

**FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL**  
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 8 November 2021 at the Riverside Centre

Present: Councillors Ian Norman, Gordon Gilbert, Michael Light, Rosemary Conibeer, Jill Pass, Tim Plant, Annabel Warne

Apologies: Carol Poulter (ESC), Andrew Reid (SCC), Richard Ayres

In attendance: Parish clerk Debbi Tayler

**1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Ayres, Reid and Poulter.

**2 Co-option of Annabel Warne**

The co-option of Annabel Warne had been agreed at the last council meeting. Councillor Norman welcomed Annabel to the meeting and she signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The clerk provided induction papers and will add Councillor Warne to the ESC Register of Interests.

**3 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4 Minutes of meeting held 11 October 2021**

The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved and signed. Councillor Plant advised he is meeting Mr Mudd at the allotment on 10 November to discuss ongoing maintenance work needed including rotivation of plot 1b to enable it to be let. The clerk advised she has now received all the current rents.

**5 Questions from the public**

Councillor Conibeer raised an issue regarding the Alde Valley Academy school bus dropping a young student on the opposite side of the A12 from his house which is proving very hazardous. It was agreed that the clerk will write to the school. Councillor Norman advised he has been approached by Mr and Mrs Spatchett again regarding the noisy drain cover out side their house and a leaking drain. The clerk will report to SCC.

The problem with the overgrown hedge between Aldevew and Old Spot Farm was reported and the landowner has been asked to cut it. Mr Prutton has been given 21 days to cut his hedge as it is obscuring the 30mph sign.

**6 Reports from County and District Councillors**

Reports have been received and circulated.

**7 Clerk's Report**

The correspondence log was circulated prior to the meeting. The clerk has received a lorry route review survey from SCC. It was agreed the clerk will respond and in particular mention HGVs using Great Glemham Road as a rat run. Also traffic going past the Green Burial Ground as a short cut to Rendlesham only to find they can't get under the railway bridge. This means they often use the back lanes in Farnham which are inappropriate for heavy traffic.

There is a meeting on 29 November for councils to meet Declan Burke, Director of Nuclear Projects at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Signed .....(Chair)

Date.....

(BEIS). Councillor Gilbert will attend and the clerk will forward the invitation to Councillor Ayres.

It was agreed that the footpath at Elm Tree Farm should be reported again as it appears no action has been taken.

#### **8 RFO's report**

On 31 October there was £7298.10 in the council's bank account. There were two invoices for approval.

Clerk's salary	£132.49	Legal power
PAYE Month 8	£33.00	LGA 1972 s.112
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The new balance is £7132.61. Allotment rents have now all been collected, a total of £45.

#### **9 Refurbishment of Farnham village sign**

Councillor Gilbert has spoken to Joe Warne who has agreed to cut down the sycamore tree on his land which means the village sign will be much more visible. Councillor Norman has inspected the sign and said although the paint is dull the rust is negligible. It was agreed that no further action is necessary. Councillor Conibeer and the clerk will write to Ian Sedge and Jon Lear respectively to advise them of this.

#### **10 To review and approve the Asset Register**

The clerk presented the asset register which was reviewed and approved.

#### **11 The Sizewell Project**

There was no further information on the project.

#### **12 Reports from external meetings**

There have been no external meetings.

#### **13 Items for future meetings**

Budget setting, precept agreement, audit checks.

The meeting was closed at 20.28.