



Parish Council Meeting

**Cllr Maughan (DM) Chair, Cllr Doherty (SD) Vice Chair, Cllr Causton (TC), Cllr Ison (RI),
Cllr Moreton-Ford (JMF) and Cllr Williams (DW).**

**You are hereby summoned to a meeting of Farringdon Parish Council to be held on Thursday 17th
September at 7pm at All Saints Church,
Upper Farringdon.**

Agenda

54/26. Apologies for Absence: To receive and note apologies for absence

55/26. To receive and approve disclosable pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests from the Clerk (Local government act 1972 s117).

56/26. To receive and approve dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests from the Councillors. (S33 of the Localism Act 2011).

57/26. To receive resolution to suspend standing orders to allow public question time.

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.

58/26. To receive resolution to resume standing orders.

59/26. Approval of Minutes: To receive and approve the minutes of the Full Parish Council from 9th July 2026

60/26. Reports Issues and Updates (Clerk and Councillors)

Massey's Folly (Cllr Maughan)

Woodside Lane (Cllr Maughan)

Brightstone Lane Depth Gauge (Cllr Maughan)

Farringdon an Identity (Cllr Maughan)

Playground Upgrade (Cllr Maughan)

Gaston Lane (Cllr Maughan)

Crows Lane (Cllr Maughan)

MUGA (Cllr Maughan)

Jalsa Salana (Cllr Maughan)

Speed Cameras (Cllr Maughan)

Hedges and Tree at MUGA update (Cllr Maughan)

Cold Weather Preparation – Resilience Plan (Cllr Maughan)

Village Picnic (Cllr Maughan & Cllr Moreton-Ford)

Tree by Village Pond (Clerk)

Handrail - Stank Lane Repair (Clerk)

Yellow Lines - Lower Farringdon (Clerk)

Annual Inspection of Trees (Clerk)

61/26. Financial Report

- a) To note bank balances, earmarked reserves and payments and receipts since the last meeting
- b) To approve the proposed schedule of payments since last meeting
- c) To note the Clerk's annual pay increase and backdated payment, as agreed via NALC

62/26. Planning applications:

1. To be noted, regarding future Planning Applications:

Planning: A new National Scheme of Delegation for planning committees in England will take effect from 31 October 2026. The scheme is intended to create a more consistent approach to deciding which planning applications are handled by officers, and which may be considered by planning committees. Applications will broadly fall into two categories:

- Schedule 1: Mandatory Officer Delegation: Applications in this category must be determined by planning officers and cannot be referred to committee through councillor call-in procedures or because of public objections.
- Schedule 2: Presumed Officer Delegation: These applications will normally be determined by officers, although there may be circumstances where they can be referred to a planning committee or sub-committee.

The changes do not affect the role of parish and town councils as statutory consultees. Existing arrangements for councils to be consulted on planning applications within their area will continue. However, some local arrangements, including councillor call-ins and automatic committee referrals based solely on the number of objections received, may no longer be possible.

2. Application EHDC-25-0716-FUL - Land North Of Fielders Farm Hall Lane, Farringdon, Alton, Hampshire

The Parish Council are only able to comment on the application.

PROPOSALS

63/26 Proposal by Cllr Maughan an annual budget for Women Institute Garden

The following request has been received:

As you know I am one of a few ex-WI ladies who manage the WI flower bed positioned in Lower Farringdon. I'm writing to ask on behalf of the group, if the FPC could please make an annual financial contribution to sustain the bed? Our funds will not sustain it as we're almost all spent.

Following the lack of water this summer and very poor soil, the bed is beginning to fail and much, needs replacing, including the soil. Now 10 years after it was established, could the council offer some support please? This would guarantee an attractive welcome to the village.

64/26 Proposal by Cllr Maughan for a plaque to Celebrate the Life of Cllr Mark Kemp Gee and place on the new culvert on Gaston Lane.

65/26 Proposal by Cllr Causton to cover the costs of works needed for the Village Garden regarding the following request:

Following a meeting with those who tend the planting for the Village Garden it has been decided that the existing wildflower area is now too big and is becoming overgrown with invasive weeds and therefore difficult to manage. It is suggested that this area is dug up and the existing vegetation including roots are removed and a smaller bed is created, the area around which can then be re-turfed and maintained as grass. Please see attached plan. The existing wildlife area is about 28/30m2 and would take possibly 2 man days to clear. The laying of the turf possibly a further day. We are unable to undertake this task and would ask the Parish Council to take this on using their Landscape Contractor.

In addition, there are a few maintenance tasks that also needs to be undertaken, a loose timber gate panel needs to be fixed back onto the gate, and others need to be checked and made secure. The existing boundary fence is leaning over and needs support by means of a new timber post. See attached Plan.

66/26. Environmental Update

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Council have the right to exclude the public and press from a meeting in respect of confidential or sensitive information which is prejudicial to the public interest and may pass a resolution, without notice, to do so.

67/26. Meeting Dates for 2026/2027

Meeting Dates 2026 - 2027			
Date	Time	Venue	Primary Purpose
12th November 2026	7pm	All Saints Church	Full Council Meeting
7th January 2027	7pm	All Saints Church	Full Council Meeting
11th March 2027	7pm	All Saints Church	Full Council Meeting
8th April 2027	7pm	All Saints Church	Village Meeting
13th May 2027	7pm	All Saints Church	Annual General Meeting
8th July 2027	7pm	All Saints Church	Full Council Meeting