FARNHAM PARISH MEETING · MINUTES

Tuesday 3 November 2026

Held at St Oswald's Church, Farnham — the Chairwoman welcomed everyone and declared the Meeting quorate.

Apologies. Received from Candy and Simon Theakston, Emma and Phil Roebuck, Ian Thornton and Richard Hall.

Declarations of interest. None.

Minutes of 5 May 2026. Unanimously approved as a true record.

Matters arising. Many thanks were given to Sat Gidda for all his hard work in producing a comprehensive, up-to-date website for the village. All other updates were included in later agenda items.

Treasury Matters

1. Parish Precept for 2027/28. The Meeting discussed whether the precept should be increased to reflect inflation. Sat Gidda proposed, and Michael Taylor seconded, that the precept be set at £2,100 for 2027/28. *Passed unanimously.*

2. Renewal of contracts. The two main contracts are grass cutting and insurance. Zurich's contract renews in April each year, so no quote has yet been received. The Treasurer suggested that, as last year, the Meeting authorise acceptance of any quote within 10% of the present rate. *Agreed by the Meeting.*

Planning Matters

All the present planning applications are still in progress: NYC Planning Department has issued no decisions on Mr Green's latest application, nor on any of the solar farm and BESS applications.

NYC are expected to take legal advice on the correct procedure to follow where a grid connection would not be available to a proposed development within the normal timescale after approval. As regards the present applications, it was thought unlikely that grid connection would be sufficient before 2035.

Michael Taylor thanked Sat Gidda for all his work on this, which resulted in the Planning Department reconsidering its procedure.

Road Safety

Yellow lines have now been painted on Shaw Lane, but people are still parking on them.

Drainage & Public Transport

Drainage. No issues recently, but autumn leaf fall is likely to block drains, which will require clearance by Highways.

Public transport. Nothing to report.

Church Matters

Church funding was discussed. It was agreed that Sat Gidda would put donation information on the village website (farnhamvillage.co.uk), and that Pam Taylor would attach a Gift Aid donation form to these minutes. The form follows on the next page.

Village Events

The village pub dinner will be at the Guy Fawkes Arms, Scotton, on Thursday 26 November.

The Farnham carol service will be on 11 December this year.

Any Other Business

None.

The next Parish Meeting will be held in Spring, probably in April. The date will be decided nearer the time.

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First Name (s)

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Donation Amount (£0.00)

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Please provide your signature in the box below

Signature

Date (dd-mm-yyyy)