

Minutes of Meeting for Farnsfield Parish Council
held at 7pm on Tuesday 21st April 2026

Councillors present:

Lesley Healy (chair), Joss Dixon, Mickey Gavin, Corinne Moore,
Rachel Parkin, Sally Savage, Joyce Shakeshaft, Maurice Shakeshaft and Michele
Wilson

It was noted that a member of the public was audio-recording this meeting.

2627.FC001 Apologies for absence – Nick Green.

2627.FC002 Declarations of Interests appertaining to items on the agenda: Cllrs.
Savage, Healy, M Shakeshaft, J Shakeshaft – S106 item.

2627.FC003 Public Participation – the following comments were made by Members
of the Public:-

- Financial Matters regarding the Council and Councillors
- Outstanding complaints
- Request for resignation of some councillors
- Request for a governance review
- Comments re posting of documents on the FPC website
- Comments on the Council accounts
- Suggestion of investigation into administration of S106 funds
- Comments on spending of CIL funds

2627.FC004 - Reports from County and District Councillors;
Cllr. M Shakeshaft fed back information on NSDC road sweeping, saying it was
difficult to complete due to the large number of parked cars.
Cllr Laughton outlined forthcoming improvements to the A614, plus continuing work
on potholes. A discussion followed on the positioning of speed cameras and general
congestion in the village.

2627.FC005 Report from Police
No Police officer was in attendance.

2627.FC006 Approval of Minutes of the full Council Meeting of 24 March 2026
It was resolved to approve the draft which was tabled, with one abstention.

2627.FC007 Resignation of the Locum Clerk – the Chair outlined the good work that
the locum clerk had completed and councillors commented on the situation.

2627.FC008 Resignation of Councillor John Cracknell – the Chair and councillors
expressed their gratitude for all Cllr. Cracknell's hard work and also sadness with
regard to his resignation.

2627.FC009 To agree the recommendations of the F&G Committee re S106
repayment to NSDC – the locum clerk had completed an audit trail, which illustrated
that some S106 funds were not spent and therefore had to be returned. There

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followed a discussion of the internal and external audit process. Cllr. Wilson offered to work with F&G going forward – this proposal was passed unanimously.

2627.F010 To consider the recommendation of the F&G Committee that we identify some Councillors to consider the findings of the interim internal audit and prioritise actions. It was resolved that Cllrs. M Shakeshaft, Wilson, Gavin and Dixon would review DALC internal checklist documents individually, then meet to discuss. There would then be a report back to Cllr. Savage.

2627.FC011. To discuss end of year close down of accounts and whether we should budget a notional sum to fund any additional support required and agree to make a request for an extension to our AGAR submission for 2025/26 – Work has already been done on AGAR, which is satisfactory, but more needs to be done and deadlines met. It was acknowledged that lack of continuity re FPC clerks had caused difficulties. It was resolved that Cllrs. Wilson and Parkin are to be trained in data entry using RIALTAS at a cost of £890 +VAT. Noting progress made so far, it was resolved that no notional sum was required.

2627.FC012. To consider the outcomes of the review of the Council Complaints Policy. Cllr Dixon & other councillors reviewed 4 complaints policies and proposed that the one recommended be adopted by the Council. This proposal was carried, with one abstention.

2627.FC013. To consider the offer from NSDC to undertake an independent governance review. It was commented that progress had been made on improving the workings of the Council, but more work needed to be done. It was proposed that a governance review be conducted, subject to clarification by NSDC. This was carried unanimously.

2627.FC014. To note items for consideration for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting:- an update on the Governance Review.

2627.FC015. To confirm the date of the next meeting as being 19th May 2026.

2627.FC016. To pass a resolution “that in view of the confidential nature of the following agenda item, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. This was agreed unanimously.

2627.FC017. Closed item. See separate minutes.