



Fordham Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 14th. May 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs M. Hamilton-Macy (Chair), C. Alexander, D. Haynes. O. Acland and Kevin B. Money (Clerk to Parish Council). There were no members of the public present

071/2026 Election of Chair for 2026-2027

Cllr C. Alexander proposed Cllr M. Hamilton-Macy to act as Chair for 2026-2027. Cllr D. Haynes seconded. **All Agreed.** Cllr M. Hamilton-Macy then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form

072/2026 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N. Durlacher

073/2026 Election of Vice-Chair for 2026-2027

Cllr M. Hamilton-Macy proposed Cllr C. Alexander to act as vice-chair for 2026-2027. Cllr D. Haynes seconded. **All Agreed**

074/2026 To re-adopt all Council policies and consider the need for any further policies to be included/reviewed

Documents can be found at <https://fordham-pc.gov.uk/policies-and-procedures/>

IT Policy: General Data Protection Policy: Privacy Policy: Media and Communications Policy: Freedom of Information Policy: Dignity at Work: Discipline: Grievance: Performance Management: Whistleblowing Performance Improvement: Equal Opportunities Policy: Good Councillors Guide England Code of Conduct: Standing Orders: Co-Option Policy: Complaints Procedure High Consequence Infectious Disease Policy: Financial Regulations: Internet Banking Policy: Statement of Internal Control Policy: Reserves Policy: Risk Assessment Financial Legal: Public Land Building Assets Grant Application Form: Planning Committee Terms of Reference: Policy on hedge trimming and tree works. Asset Register

Cllr M. Hamilton-Macy proposed re-adopting the Councils policies as above. Cllr C. Alexander seconded.

All Agreed

075/2026 To appoint Councillors onto the Finance, Personnel, Planning committees

All Councillors were appointed to the Finance committee

All Councillors were appointed to the Personnel committee

All Councillors were appointed to the Planning committee

076/2026 The Council to pass a formal resolution to adopt the General Power of Competence and this resolution must be reaffirmed at each subsequent relevant annual meeting

Cllr M. Hamilton-Macy proposed adopting the **General Power of Competence**. Cllr C. Alexander seconded.

All Agreed

077/2026 Declaration of Interest

To receive any 'Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, other Pecuniary Interests or Non-Pecuniary Interests' relating to items on the agenda Cllr M. Hamilton-Macy declared an interest in the village hall. **None declared**

078/2026 To approve the Minutes of the last Full Council meeting held on Thursday 23rd. April 2026

All Agreed

079/2026 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest

The maximum time allowed for the public to participate as per Fordham Parish Councils Standing Orders is 15 minutes with each person being invited to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes. No questions were asked

080/2026 To receive reports from County and City Councillors if in attendance

No reports were submitted

081/2026 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

No planning applications have been received

082/2026 Planning Decisions made by CCC

260409 - Green Acres Foxes Lane Eight Ash Green Colchester CO3 8NG

Change of use of ancillary outbuilding to self-contained holiday let. **Approve Conditional**



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083/2026 Health & Safety and Village Maintenance

a) Weekly H&S checks for the Playground

The reports have submitted to the Clerk.

b) Quiet Lane - No further update but the Clerk to check whether Fossett Road, Chapel Road and Rams Farm has been designated as a Quiet Lane

084/2026 Speed Indicator Devices for village – update from the Clerk

The Clerk informed the meeting that an order for 2 SID has been authorised. He is still waiting for the licences to be approved before erecting the SID's

085/2026 Finance

1. To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 30th. April 2026

Councillors noted the Bank Reconciliations as at 30th. April 2026

2. To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget 2026/2027

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budget 2026/2027

3. To approve the payment of Accounts for May 2026 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council's financial requirements **All Agreed**

4. Councillors to sign Account Submission form from Unity Trust Bank

Cllr D. Haynes has submitted his "Information form" to the Clerk who will send the submission form to UTB

5. To appoint Ann Wood as the Internal Auditor for 2026-2027

Cllr O. Acland proposed to appoint Ann Wood as the Internal Auditor for 2026-2027. Cllr D. Haynes seconded.

All Agreed

086/2026 To receive reports from Councillors

Planning inspectorate meeting was attended by Cllr M. Hamilton-Macy. National Grid had 17 people in attendance together with a KG. a 5 page submission has been sent to the inspectorate regarding the impact on the roads in Fordham.

Cllr O. Acland proposed donating £2000.00p towards the fight against the pylons. Cllr C. Alexander seconded.

All Agreed

40mph speed sign in Mill Road – Can the speed limit sign be changed from 60mph to 40mph.

087/2026 Items for next meeting

40mph speed sign in Mill Road – Sara Naylor

088/2026 Next meeting is on Thursday 11th. June 2026 at 7pm in the village hall

089/2026 2026 meeting dates: 09.07: 10.09: 08.10: 12.11: 10.12.26

090/2026 Closure of the Meeting

To close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.55pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

M Hamilton-Macy

Mike Hamilton-Macy - Chair

11th. June 2026