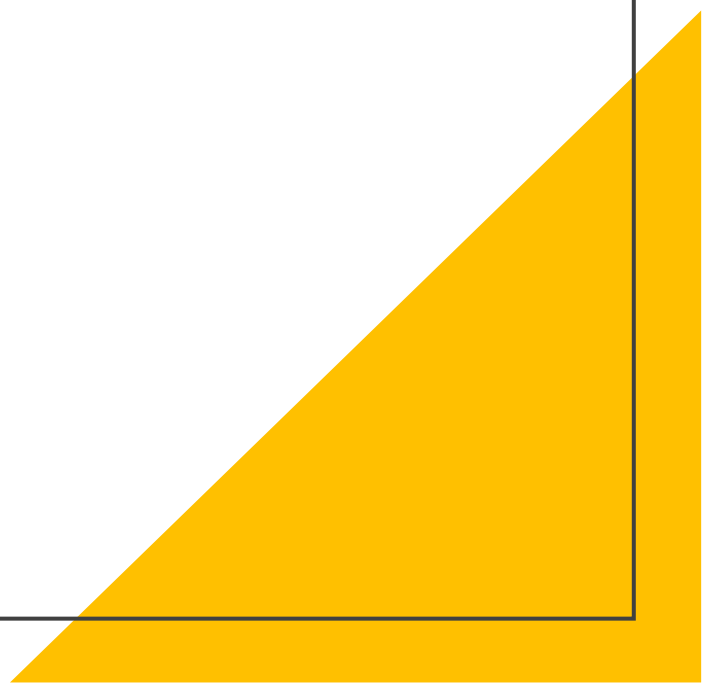


FRPC Parish Council
for The Farnhams

Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 22nd May 2023 20:00pm



1) Chairman's Introduction

Paul Rowley, Chairman

Your Councillors



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2) Thames Valley Police

(Neighbourhood policing)

