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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Dear Residents,

We are writing to inform you, with regret, that members of Farnhill Parish Council have taken the decision to step down from their roles.

This decision has not been taken lightly. As councillors, we are all volunteers who have given our time and energy in good faith, with the sole aim of serving the best interests of our village and community.

Over a sustained period, the Council has experienced an increasing level of pressure from a small number of residents. Whilst we fully recognise and respect the right of residents to raise concerns and engage with the Council, the manner, frequency, and nature of some interactions have made it increasingly difficult to carry out our duties effectively.

The volume and tone of correspondence, alongside ongoing challenges to the Council's work, have created an environment that is no longer sustainable. This has had a significant impact on councillors personally, resulting in stress, worry, and, in some cases, effects on wellbeing and health.

We have consistently sought to act transparently, follow proper process, and make decisions in the best interests of the parish. However, the current circumstances have made it increasingly difficult to continue in a constructive and balanced way. No volunteer should feel that their role places their wellbeing at risk.

For these reasons, councillors feel they are no longer able to serve effectively and have therefore taken the difficult decision to resign.

We remain proud of the work that has been undertaken during our time on the Council and are grateful for the support of the many residents who have engaged positively and constructively.

We sincerely hope that, moving forward, a more respectful and supportive environment can be established to enable future councillors to serve the community effectively.

**Yours sincerely,
Farnhill Parish Council**