

**Minutes of the Meeting of the full Farnsfield Parish Council held at 7pm on Tuesday 25 November 2025**

Councillors present: Lesley Healy (chair), John Cracknell, Nick Greene, Corinne Moore, Rachel Parkin, Joyce Shakeshaft (departed after minute FC187), Maurice Shakeshaft and (from minute FC183) Mickey Gavin

In attendance: County Cllr Bruce Laughton, Parish Clerk Judith Alcock, locum Parish Clerk-designate Peter Leppard and c.25 members of the public

**2526.FC167 Chair's opening remarks**

Cllr Healy welcomed everyone, going on to thank the village's uniformed groups for their recent efforts, and noting that the Xmas lights switch-on event will be on 5 December. She also noted that a member of the public was audio-recording this meeting.

**2526.FC168 Appointment of Locum Clerk**

It was unanimously resolved to appoint Peter Leppard as Locum Clerk effective from when Judith Alcock leaves the role this week. Cllr Healy thanked Judith for all her work for the Council.

**2526.FC169 Apologies for absence**

These were accepted from Cllr S Savage.

**2526.FC170 Declarations of Interests appertaining to items on the agenda**

Cllrs Healy and Moore declared non -pecuniary interests in St Michael's churchyard (minute FC189).

**2526.FC171 Public participation**

- Several members of the public spoke, individually, about their concerns re the possibility (the "Access to Recreation" (A2R) project) of a new roadway connecting Parfitt Drive with Cotton Mill Lane. Several other members of the public, individually, explained why they support this project. A member of the public complained at the cost incurred by obtaining Pre-planning advice for the project. A member of the public complained of a redaction in a document re the project. A member of the public complained that a meeting previously promised re bunds had not taken place.
- A member of the public spoke in favour of the Council making a grant to St Michael's churchyard.
- A member of the public (i) commented on the quality of the Council's administration and financial control and (ii) opined that a grant to St Michael's churchyard was unnecessary.
- A member of the public (i) thanked the Parish Council and other residents for the support given to this year's Remembrance commemoration, (ii) commented on the availability of supporting papers (especially re Finance) for Council meetings and on items which had been removed from the Council's website, and (iii) asked whether the Council had yet opened the new building society account which it had said it would.
- A member of the public enquired about future provision of taxis in Farnsfield.

**2526.FC172 Reports from County and District Councillors**

Cllr M Shakeshaft (in his District Cllr role) spoke of (i) a recent Planning decision re the Winner City site and (ii) the stance anticipated to be adopted by the District Council re forthcoming Local Government Reorganisation. County Cllr Laughton also commented on Local Government Reorganisation, then spoke about (i) a petition received re the A2R project and (ii) progress towards installation of a new zebra crossing in Farnsfield.

**2526.FC173 Report from Police**

No Police officer was in attendance.

**2526.FC174 Approval of Minutes of the full Council Meeting on 4 September**

It was resolved to approve (5 in favour, 2 abstentions) the draft which was tabled.

**2526.FC175 Approval of Minutes of the full Council Meeting on 23 September**

It was resolved to approve unanimously the draft which was tabled.

**2526.FC176 Approval of Minutes of the full Council Meeting on 7 October**

It was resolved to approve (6 in favour, 1 abstention) the draft which was tabled.

**2526.FC177 Approval of Minutes of the full Council Meeting on 21 October**

It was resolved to approve (5 in favour, 2 abstentions) the draft which was tabled.

**2526.FC178 Approval of Minutes of the full Council Meeting on 4 November**

It was resolved to approve unanimously the draft which was tabled.

**2526.FC179 Approval of items for payment for October 2025**

It was unanimously resolved to approve for payment all the items tabled in the meeting papers.

**2526.FC180 Clerk's correspondence**

The Clerk noted a public complaint received re items having been removed from the Council's website, and explained the steps to being taken to rectify the situation.

**2526.FC181 Election of Vice-chair**

It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Moore be the Council's Vice-chair for the period until May 2026.

**2526.FC182 Co-option into vacant Council seats**

It was unanimously resolved to co-opt Mickey Gavin into one of the Council's vacant seats.

**2526.FC183 Grant application from Farnsfield Pre-school**

It was unanimously resolved to grant £1,000 towards setting-up a new Mother & Toddler group at the Preschool.

**2526.FC184 Fire risk assessment, Village Centre**

It was unanimously resolved to defer this item to allow the incoming Locum Clerk to review actions taken to date and advise an appropriate way forward. It was noted that a Notts Fire & Rescue visit is scheduled for 10 December.

**2526.FC185 Budget-setting process for FY2026-27**

A brief commentary was given on the process adopted to date.

**2526.FC186 Draft budget FY2026-27**

The current draft was noted, and that further development of it will occur before sign-off in January.

**2526.FC187 A2R research group proposal**

The Pre-planning advice for the Access to Recreation project, received in October was noted.

*(Standing Orders were suspended for a short period to allow public comments, and then reinstated.)*

It was noted that this project will feature in a public consultation event in January, that the future of the project will need to be prioritised against other potential spending and that the incoming Locum Clerk will be reviewing the project.

**2526.FC188 NSDC Greener Gateways proposal**

*(Standing Orders were suspended for a short period to allow public comments, and then reinstated.)*

It was resolved (4 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention) to advise NSDC that the Parish Council wishes them to proceed with this project in Farnsfield, and will bear the costs outlined in NSDC's proposal.

**2526.FC189 Grant application for St Michael's churchyard**

It was resolved (6 in favour, 1 abstention) to make an upkeep grant of £1,000.

**2526.FC190 Grant application from Farnsfield Twinning Association**

It was resolved (5 in favour, 2 abstentions) to make a grant of £774.

**2526.FC191 Requested items for future agenda**

- Antisocial behaviour
- Football/update on Acres
- Solar farm

**2526.FC192 Date of the next meeting**

This was confirmed as 20 January 2026 at 7pm in the Village Centre, Farnsfield.

Meeting closed at 8.57pm.