PSCO Angela O'Connell



3) Southmead Surgery

Jane Quince & Emily Freeman



4) The Farnhams' Neighbourhood Plan

Leani Haim, O'Neill Homer

Farnham Royal Neighbourhood Plan

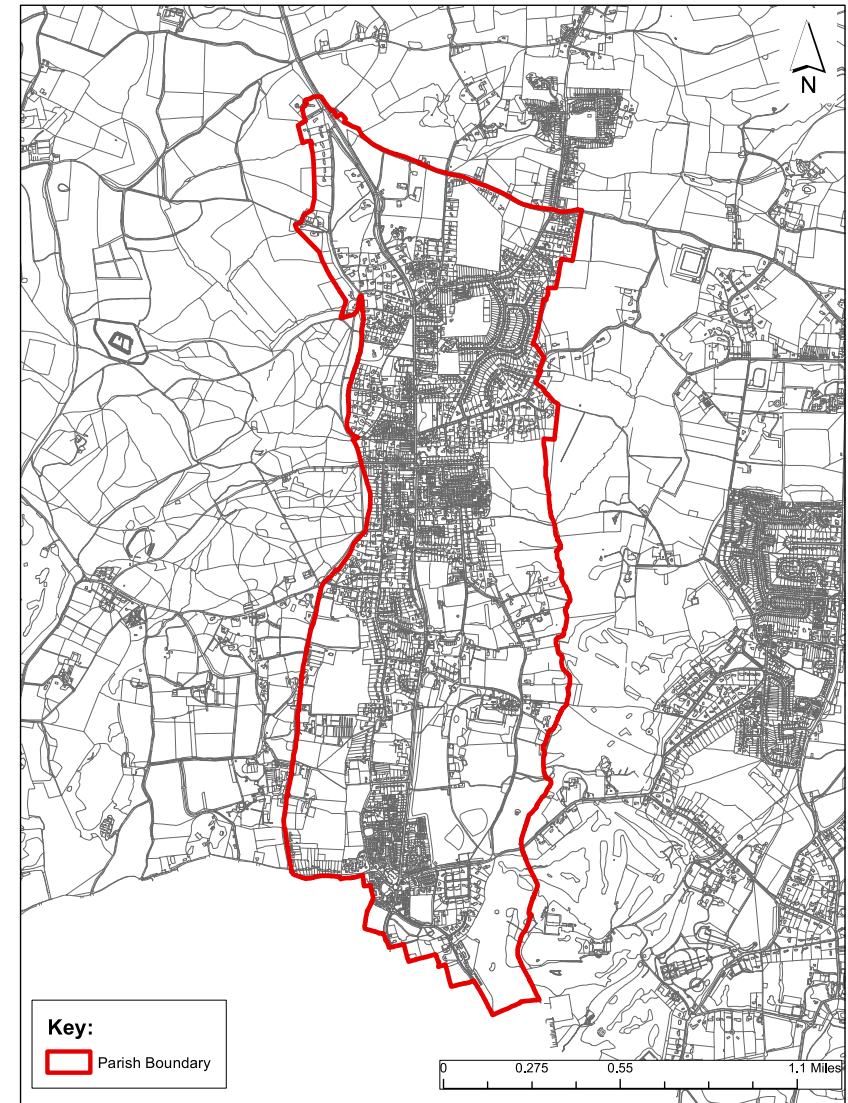
Summary, May 2023

**Leani Haim and Matthew Jennings,
Oneill Homer Ltd**

Farnham Royal Parish

Content

- neighbourhood planning
- the story so far
- the challenges
- the key objectives
- the draft policies
- the next steps



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Neighbourhood Planning

the essential features

- Part of the statutory 'development plan' alongside a Local Plan so confined to 'land use and development' matters only
- Informs the determination of planning applications including S106 agreements and planning conditions
- 'Made' following a successful independent examination and then referendum
- Examination tests 'basic conditions'; referendum tests community support
- There are a number of other Parishes in the surrounding area undergoing the Neighbourhood Planning process, including: Stoke Poges, Burnham, Beaconsfield, Penn etc

