



Parish Council Meeting

Present: Cllr Moreton-Ford (JMF) Chair, Cllr Maughan (DM) Vice-Chair, Cllr Causton (TC) and Cllr Williams (DW).

Also Present: Debbie Batley (Parish Clerk and 3 members of the public)

Meeting of Farringdon Parish Council held on

Thursday 10th July at 7.45 pm at All Saints Church, Upper Farringdon

Minutes

187/25. Apologies for Absence: Apologies from Cllr Clegg and Cllr Doherty

188/25. To receive and approve disclosable pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests from the Clerk (Local government act 1972 s117). **None**

189/25. To receive and approve dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests from the Councillors. (S33 of the Localism Act 2011). **Cllr Moreton and Cllr Causton, in reference to the Village Hall Planning Application as both members of Farringdon Village Hall C.I.O.**

190/25. To receive resolution to suspend standing orders to allow public question time.
Proposed DM Seconded TC

Public Question Time

To adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes to allow public questions. Members of the public are invited to speak for up to 3 minutes each. **No questions**

191/25. To receive resolution to resume standing orders. **Proposed DM Seconded TC**

192/25. Approval of Minutes: To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council from 19th June 2025 - **Unanimously approved by council and signed as True by Cllr Moreton-Ford.**

193/25. Reports Issues and Updates

Update Gaston Lane: **Cllr Maughan wrote yet again for an update and to complain that the road closure has been extended to the 1st November. From HCC: *The designers have met with the contractors, following the placing of the order and we should be able to provide a programme very soon.***

Update on 'Farringdon an identity': **Cllr Maughan (Project Lead) communicated the project idea to residents with posters in both pubs and on the village notice boards, Facebook, FVWAG, Farringdon Net, as well as creating a form on the Parish Council Website for residents to say if they supported the idea or not. She attended the Coffee morning (5th July) and held a Residents Open Session (10th) where residents could ask questions about the project. She will feed back the residents' response at the September meeting but approx. 90% support the project from those people who have responded.**

Playground Update: **Cllr Maughan (Playground Lead)** has met with 3 companies to discuss a toddler area, and an area for older children. This is now a proposal – see 200/25.

Update on gate for Outdoor Gym at MUGA(Clerk) – this has been placed on hold until later in the year due to the ground being too dry and not suitable for erecting a gate post now.

Update on Lords Woods (Clerk) We received a brief update for Heather Gee Principal Planning Enforcement Officer EHDC: *This is a brief update to everyone who has raised concerns about the caravan, containers, new access, etc at Brightstone Copse. A formal questionnaire, called a Planning Contravention Notice, was served on the owner, and in his responses, he advised that he intends to submit planning applications this month for all elements that are subject to planning control. He also advised that the caravan is not being lived in and is only used for welfare purposes, but this is something we are still investigating. I know that concerns were also raised about blocking access to the public right of way. Unfortunately this is not something which the LPA can address, but if it is still an issue you can report it to Hampshire County Council at [Report a rights of way issue | Things to do in Hampshire | Hampshire County Council](#)*

Bank Change Update: (Clerk) **Awaiting Cllr Clegg to return from annual leave and then we will have all the correct forms signed and processed.**

194/25 Compliance. Council RESOLVED to accept updated Financial Regulations and Standing Orders. Signed off by Chair Cllr Moreton-Ford.

195/25. Financial Report. To note bank balance, earmarked reserve and payments and receipt since the last meeting, please see attached reports. **Unanimously approved by council and signed off by Chair Cllr Moreton-Ford.**

196/25. Planning applications:

Applicant: Farringdon Village Hall CIO Proposal: Variation of Condition 8 (Opening Hours) as shown in Approval of Application Reference Number: SDNP/22/01621/FUL Date of Decision: 25/10/2024. Restrictive opening hours that threaten the viability of the proposal. The prescribed opening hours noted in the approval notice are considerably more limiting than those of surrounding local businesses and other village halls in the wider area.

- **The Parish Council could not comment due to not having a Quorum (3). Councillors could comment on the application as individuals, but not collectively as a body. No comments were made.**

PROPOSALS

197/25 For the Clerk to have a pay as you go sim card at £10 per month. To allow the PC to have a presence, on the Village WhatsApp group and enable the residents to have a direct contact for the Parish Council – **Proposed DM Seconded TC. All agreed**

198/25 For the Clerk Adobe software at £238.75 per year, we need to update and review our documentations, this will help us to edit certain documentation and be able to blackout names and signature on documents. **Proposed DM Seconded TC. All agreed**

199/25 Proposal by Cllr Maughan to increase the playground Renewals Budget from £19,000 to £35,000 for the proposed playground project. It is suggested this is achieved by using the VAT return payment and by reducing the Emergency Fund from £20,000 to £10,000 (please bear in mind that we cannot make payments to individuals from the Emergency Fund). **Proposed DM Seconded JMF. All agreed**

200/25 Proposal by Cllr Maughan, to update and improve the Shirnall Meadow Play area: Removal of zip-wire (we know this was popular, but it was costing upwards of £1000 per year to maintain and is currently still closed, also only one child could use this large area at a time). Replace with **raised see-saw that spins 360 / a Mini Trampoline / Spinners / and a Basket Swing**. Removal of Single springer to be replace with **Springer for 4 children**. Removal of Roundabout to be replaced with a **Toddler Multiplay Unit**. Quotes (excluding VAT): Redlynch £36,112.00, Kompan £36,636.71, Hags £30,000. **The Council agreed to engage Hags as our supplier. Proposed DM Seconded DW. All agreed.**

201/25 To Consider Co-opting a new Councillor and agree any actions. **Application received from Russ Ison. The Council all agreed to co-opt the candidate as a new councillor.**

202/25 Environmental Report – Cllr Williams

- **Very good job on the A32, seem to have solved the problem of the drainage.**
- **Various footpaths, need to be looked and it may be useful to contact the local Ramblers association**

203/25 - Meeting Dates for 2025. **Meeting for September 2025, a change of date was requested due to some councillors being unavailable on the 11th September. New date of the 25th September was agreed and approved by all.**

Date	Time	Venue	Primary purpose
25th September 2025	7pm	All Saints Church	Full Council Meeting
13th November 2025	7pm	All Saints Church	Full Council Meeting
8th January 2026	7pm	All Saints Church	Full Council Meeting
12th March 2026	7pm	All Saints Church	Full Council Meeting
9th April 2026	7pm	All Saints Church	Village Meeting
14th May 2026	7pm	All Saints Church	Annual General Meeting
9th July 2026	7pm	All Saints Church	Full Council Meeting

Meeting Closed at 9pm

204/25 HR Committee Meeting – Closed Meeting

It was agreed by the council that the Clerk's salary would now be on SCP 19 due to a national pay rise in October and successful probation period. Contract now reflects this. Changes will come into effect on 1st September 2025. Pension payments also agreed (following agreement from HALC/HCC).