

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Forthampton Parish Council held on Wednesday 7 May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Mrs L Remmer, J Holloway, M Russell, C Moss, S Holden

In attendance: Ian & Pauline Coleman, Alan Brown, Veronica Russell, Clare De Haan, Phillipa Holloway, Gary Loader, Louise Moss, Rebecca Hartley, Kate Cranston, Penny Benfield

- 1 Appointment of Chairman – It was proposed by John Holloway and seconded by Carl Moss that Lynda Remmer be elected as Chairman.
- 2 Appointment of Vice Chairman – LR proposed John Holloway as Vice Chairman and this was seconded by SH.
- 3 Minutes of 2024 AGM –The minutes were approved and signed.
- 4 Chairman’s Report - The Chairman welcomed everyone and gave her report covering the year ended April 2025. It had been a typical year with the problems of ditches/drains, speeding traffic, grass verge mowing, litter picking etc. The Council again supported the Christmas activities. The Precept has been increased to £3500 to covering increases in insurance, auditor fees etc. A Brown thanked the Chairman for all her hard work over the year and this was unanimously agreed.
- 5 Financial Report and Accounts 2024-25 – There was some confusion on the accounts (now resolved) so the financial paperwork will be signed off at the next meeting on 12 June.
- 6 Questions – covered in the Council meeting which follows.

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The AGM was followed by a short Parish Council meeting.

- 1A Minutes of the council meeting held on 20 March were discussed and approved.
- 2A Discussion on the verge mowing for the coming year, which Glos CC want the village to do.
- 3A Sewage problem – Anabel MacKinnon will be taking over as the main contact with the Parish Council and she will walk with council members to see the problem and discuss its remedy.
- 4A Highways – LR/JH had a meeting with a representative from Glos CC and took him around the village to show him where the main problems are.
- 5A Traffic problems – Discussion on various options – flashing signs (very expensive), more white gates near the church etc. This is an ongoing problem.
- 6A MP’s visit – confirmed for 1.00pm in the village hall on Friday 27 May – everyone welcome.

The next parish council meeting is arranged for 12 June at 7.45pm in the village hall.

LR thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 8.50pm