Farnham Royal NP

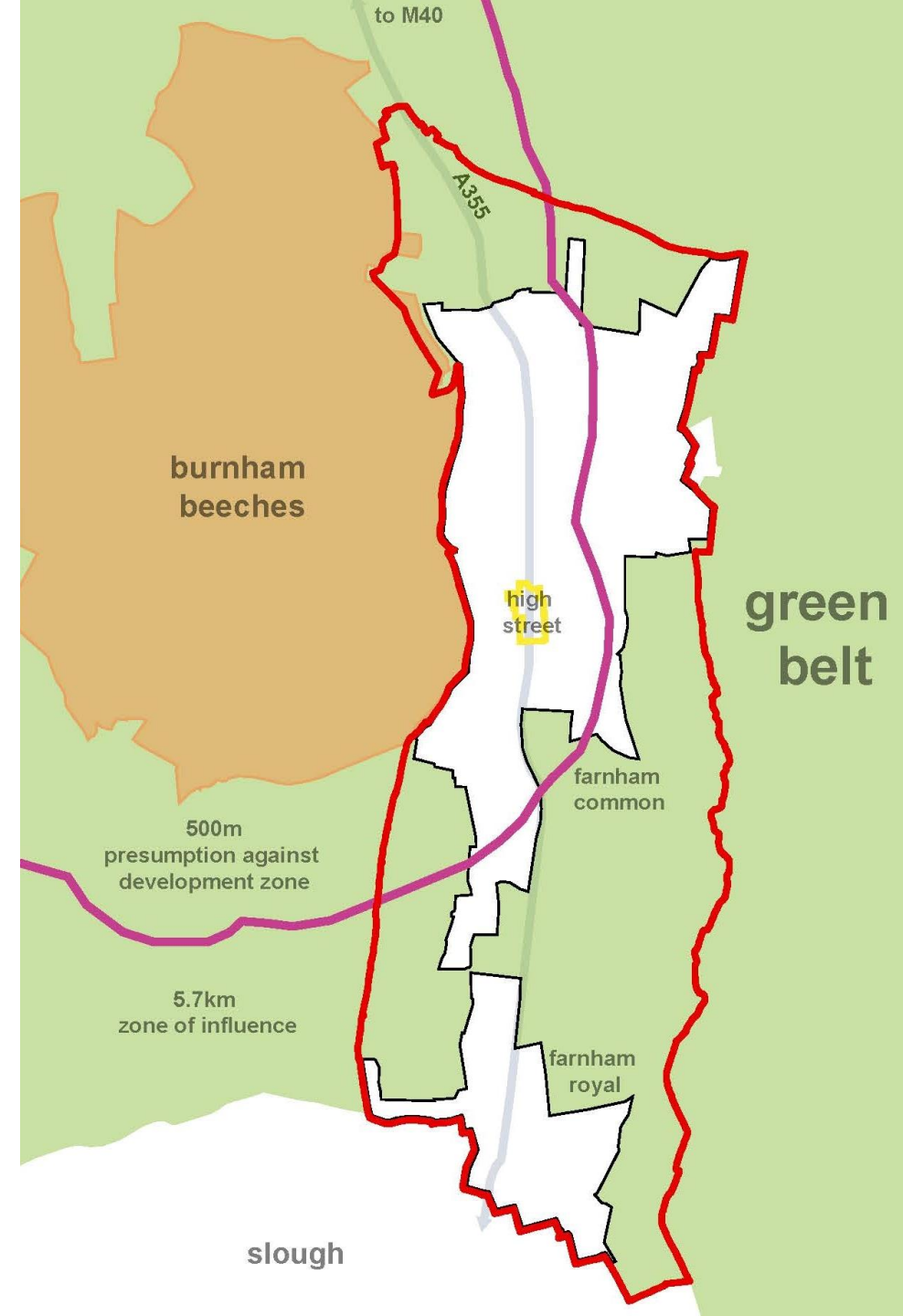
the story so far

- NP area designated by LPA July 2016
- initial public workshops in July 2019
- Withdrawn joint Chiltern and South Bucks representations in 2019 – 2020
- Project on hold during pandemic
- NP vision and action plan May 2022
- Work on evidence analysis and policy ideas drafting 2022/23
- Informal consultation Apr 2023
- Preparation of draft NP for statutory consultation NOW

Farnham Royal NP

the challenges

- uncertainty of Bucks LP and position on Slough expansion
- limitations on NPs in Green Belt
- impact of Burnham Beeches zones



Farnham Royal NP

the challenges

- local planning issues

workshops feedback

- protect**
 - Farnham Royal & Farnham Common
 - community facilities
 - tranquillity
 - rural character
 - access to countryside & green spaces
 - local businesses & shops
- encourage**
 - affordable housing
 - mixed & balanced community
 - improve existing community facilities
 - new community facilities
 - sustainable transport
 - traffic mitigation measures
- change**
 - speeding & through traffic
 - HMO's in residential roads
 - overuse of infilling
 - benefit from development
 - village centre
 - public transport

Farnham Royal NP

key objectives

- Design coding to manage infill and other schemes and prioritising future housing mix and tenure to deliver smaller homes
- Defining a green infrastructure network important for wildlife and our local communities to protect them from loss, improve their condition and number/size
- Securing investment in traffic management schemes to make active travel to the Farnham Common Village Centre and other services and facilities more pleasant
- Protecting community and commercial services and facilities including retaining and enhancing the vitality and viability of Farnham Common Village Centre

The FRNP

draft policies

FAR 1 Housing Mix and Tenure

- A policy to set out the starting point for housing mix and tenure for new housing schemes which may come forward
- Based off the recommendations from the Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) report produced by AECOM obtained through Locality
- Weighted to 2-3 beds and for affordable housing 66% rented and 33% ownership

