

# FARCET PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting held 7th February 2017 in the Rear meeting room, Farcet Village Hall

Cllrs C York, C Deards, Cllr Hudson, Cllr Hyland, Y Nickson and the Clerk Mrs. E Tajar  
3 members of the public were present

*A outside Farcet minutes silence was held out of respect of the two young men who lost their lives just Farce, Thomas Northham and Thomas Fletcher*

### 2013/16- 17      **Receive and approve apologies**

Cllr M Haggars  
County Cllr McGuire

### 2014/16- 17      **Receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interest declarations**

None declared

### 2015/16-17      **Consider so-option to the Parish Council**

Mr Leigh Granger addressed the Parish Council giving his reasons for wishing to join the Parish Council and the skills/experience he could bring to the role.

It was proposed by Cllr Hudson and Second by Cllr Hyland and unanimously agreed to co-op Mr Granger to the Parish Council.

Mr Granger signed the declaration of acceptance of office, which was witnessed by the Clerk, Mrs E Tajar.

### 2016/16- 17      **Approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2016**

It was proposed by Cllr York seconded by Cllr Deards and unanimously agreed that the minutes of 6th December 2016 were a true and accurate record.

### 2017/16- 17      **Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting of 6th December 2016**

- The Old Vicarage- no update
- The precept was submitted to Hunts DC
- The step at the front of the village hall has been altered to meet health and safety report

### 2018/16- 17      **Public Participation**

Mr Andrew Dixon approached the Parish Council requesting a donation to the funeral of Thomas Northham and Thomas Fletcher and the possibility of a memorial bench on the Farcet to Yaxley footpath (once it has been built).

The Clerk advised the installation of a bench would need permission from Cambs CC.

The money for either of these requests would be spent under S137, which means the Parish Councillors must be prepared to justify the spending to the auditor, as money spend under S137 must be proportion to those gaining benefit from it.

A discussion took place regarding the bench. It proposed by Cllr Hudson and second by Cllr York and agreed the Parish Council would investigate the possibility of purchasing and installing a bench, as a bench would be a village amenity for public use. There was one vote against.

Cllr Deards and Hudson expressed their concerns regarding a monetary donation. Sadly, there has been other traffic deaths in Farcet, where no donation has been made. The donation, would again be spent under S137. It was agreed that unfortunately, the Councillors could not justify spending public money, that would not be of proportionate benefit to the village.

### 2019/16- 17      **Matters for information and reports**

1. Police Report  
Speedwatch are looking for volunteers in Farcet  
Cllr York and Cllr Deards will be having a village walk with PC Sykes to look at some of the issues in Farcet.
2. Representatives on outside bodies  
No reports
3. Feedback from Social Media  
Concerns raised regarding speeding on Main Street and dog fouling in the village.

### 2020/16- 17      **Village matters**

#### 1. Yaxley to Farcet footpath

Emailed received from Mike Davies, Team Leader - Cycling Projects, Major Infrastructure Delivery on 7th February 2017:

' This is a note on the very latest with the Yaxley to Farcet foot and cycleway scheme, as I know from your County Councillors that there has been much interest in recent weeks following the tragic incident.

The scheme will be built by our contractor Skanska. It will be their own staff, based in Peterborough, who will build the scheme, rather than a sub-contractor. Work will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017. The construction programme is just being finalised. Signs have been erected on site giving notice of the start of works.

There are two plots of land that are required to build the scheme. The first of these was secured on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016. The procurement of the remaining plot of land is in the process of being finalised. If we have not secured the second plot by the time work starts, we will confine our activity to the plot we have, and then look to move seamlessly into the other plot as soon as it is secured.

Jason Tyrrell from my team will be overseeing the works, and will update you again soon'.

#### 2. Great Fen Trail

See item 2021/16-17- use of chapel as a micro-museum

#### 3. Plan of priorities for the village

It was agreed the a sub-committee be formed to discuss this further and present their findings at the next Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk will provide information regarding the funds which are available.

The members: Cllr Deards, Cllr Nickson, Cllr Granger and Cllr York or Cllr Hyland.

#### 4. Bulky collection

The Clerk made extensive enquiries, however, no company can offer a curb side collection.

It was agreed that this would be highlighted in the Newsletter, with alternative options for collections, such as charities who may collect individual items.

### **2021/16- 17 Cemetery and allotments**

#### 1. Sale of coffin trolley (located in the chapel)

A buyer has expressed an interest in buying the trolley.

Cllr Hudson suggested more research should be conducted to check the value.

This item was deferred to allow Cllr York to present more information regarding the value.

#### 2. Use of chapel as a micro-museum

Chapel has now been cleaned. Some remedial work is needed on the outside, such as new gutting, missing tiles. The Chairman asked the Clerk to arrange for this work to be completed.

Cllr York advised that a license agreement would be more beneficial. It would state the Great Fen Trail would be responsible for the internal repairs and the Parish Council responsible for the structure.

