

Forncett Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at Forncett Village Hall on Wednesday 12 August 2026 at 7.30pm

In Attendance: Cllr M Sanders (Chair), Cllr B Humphreys, Cllr B Frith, Cllr G Barnes, Cllr D Bezkorowajny, Cllr K Fromings

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner
No members of the public

Before the meeting started the parish council acknowledged the very sad news that former Councillor Andrew Coleman had recently passed away. Andrew was very active in village life and was a Trustee on the Village Hall Committee for many years. The parish council send sincere condolences to his family and friends.

1. **To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Allen.
2. **To receive any declarations of interest** – None to record.
3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting (16th July 2026)** – The minutes were approved without alteration and signed as correct by the Chair.
4. **Open forum, to hear from members of the public** – No members of the public present.
5. **To consider planning applications:**
 - a) **2026 / 2001 – Grove Barn, Wacton Rd – Variation of condition – updated drawings of existing application 2018 / 1844** – Following discussion, Councillors agreed that there were no objections to this application.
 - b) **2026 / 2106 – The Old Vineyard, Overwood Lane – Construction of one rural worker and self build dwelling** – Following discussion, it was acknowledged that the Old Vineyard is an absolute asset to the community and the coffee shop is well used and well liked by both residents and visitors alike. However, Councillors are aware of previous applications for residential occupation which have consistently been refused by the District Council. The decision in July 2025, on appeal, from the Planning Inspectorate was refusal and the reasons given are still valid.
 - c) **2026 / 2123 – Mill Cottage, Bentley Road – Proposed first floor extension** – There were no objections to this application but the parish council agreed they would add a comment stating that this is subject to no complaints from near neighbours.
6. **To hear of planning decisions:**
 - a) **2026 / 0047 – 20 – 22 Bentley Rd – Replace rotten windows and back doors. Replace porch timber, roof felt and rotten timbers, fascia and guttering** – Approved
7. **To report planning comments agreed via e-mail in between meetings and other information:**
 - a) **2026 / 2000 – Grove Cottage, Wacton Rd – Ground floor rear extension, front porch extension, internal reconfiguration** – No objection in principle (subject to concerns

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raised by near neighbours being addressed by revised plans).

8. **Items for information and comment** – Councillor Frith advised that the village hall electrical inspection had highlighted the necessity for some remedial works. The initial bill had been approved to be paid by the parish council, forming part of the annual grant for the village hall, and it was agreed to extend this payment to cover the payment needed for the additional works.
9. **To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 17th September 2026 commencing at 7.30pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.