



FARNHAM PARISH MEETING · MINUTES

# Tuesday 12 November 2024

*Held at St Oswald's Church, Farnham — the Meeting was declared quorate.*

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Apologies. Read out by the Chairman.

Declarations of interest. None.

Minutes of 23 April 2024. Unanimously approved as a true record.

Matters arising. All covered in agenda items below.

## Treasury Matters

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1. Parish Precept for 2025/26. The Treasurer recommended the precept remain at £1,870 for 2025/26 as no substantial changes in costs were anticipated. *Proposed by Phil Roebuck, seconded by Anne Wylie. Passed unanimously.*

2. Renewal of contracts.

- o Grass cutting. The quote received from Farm & Land last year (£56 + VAT per cut) covered a 2-year period. Farm & Land had agreed to change the strimming method to make it neater. The church grass is to be cut shorter again after a trial of letting it grow longer.
- o Insurance. Zurich's contract renews in April; no quote yet received. As last year, the Meeting authorised acceptance of any quote within 10% of the present rate.

## Planning Matters

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Michael Taylor reported that there had been no new planning applications and summarised the outcome of prior applications.

Richard Hall noted that a planning application had been made for the trimming of churchyard trees.

## Road Safety

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The Meeting noted that the 30 mph sign on the Ferensby Road had eventually been moved further up the hill. Helen Frankland said the 30 mph sign at the Stang Lane entrance to the village also needed moving back, but it was explained that this had been requested numerous times and always refused by the council. Flashing 30 mph signs were also discussed again.

## Drainage

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Phil Roebuck reported he was still trying to get a response to his representations on the overflow problems from the top end of the village. Andy Day mentioned that Yorkshire Water had put a new sewer level monitor in his garden.

## Public Transport

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*Nothing to report.*

## Church Matters

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Shirley Hooper reported that they were in discussion with a potential replacement vicar.

She also thanked Kate Robinson for her work for the church over the past four years. The Chairman endorsed those thanks and said that the Meeting recognised Kate's work both for the church and in organising village social events, from which she is now stepping down. Future social events will be led by individual members of the events working group.

## Village Events

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Kate summarised recent village events and the proceeds from fundraising, and informed the Meeting that in future separate people would each be responsible for organising one event each in the village, to spread the workload involved.

## Any Other Business

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1. Rock Cottage commuted sums. The Treasurer reported the receipt of approximately £7,000 of commuted sums in respect of the Rock Cottage development, allocated to the Parish and to be spent by 2032 on the SINC site and Farnham Lane verges. As these verges are quite narrow, suitable projects may be difficult to find. Benches opposite the SINC site, and machinery or other contributions to the charity maintaining the SINC site, were possibilities discussed. Michael Taylor said he would review the options and report back.
2. Meeting times. Helen Frankland suggested changing Parish Meeting times to daylight hours to make it easier for older residents to attend. The Chairman thought this a good idea and suggested trialling a Saturday morning meeting to see if attendance improved.
3. New chairman needed. The Chairman told the Meeting he would move early next year, so the Spring Meeting would need to appoint a new Chairman. He asked anyone willing to accept the post, or to propose someone else, to contact him.

*The next Parish Meeting will be held in Spring, probably in April.*