Number of bedrooms	Current mix (2011)	Indicative mix (2036)	Target	Balance of new housing to reach target mix
1 bedroom	8.4%		8.7%	7.3%
2 bedrooms	16.5%		21.6%	42.8%
3 bedrooms	29.8%		34.8%	50.0%
4 bedrooms	24.2%		20.2%	0.0%
5 or more bedrooms	20.7%		14.7%	0.0%

Source: AECOM Calculations

The FRNP

draft policies

FAR2 Green Infrastructure Network

- We have identified all existing green and blue infrastructure assets which may have biodiversity value as part of a Green Infrastructure Network
- The majority of the parish has been identified for opportunities to enhance the National Habitat Network through improving connections between existing habitats and additional green infrastructure provision
- There are also some locations that have been identified may be suitable for natural flood management opportunities
- The policy will require any future development proposals to relate their scheme to this Network or at the very least not harm its functionality and connectivity
- We have similar GI goals than Stoke Poges and will be looking to ensure our GI strategies work together

The FRNP

draft policies

FAR3 Local Green Spaces

- We've identified a number of important green spaces in the built-up area boundaries that might be at risk of future development or encroachment
- Including them in this policy will give them the same high level of protection as the Green Belt. There's therefore no need to include spaces that are already in the Green Belt
- The Steering Group have already suggested a number of candidates. Land owners still to be contacted regarding designation



The FRNP draft policies

FAR4 Design Codes

- Design Codes establish the principles of essential design considerations in each distinct area of the Parish
- This will guide infill and plot redevelopment schemes
- A technical support package to commission a Design Code report has been obtained through Locality



The FRNP

draft policies

FAR5 Local Heritage Assets

- These are buildings and other features in the Parish that, although not of a standard to be listed, have local architectural and historic interest, or play an important role in shaping its character
- Having this status doesn't mean that listed building rules apply, or that improvements etc can't be carried out, but does mean that owners should take into account and preserve that local interest wherever they can
- We've prepared an initial list of candidates to assess against Historic England criteria before we contact landowners regarding designation

The FRNP

draft policies

FAR6 Local Community Uses and Pubs

- This policy is intended to protect your precious local community uses and pubs from unnecessary loss and to support proposals to improve and extend them
- The Steering Group have identified a list and will consult on this in due course.



The FRNP

draft policies

FAR7 Early Years Provision

- ‘Non-residential creche, day centre or nursery’ uses are no longer classed in the same use class as other community facilities identified at FAR6. There is therefore a risk that their use can change without the need for planning permission.
- The policy seeks to prevent this, but will need the Parish Council to submit formal request to Bucks for an Article 4 Direction to be made at these locations.
- An Article 4 Direction removes permitted development rights and can only be made by Bucks Council.

The FRNP

draft policies

FAR8 Farnham Common Village Centre

- As with FAR7 there is now less of a barrier to businesses in changing their use, although the Burnham Beeches presumption will still apply in our village centre
- The extent of the Village Centre will be identified on the Policies Map
- The policy is intended to identify how important our local businesses and shops are
- There is also a desire to explore with Bucks how residential uses on upper storeys could be supported given the Burnham Beeches presumption



The FRNP

draft policies

FAR9 Sustainable Travel

- This policy works in a similar way to the Green Infrastructure Network (FAR2), but for sustainable travel
- We have taken the Active Travel Strategy adopted by the Parish Council and identified existing routes and opportunities for improvement
- The policy will facilitate the protection of existing routes and require future development proposals to recognise them, and where applicable improve their quality and connectivity
- Identifying areas and opportunities for improvement will help direct investment to encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport
- We have similar goals in terms of ST than Stoke Poges and will be looking to ensure our ST strategies work together

The FRNP

next steps

- Annual Parish Meeting and meetings with other stakeholders – Bucks, Stoke Poges, Burnham Beeches
- PC signs off draft documents for statutory consultation date for a minimum of 6 weeks
- Steering Group reviews feedback and recommend changes to PC
- Documents finalised for submission to BC
- Parish Council approve final documents and submits to BC
- BC publishes the documents for final comments (another statutory consultation date for a minimum of 6 weeks)
- Examination
- Referendum

5) Report on Parish Projects



Jenny Quilter, Chair of
the Projects Working
Group

Christmas in The Park

(In the grounds of St. John's Church, Victoria Park)

10th December 2022

Festive Fun & Carols Christmas Tree Festival

Join us from 2pm for:

- Christmas Market
- Seasonal food & drink
- Santa's Grotto
- Giant Snow Globe

Experience the Joy of Christmas!