Cllr York would circulate a copy of the agreement and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **2022/16- 17 Playing fields**

### **2023/16- 17 Planning**

#### **1. Approvals/Refusals/Appeals**

16/02247/FUL. Change of use from Office (B2) to Taxi Control Office (Sue Generis). Premises for office staff only. Farcet Business Centre 90A Peterborough Road Farcet- approved

#### **2. New Applications**

16/02419/OUT- Construction of up to 516 dwellings and associated infrastructure including highway links, parking, sustainable drainage system and public open space with all matters reserved. Land To The South Of Oakdale Avenue Stanground.

Cllr York explained outline planning permission has already been granted for 400 homes. It was agreed the Parish Council would not comment on this application.

### **2024/16- 17 Finance**

#### 1. Approve accounts for payment

893	7/2/17	s/o	Clerk	Wages	£916.51
894	7/2/17	s/o	Superannuation	Contribution employee and employer	£382.53
895	Weekly	s/o	Mark Kinder	Village Warden	£52.50
896	7/2/17	102960	Clerk	Expenses	£88.50
897	7/2/17	102961	Mamouth workware	VH sundries	£64.21
898	7/2/17	102962	Bidwells	Haddon Way rental	£240.00
899	7/2/17	102963	Hunts Dc	Grass cutting	£2574.00
900	7/2/17	102964	PRS	VH music license	£461.76
901	7/2/17	102965	Slaon Ranger	Village Hall cleaning	£250.00
902	7/2/17	102966	Andrew belson	Tee report cemetery	£480.00
903	7/2/17	102967	Cambs ACRE	Payroll service	£61.80
904	7/2/17	102968	Mrs Y Nickson	Refund for window cleaning (two months)	£35.00
905	7/2/17	DD	British Gas	Chapel electricity	£36.57
906	7/2/17	DD	British Gas	VH electricity	£127.00
907	7/2/17	DD	British Gas	VH Gas (6 months)	£1086.34
908	7/2/17	102969	Mr Witney	VH deposit refund	£100

**The following payments were made outside the meeting:**

909	23/1/17	s/o	Clerk	Wages	£916.51
910	23/1/17	s/o	Superannuation	Contribution employee and employer	£382.53

It was agreed to approve these accounts for payment

- Barclays bank- Clerk outlined the change of signatories required to apply for online banking.  
The Parish Council no longer has a 'Business Manager' in branch, their accounts are managed by a team over the telephone.  
The Chairman needs to be added for reference and a personal details form completed. The Clerk needs to be a signatory if the Parish Council wishes to proceed with internet banking.  
It was agreed the Cllr Deards, Nickson, Hudson and the Clerk would be signatories
- Transfer of funds between Barclays' accounts. It was agreed to transfer £20000 between the Parish Council Barclays bank accounts to cover the payments.

**2025/16- 17 Village Hall**

- Caretaking- confirm job advert  
The Councillors agreed they needed more time to finalise the advert. The Clerk agreed to circulate via email.  
Cllr York suggested approaching the village warden to inquire whether he would be interest in the role.
- Main hall floor quotations  
Three quotations had been submitted:  
TPM- £925.00  
Hyde- £3658.00  
4seasons- £1895.00  
All three quotations were discussed, with Cllr Hudson offering his advice, due to his experience.  
It was proposed by Cllr York and second by Cllr Hudson and agreed the he quotation received by 4seasons would be accepted with a semi-gloss finish.  
The Clerk advised that the Parish Council will need to cancel booking for one week, to allow the work to be completed and ideally four weeks' notice would need to be given to all hall users.

**2026/16- 17 Parish Council**

- skills audit- this would be re-circulated to Councillors for discussion at the next meeting.

**2027/16- 17 Correspondence**

- Complaints regarding the diversion used by Anglian Water via Middle Street. The Clerk contacted Hunts DC, who advised the routing had been agreed by their management team. The Clerk asked that the complaint be forward to their management team.
- Changes to waste collections- From the week commencing 6 February 2017, all households will be receiving an information pack containing a letter informing them of their new collection dates, as well as a Refuse and Recycling Guide. During this week the online bin calendar will also go live on the Council website- residents to look up when their new collection days will be. The calendar can be viewed at [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins)
- BT- had failed to provide a router for 2 months. It has now been received and they have confirmed the Parish Council would not be charge for Broadband during them months
- Mr Dixon emailed the Clerk asking if the Parish Council would support the naming of the Yaxley to Farcet footpath in honour of Thomas Northham and Thomas Fletcher.  
Cllr Hudson suggested either Thomas Walk or Thomas Way, as a plural name is unlikely to be considered. It was agreed the Clerk would submit these suggested on behalf of the Parish Council to Hunts DC street naming team.
- Complaint regarding dog fouling and horse fouling not being removed
- complaint regarding the diversion in Farcet Fen used by the police following an accident. Cllr York will address this with PC Sykes during their village walk

**2028/16- 17 Matters as agenda items for future consideration**

- Village Hall conditions of hire
- Mayoral elections

**2029/16- 17 The meeting closed at 9:23pm. The date of next meeting 7th March 2016**