

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 10 January 2022 at the Riverside Centre

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

Apologies: Michael Light, Carol Poulter (ESC),

In attendance: Parish clerk Debbi Tayler, Andrew Reid (SCC)

**1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Light and Poulter.

**2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 Minutes of meeting held 13 December 2021**

The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved and signed.

The clerk has received an expression of interest in the untenanted allotment plot from a resident in Great Glemham. Councillor Plant will offer to meet them to inspect the plot.

It was agreed that following advice from SALC and an unhelpful answer from the headmaster at Alde Valley Academy no further action will be taken regarding the school transport matter.

A complaint has been received about the hedge between The Cottage and Stud Farm Cottage as it is growing into the road and cars have been scratched. The clerk will email the owner and ask that the hedge be cut.

It was also noted that the road surface in Chapel Lane is broken up, the clerk will investigate. The gulleys off the fields in Botany Lane are not working correctly and causing flooding, the clerk will report this.

The bollards opposite the service station on the A12 need cleaning, the clerk will report.

**4 Questions from the public**

There were no questions.

**5 Reports from County and District Councillors**

Reports have been received and circulated.

Councillor Reid advised a Budget Scrutiny meeting will be held on 11 January. SCC intends to increase their budget from £598m to £625m, this is in order to improve services. This includes Family Services following an independent review and Highways improvements. The increase will be 2.99% which includes 1% for adult social care. There will be an extension of the electric Katch bus which will trial a route to include Snape Maltings. New equipment will be provided for Suffolk Fire and Rescue. Streetlights owned by SCC will be replaced with LEDs. Highways improvements include the replacement of worn out road signs.

**6 Clerk's Report**

The correspondence log was circulated prior to the meeting.

The clerk advised that PINS have been granted an extension of time for their report regarding The Sizewell C Project, this will now be completed by 25 February 2022.

Signed .....(Chair)

Date.....

SALC will be applying a new calculation model for subscriptions for 2023/24 which will be based on updated electorate numbers. There will be no increase for 2022/23.

**7 RFO's report**

On 31 December there was £8110.99 in the council's bank account. There were two invoices for approval.

Clerk's salary	£127.33	Legal power
PAYE Month 10	£31.80	LGA 1972 s.112
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There were two receipts from the Riverside Centre to cover the PWLB, the next payments to PWLB are due in January 2022. The balance is now £9310.74, this will be reduced to £7951.86 after the PWLB payments are made.

**8 Expenditure v budget report April – December 2021**

The clerk presented the report. 74.5% of the budget has been spent and 33.3% of the available funds which includes the money carried forward from last year. 75% of the year has elapsed. The council approved the report and are content with the expenditure pattern.

**9 s.137 payments**

The clerk has received requests for donations from Suffolk Accident Rescue Service, St Elizabeth Hospice, bsevc and Headway Suffolk. The council discussed these and other charities. Councillor Norman proposed one is chosen and that should be SARS and that £150 should be given. Councillor Ayres proposed the payment be £250, this was seconded by Councillor Gilbert and agreed unanimously.

**10 Financial Risk Assessment 2021/22**

The clerk had circulated the risk assessment prior to the meeting. The council reviewed and approved the report which will form part of the Financial Control Statement.

**12 Reports from external meetings**

There have been no external meetings. The cancelled meeting with BEIS has been rescheduled for 4 February, Councillors Plant and Gilbert will attend.

**13 Items for future meetings**

Internal control statement/report.

The meeting was closed at 20.35.

Signed .....(Chair)

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