Followed at 4pm by

- Tree lighting
- Festive



Festive Carols - December 2022

- Community Event
- Free Inflatable Snow Globe & Father Christmas Grotto & gift
- School and Church Community Carols
- Refreshments from Rotary Burnham Beeches and The Dub

Projects Working Group: Completed



Festive Carols in
December 2022



Installation of
power at the A355
Temple Dell, to
improve our open
space/orchard for
hosting future
community, social
events.



Improvement of
access entry/exit
point ground at
the A355 Temple
Dell, to improve
access during
wetter conditions,
to this open space



Decorations in our
villages to support
King Charles III and
Queen Camilla's
Coronation



Queens Canopy
tree planting in the
A355 Temple Dell



Blackpond Lane Footway Extension

Jointly funded Project;

- Buckinghamshire Council
- Community Board
- Farnham Royal Parish Council

Outcome:

- Providing safer and improved pedestrian access along Blackpond Lane, to local amenities and facilities.



Projects - In Progress

Creation of a Neighbourhood Association

Creation of a Traders Association

Community Speedwatch (councillors and volunteers)

Creation of a parish Woodland Management Plan

Community Events

Boundary Copse Improvements

Demolition of Old Guide Hut in Farnham Common

Farnham Common Playground Replacement

FRPC Parish Council
for The Farnhams



Boundary Copse Improvements

Demolition of Old Guide Hut

- Location: Farnham Common Sports Ground
- Demolition of Guide Hut, including site clearance and asbestos removal.
- Alternative facility already sourced and agreed with the local Guides unit within the Parish



Farnham Common Existing Playground Replacement





6) Parish Council Finances

Katherine Damsell, Interim Chair of
Finance Committee



Parish Income

- Income
 - 2021 - £202,438
 - 2022 - £213,367
 - 2023 - £217,361

The Precept makes up the majority of the Council's income.

- For 2023/24 an increase of 5% in line with Buckinghamshire Council
- Based on a Band D property the Increase is £3.15 per year taking the precept to **£66.13** per year.

No longer receive payment for Devolved Services having handed them back to Buckinghamshire Council to save money. This has had mixed results.

Community Infrastructure Levy receipts are a new income stream and can be used to improve infrastructure around the Parish.

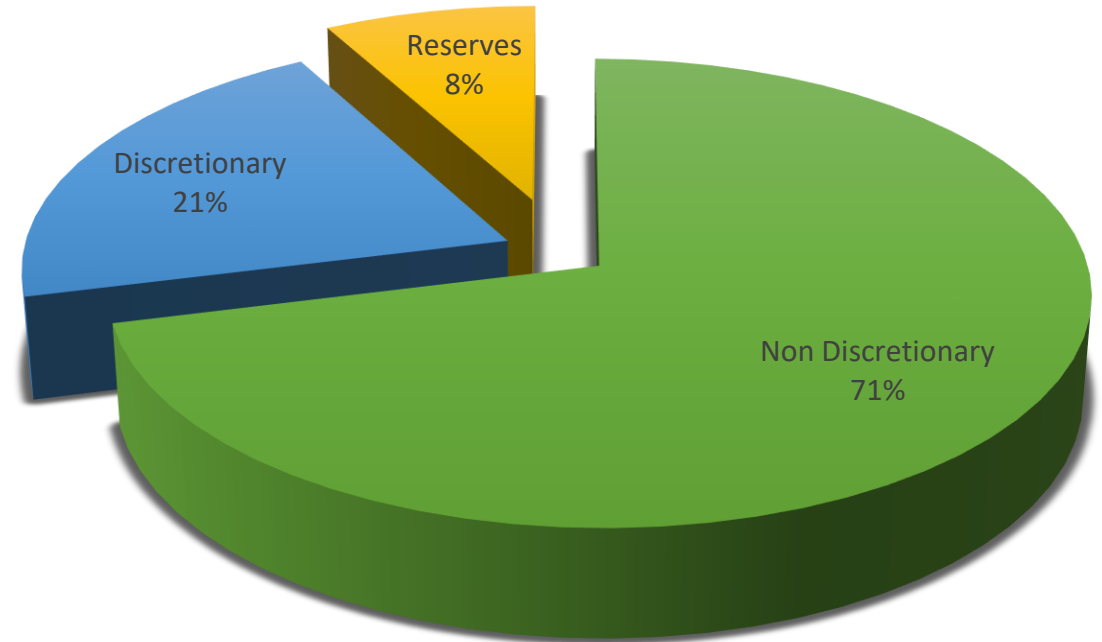
Remaining items are stable.

