



Fordham Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 11th. June 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs M. Hamilton-Macy (Chair), D. Haynes. O. Acland, ECC Cllr S. Naylor and Kevin B. Money (Clerk to Parish Council). There was 1 member of the public present

091/2026 Apologies for absence were received from CCC Cllr D. Laws, Cllrs C. Alexander, D. Chapman and N. Durlacher

092/2026 Declaration of Interest

To receive any 'Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, other Pecuniary Interests or Non-Pecuniary Interests' relating to items on the agenda **None Declared**

093/2026 To approve the Minutes of the last Full Council meeting held on Thursday 14th. May 2026
All Agreed

094/2026 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

095/2026 To receive reports from County and City Councillors if in attendance

ECC Cllr Sara Naylor introduced herself as the new Essex County Councillor. Reform party (52 out of 78) hold the power at ECC. There are now 2 by-elections in Essex due to 2 Reform Councillors resigning just days after the election. The Conservative party is the second largest party in ECC. A new leader of the Council is Peter Harris (Tendring DC Councillor). At the first meeting the Reform party declared a pot hole initiate. Mark Webster is the County Councillor for Highways. He is undertaking a "root and branch" review of highways. Cllr S. Naylor put forward Fordham Road as in need of repair and part of the 3 important roads requiring attention.

ECC has a duty to look after vulnerable children and ECC has an "outstanding" standard in the past.

Libraries in Essex must not produce/publish anti-leaflets

James Ryan is now director of planning at CCC.

096/2026 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

No planning applications have been received affecting Fordham

097/2026 Planning Decisions made by CCC.

No planning decisions have been received affecting Fordham

098/2026 Health & Safety and Village Maintenance

a) Weekly H&S checks for the Playground

The defibrillator has been re-instated. The ownership belongs to Fordham Parish council and subsequent servicing is required.

b) Quiet Lane update

A major accident has occurred at Mill Road / Fiddlers Hill Fordham on a 60mph. Another accident at Mill Road involving a car. With the drains being blocked there is always surface water which could make vehicles aquaplan on the road.

Investigation into

Designate Quiet Lanes: Local authorities can designate Quiet Lanes by following the procedures outlined in the Quiet Lanes and Home Zones (England) Regulations 2006. Cllr S. Naylor to help the Clerk with having a contact at Essex Highways to move this issue forward.

099/2026 Speed Indicator Devices for village – update from the Clerk

The Clerk informed the meeting that the application for the 2 SID replacement licences has been submitted and are with the solicitors for drafting the licences

100/2026 Salt Bag Partnership 2026/2027. Does FPC wish to participate in this scheme for 2026-2027? Councillors agreed to participating in the salt bag scheme for 2026



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101/2026 Annual Return 2025-2026

- 1) To Receive the Internal Auditors report for 2025/2026

Councillors noted the Internal Auditors report for 2025/2026 seconded. **All Agreed.** The Chair and RFO then signed the form

- 2) To receive and sign the Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2025/26

Cllr D. Haynes proposed completing and signing Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2025/26.

Cllr O. Acland seconded. **All Agreed.** The Chair and Clerk then signed the form

- 3) To receive and sign the Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2025/26

Cllr M. Hamilton-Macy proposed to accept and sign Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2025/26.

Cllr D. Haynes seconded **All Agreed** The Chair and RFO then signed the form

102/2026 Finance

1. To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 31st. May 2026

Councillors noted the Bank Reconciliations as at 31st. May 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 June 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 signed the submission form from UTB

103/2026 To receive reports from Councillors

A meeting has been held regarding the pylons coming through Fordham. The impression is that the inspectorate is very fair.

With National Grid plan as it stands cuts through an area of natural heritage which have 4 confirmed Roman sites.

104/2026 Items for next meeting

105/2026 Next meeting is on Thursday 9th. July 2026 at 7pm in the village hall

106/2026 2026 meeting dates: 10.09: 08.10: 12.11: 10.12.26

107/2026 Closure of the Meeting

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

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.05pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

9th. July 2026

M. Hamilton-Macy - Chair