

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the full Farnsfield Parish Council at 7pm on Tuesday 24 March 2026

Councillors present: Lesley Healy (chair), John Cracknell, Joss Dixon, Mickey Gavin, Nick Greene, Corinne Moore, Rachel Parkin, Sally Savage, Joyce Shakeshaft, Maurice Shakeshaft and Michele Wilson

In attendance: County Cllr Bruce Laughton, Locum Clerk Peter Leppard and 10 members of the public

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

2526.FC234 Apologies for absence

Nil

2526.FC235 Declarations of Interests appertaining to items on the agenda

Cllr M Shakeshaft declared an interest in item FC243 as a Trustee of Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire.

2526.FC236 Public Participation

- A member of the public commented on (i) a Facebook post by a councillor, (ii) the outcome of internal audit (iii) the handling of a public complaint and (iv) GDPR compliance.
- A member of the public commented on (i) the Council's Vexatious Behaviour Policy, (ii) complaints made in 2025 re 'No May May' and (iii) use of social media.
- A member of the public commented on a Governance Review proposed in 2025.
- A member of the public commented on Cllr M Shakeshaft's role in Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire.
- A member of the public commented on (i) the handling of a public complaint and (ii) the Council's (1) Complaints, (2) Vexatious Behaviour and (3) Correspondence Policies.

2526.FC237 Reports from County and District Councillors

County Cllr Laughton spoke about (i) NCC approval recently given for a significant level of repair to Cockett La, and (ii) evolving policy re SEND education facilities. Cllr M Shakeshaft (in his District Cllr role) spoke about NSDC's recent debates on (i) a proposed tourist tax (ii) the 2026/27 budget, and (iii) whether to provide funding for ward councillors' small initiatives.

2526.FC238 Report from Police

No Police officer was in attendance.

2526.FC239 Approval of Minutes of the full Council Meeting of 24 February

It was resolved to approve the draft which was tabled.

2526.FC240 Draft minutes of the Facilities & Environment Committee of 10 March

These draft minutes were noted.

2526.FC241 Xmas arrangements 2026

It was resolved that the Facilities & Environment Committee will lead on convening a meeting (to include any other FPC councillors who wish to be involved) with the Farnsfield Events team to discuss the planning of 2026 Xmas arrangements. It was noted that full Council approval of the proposed spend will be needed after that meeting.

2526.FC242 Revision of policies & procedures

- Grant-application form** It was resolved to defer this item, pending circulation of an amended proposal by Cllr Savage.
- Social Media Policy** It was resolved to adopt the revised version of this policy circulated in the meeting papers.
- Complaints Policy** It was noted that this Policy remains unresolved from item 2526.FC143 in October. It was resolved (i) not to adopt the revised version of the Policy circulated in the meeting papers and (ii) that Cllrs Dixon, Greene and Parkin will form a working-group to recommend further revisions to Council.
- Vexatious Behaviour Policy** It was resolved (5 for, 5 against, 1 abstention, and then decided by the Chair's casting vote) to adopt the revised version of this policy circulated in the meeting papers.

2526.FC243 To consider becoming a member of Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire (RCAN)

(Cllr M Shakeshaft left the room for the duration of this item.)

Following a councillor suggestion that this item was unnecessary because the Council is already a member of RCAN, it was resolved to defer the item, pending a check being made. *(Post-meeting note: The Council is not already a member.)*

2526.FC244 To agree uses of £8,238 of CIL monies expiring on 16 April

It was resolved to utilise CIL funds (including £8,238 expiring in April) to pay for purchase/installation of a Speed Indicator Device on each of (i) Southwell Rd westbound and (ii) Station La eastbound, from the supplier Westcotec, to include a *Slow Down* message and Bluetooth-based data collection, at a quoted price of £4,529 each. The Clerk will liaise with NCC Highways and Notts Police as to the siting of these devices.

2526.FC245 Youth Council projects

Cllr J Shakeshaft described several Youth Council initiatives currently being developed.

2526.FC246 Financial position as at 28 February

The tabled accounts and bank reconciliations were noted.

2526.FC247 Approval of items for payment

It was resolved to approve for payment the items listed in the meeting papers.

2526.FC248 Items for consideration for inclusion on the next full Council agenda

It was proposed that there be agenda items on (i) possible action items arising from the 18 January public drop-in session, (ii) football-pitch renovation and (iii) Xmas-time arrangements.

2526.FC249 Date of next meeting

This was confirmed as 21 April 2026 at 7pm in the Village Centre, Farnsfield

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.