The FRPC aims to maximise other revenue streams for example :-

- Beeches Community Board
 - Funded 2022 Christmas event
 - Footpath Blackpond lane
 - Outside storage shed for girl guides
 - Infant school speed awareness initiative
- Other Buckinghamshire Council Funds
 - 2021 Welcome back fund funded Christmas Carols on the Dell

Non Discretionary Spend v. Discretionary FY2022/23

- Shows Non Discretionary Spending v Discretionary Spending v Contribution to Reserves as a percentage of income





Allocation of Income

- Approx 70% **£154,600** of expenses are driven by contracts and health and safety requirements examples:-
 - Street lights
 - Woodland maintenance
 - Playground inspections and maintenance
 - Rent
 - Year on year prices have increased
 - Electricity cost have increased by almost double
 - Contracts for woodland, churchyard and playground maintenance provided for an annual 3% increase and all are ending with price increases expected.
 - In line with recommendations FRPC should keep 6 months of contract costs in reserve £70,000
-

What we do with the remaining Income

- The remaining Income was **£62,771** in 2022
- Maximise grants we look to make sure we can utilise other income streams
- Listen to the parish and look to support via projects which are often multi year
 - Playground stage 1 in 2022/23 plans and guide hut removal
 - Events for the community
 - Misc Banners, Neighbourhood Plan – helps with future budgeting and projects

Unexpected / Larger expenses seen in 2022/23 and so far in 2023/24

- Office move - £3,198 (2022) and £5,053 (2023)
 - Opportunity arose to move the FRPC offices this gives the community better access and better parking. It also means that a vital community hub is supported
- Arboriculture work - £17,574
- Electricity to Temple Dell - £1,445
 - positions the community to utilise the Dell for future events
- New flag poles - £2,035
- Royal Events - £2,052 (2022) and £2,854 (2023)
 - Platinum Jubilee, Death of HM Queen Elizabeth II, King Charles III Coronation

Looking forward

- Budget for the year ahead considerations
 - Aiming to return to full reserve balance
- Projects 2023 onwards reserve v actual
 - Playground stage 1 – looking to utilise Public Works Loan Board - multi year
 - Planning playground stage 2 and costing
 - Guide hut demolition due June 2023
 - Take back control of maintenance of Kingsway and plan for future year improvements contracts and ideas being reviewed
 - Boundary Corpse plans in discussion
- Aware of inflationary pressure that might reduce available spend for projects
 - Watching electricity and maintenance contracts



Community
Boards

7) Report from the Burnham Beeches Community Board

Cllr. David Anthony, Chairman of the Beeches Board



Buckinghamshire
Council

8) Report from Buckinghamshire Council

Dev Dhillon, Buckinghamshire
Councillor

9) Chairmans Closing Message

Paul Rowley, Chairman