllr Parkin. Seconded: Cllr Moore. Cllr Dixon commented on the importance of Councillors attending meetings unless there were good reasons. The Chair will raise this with the Clerk.

2627.FC058 To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Member's Register of Interests. Cllr Dixon declared an interest relating to Item 7b as he is a member of the Cricket Club.

2627.FC059 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 5th June and authorize the Chairman to sign the official minutes

The Chair said that the Minutes needed several amendments. She suggested that the Minutes be deferred until the next meeting. Proposed: Cllr Parkin. Seconded: Cllr Moore. Cllr Healy reminded Council that the Minutes had been taken by a Councillor and that the Minutes seemed satisfactory. She proposed a second amendment that the Minutes be accepted. Seconded: Cllr Dixon. The second amendment was not carried. **A motion was passed to defer the minutes to the next full council meeting.**

2627.FC060 Training – Staff and elected members. To receive the latest training availability via the National Association of Local Councils and consider and book relevant places for staff and elected members. It was agreed that that training was important for all Councillors. This will be raised by the Chair with the Clerk.

2627.FC061 Chair's report:

a) Correspondence had been received from a resident who requested that an In-Post locker be placed in the village. Cllr Dixon supported this – that it could be very useful for residents. Cllr Moore said the Co-op already provided a postal service from 8am – 9pm and parcels could be dropped there. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Facilities and Environment Committee for further discussion.

b) Correspondence had been received from the Leader of the Cubs in relation to a young person using a wheelchair who would be moving to the group that met in the Attic Room on Tuesday evenings. This was discussed. A similar issue occurred a year ago and been explored in relation to fire risk, and a lift being required to enable access to the Upper Floors for wheelchair users, which was not possible. Cllr Parkin suggested that as FPC Council meetings also met on Tuesdays these meetings could be held in the Attic Room. The Cub group could meet in the Lower Hall which has disabled access. Cllr Parkin will discuss this with the Booking Clerk and the Clerk on her return from holiday.

c) Cllr Dixon noted that the Booking Clerk was on holiday and there had been a request from the leader of a Dance Class to use the Upper Hall on 25th June. The Dance class usually met at a venue with no air conditioning as in the Upper Hall. The leader is a regular user of the Village Centre. The matter of insurance was discussed. Cllr Dixon said this query also raised the issue of delegation of bookings when the Booking Clerk was absent.

Cllr Dixon proposed that the request be accepted; seconded: Cllr Gavin. Cllr Healy against and 2 abstentions. The vote was carried. Cllr Dixon agreed to contact the leader of the Dance School. Cllrs agreed that the matter of delegated booking responsibilities should be further discussed with the Clerk/RFO.

2627.FC062 Parish Matters: to receive updates in respect of:

- a) Library leak: the Chair reported that no further action had been progressed. This was disappointing. Cllr Green was away for a further 2 weeks. 2 Builders had been contacted but Cllr Green wished to undertake a further site visit.

The matter was discussed. The Chair proposed that the builders be asked to visit as soon as possible as further damage was occurring, and quotes for the job be obtained. She agreed to undertake this task. Proposed: Cllr Parkin, Seconded: Cllr Dixon. The proposal was carried with 1 abstention.

- b) Solar Panel Grant: The Chair reported that of the 15K grant, the following allocations had been agreed: Halifax memorial £1,500; History Society £300; Welcome spaces at the Plough £500. The Cricket Club had requested £10,800 for the development of an astro turf and nets facility on the second playing field by the Acres. A representative of the Club spoke about the importance of increasing facilities for the many younger members who are joining the Club. This was discussed and included environmental considerations. This is a large amount of the total grant. Farnsfield athletic have submitted an application for £750 for uniforms and equipment.

In the absence of a Clerk, it had been difficult to ascertain if there were further applications. No deadline had been suggested by the grant givers it was unclear if Council had previously suggested a deadline. Further applications from community groups could be considered and a new deadline set. This should be advertised on the website and in the Farnie. The Chair will discuss with the Clerk on her return from leave and all outstanding grants will be deferred until the next meeting on 21st July. Proposed: Cllr Gavin: Seconded: Cllr Healy. The motion was carried

Two residents made an objection to Cllr Dixons involvement in the conversation in relation to the Cricket Club, due to his declaration of interest in The Cricket Club.

