

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 9 March 2020 at the Riverside Centre

Present: Councillors Ian Norman, Gordon Gilbert, Ian Tayler, Jill Pass, Tim Plant, Richard Ayres, Michael Light

Apologies: Rosemary Conibeer, Andrew Reid (SCC)

In attendance: Parish clerk Debbi Tayler

106/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Conibeer. Councillor Reid had two other meetings to attend.

107/19 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

108/19 Minutes of meeting held 10 February 2020

The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved and signed.

The large pothole on Great Glemham Road has been filled. However, another has appeared beyond it which the clerk will report.

The road mirror in Farnham outside the church has been removed following intervention from Highways.

A response concerning building works at The Old Post House is still awaited.

The clerk has advised Rights of Way that they have looked at the wrong footpath in Farnham following her request to have it reinstated.

109/19 Questions from the public

There were no questions.

110/19 Reports from County and District Councillors

Councillor Reid provided a report that has been circulated.

111/19 Clerk's Report

The correspondence log was circulated.

The council agreed that a £30 donation to CAS will be made as usual on renewal of our membership.

The clerk circulated a response to PINS concerning the Sizewell C planning proposal and the proposed bypass.

112/19 To discuss the AQMA meeting and purchase of SID

The clerk updated the council on the Steering Group meeting held on 25 February. Following the move of the 30mph sign further out of the village southbound at Stratford St Andrew NO2 levels have reduced but not as much as expected and not enough to revoke the AQMA.

ESC ran a speed survey in May 2013 and June 2018 from 5 Long Row to north of the service station. Three out of four of the sites saw slightly reduced speeds or the same. However, southbound at Long Row the average speed had increased from 37mph to 39mph, this could have an impact on pollution levels.

Steve Merry (SCC) suggested community self help may be employed with the parish council purchasing a Speed Indicator Device. This could be pole mounted and battery operated so that it could be moved around. The clerk advised that the parish council does not have the funds as the cost is £2800 to £4500 depending on the device. Also it is not the PC's responsibility to resolve an air quality issue, that is for

the district and county councils. Andrew Reid (SCC) said he would be willing to contribute as would Carol Poulter (ESC). SCC was unwilling to pay for a mains operated device as if Sizewell C went ahead it would not be needed. SCC would pay for the poles to be erected, siting would need to be agreed with them. ESC will contact DEFRA to find out what should be done.

The clerk advised she had spoken to the clerk at Tunstall and Hollesley who have recently installed SIDs with good results. The main issue with the A12 is the amount of traffic and subsequently how often the batteries would need to be charged. Also the siting as the A12 is a dangerous and busy road.

It was agreed we will wait to see what funding might be available from SCC and ESC before a final decision is made.

113/19 Update on litter pick

The clerk had published an article in the parish magazine concerning the litter pick in Farnham. Councillor Pass has completed her area picking up various cans, bottles and take away wrappers. Councillors Ayres and Tayler will complete their areas before the next meeting.

114/19 RFO's report

On 28 February there was £6155.90 in the council's bank account. There were three invoices for approval.

Clerk's salary inc admin	£191.33	Legal power
PAYE Month 12	£43.40	LGA 1972 s.112
Village maintenance	£372.00	LGA 1972 s.112
		LGA 1972 s.111

The invoices were all approved. The balance in the account is now £5549.17. It will be £5519.17 after the CAS payment is made.

There were no receipts.

115/19 Reports from external meetings

Councillor Tayler gave a brief update following the last meeting for arrangements of the VE Day party. This will be for residents of the two villages. There will be afternoon tea, a choir, music, a quiz, films and photos. People will be encouraged to dress in 1940's style. A flyer went out with the parish magazine.

116/19 Items for future meetings

To include the end of year finance report and litter pick.

Date of next meeting 11 May.

The meeting was closed at 20.15.

Signed.....Date: _____