- c) Request Memorial bench, the Acres playing field: the Chair reported on a request from the Manager of Farnsfield Villa Football Club for a Memorial Bench on the Acres in memory of Geoff Simkiss. It is a fully funded project. Proposed: Cllr Dixon; Seconded: Cllr Gavin, A motion was passed to allow this bench to be placed on the acres, subject to the material used for the bench would be discussed between the Chair and Football club
- d) Request for Outside Yoga “Summer flow/ flow in the field” Parfitt Drive. This activity had happened in previous years and had been well received. All agreed. Proposed: Cllr Parkin; Seconded: Cllr Moore. 1 abstention; Cllr Parkin will check the Insurance with the leader.
- e) VC Lower Hall wood floor: the Chair reported that the Cleaner had reported damage to the wooden floor which had been renovated and cleaned in August 2025. Cllr Healy queried if there would be liability. It appeared that the

renovation had not been adequate. It was agreed that this matter be referred to F&E and discussion had with the Cleaner re terms and conditions. Proposed: Cllr Dixon; Seconded: Cllr Gavin. All in favour.

- f) Dog bins: the Chair had received communication from a resident re the acquisition of further Dog Bins. It had been agreed at Council last year. Cllr Parkin will follow this up with the Landsman. Proposed: Cllr Parkin; Seconded: Cllr Healy. All in favour.

2627.FC063 Correspondence: to receive and dispose of correspondence received since the last meeting: the Chair read a letter of thanks from the Farnsfield Twinning Association which was very positive re the funding received for half costs of this successful event.

2627.FC064 Return of Cil Monies to NSDC and update on Speed Indicator Devices: the NSDC have requested that the unspent Cil monies of £8,238 be returned to NSDC and agreed that NSDC will hold it so that it can be used for the Speeding Devices when they have been procured. NSDC will then make the payment to NCC VIA on our behalf. Cllr Dixon queried the procedure in ordering the Speed signs and Cllr Parkin explained that the next step will be to pay NCC consultancy fees of £2500 per device, before the start the next step. Cllr Gavin commented on the high cost of the consultancy fees. A motion was passed to return the Cil money to NSDC Proposed: Cllr Parkin; Seconded: Cllr Healy. All in favour.

2627.FC065 Financial Matters:

- a) To note bank balances on bank statements as of 23rd June 2026 **Unity bank 23rd June 2026 £90,925.03**
- b) To note income: **Income received between 9th June 2026 and 23rd June 2026, £2,382.07**
- c) To authorise the signing of orders for payment for period 9th June – 23rd June 2026

Bills for payment 9th June-24th June

NSDC	Small works contract	£640.00	£128.00	£768.00
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Atherleys	parish meeting buffet	£80.00	£0.00	£80.00
Handicentre	goods	£73.64	£18.41	£92.05
History society	Solar fund grant	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00

Halifax				
bomber	Solar fund grant	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,500.00
Staff wages	June wages	£547.44	£0.00	£547.44
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Nsdc	cil money	£8,238.00	£0.00	£8,238.00
Zest	works competed	£225.00	£45.00	£270.00

A motion was passed to pay the bills for payment. Proposed: Cllr Parkin; Seconded: Cllr Healy All in favour

2627.FC066 Christmas Arrangements: the Chair referred to the Supporting Document provided by Cllr Joyce Shakeshaft which outlined the arrangements which had been made for this event last year previously delegated to F&E. The weather had been very challenging and this needed to be considered. The Council needs to decide at the full council meeting in July, what format the Christmas event should take. A lengthy discussion followed. Proposal: that the road be closed as in previous years; that the Village Centre Lower Hall and possibly the Church should be used. Proposed: Cllr Parkin; Seconded: Cllr Gavin. A motion was passed to set up a Working Party to deal with the various tasks outlined in the Supporting Document, to include residents, the Events Group, and Councillors. It was suggested that Cllr Dixon should lead this group. Proposed: Cllr Parkin; Seconded: Cllr Dixon. All in favour.

2627.FC067 To Note date of next meeting as 21st July 2026 at 7pm.

