

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 11 January 2021 by video via Zoom

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

Apologies: None

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

1 Apologies

No apologies were received.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

3 Minutes of meeting held 14 December 2020

The minutes of the meetings were unanimously approved and will be signed by the chair.

Councillor Pass said that in relation to the planning application for a manege and stables that was discussed last month, the applicant has been advised she must have the entrance sorted out before construction begins. She must also submit a waste plan for the horse manure.

The drain cover in Farnham on the A12 is to be mended on 22 January.

Councillor Norman advised that he and the clerk have been invited to a virtual meeting with EDF to discuss the council's Relevant Representation. The meeting will take place next month.

Councillor Light was thanked for cleaning some of the Farnham road signs.

4 Questions from the public

Councillor Pass mentioned the recent spate of thefts in the area. One car in Stratford St Andrew was stolen and one broken into in Benhall Low Street. An electric fence was stolen in Low Road but the exact location is unclear.

5 Reports from County and District Councillors

Councillor Reid has provided a report which the clerk circulated. He stated that the current Covid19 situation was dire with cases increasing across the county. He reiterated the importance of adherence to the guidance. The vaccination programme has started with centres in Woodbridge, Endeavour House in Ipswich and various GP surgeries. Funding and grants are available for those in need. In relation to the latest Sizewell C consultation EDF are proposing to possibly use more rail journeys to decrease the amount of traffic on the roads. Councillor Reid said that SCC are concerned that EDF will use the additional noise and vibration caused by the proposed extra rail freight as an excuse not to focus as much on rail and default to road for deliveries.

Councillor Poulter's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The report is mainly Covid19 related. There is some concern about low level crime and anti social behaviour in the Wickham Market area. Councillor Poulter said it was important that parish councils and the police work together. The crime is mainly related to young people. The Community Partnership is looking at rural isolation and a pilot taxi

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service from Wickham Market to Campsea Ashe as rural bus services have been cut. The pilot has not yet started due to the pandemic.

6 Clerk's Report

The correspondence log was circulated prior to the meeting. The clerk advised she has received an updated electoral register for the two villages dated December 2020.

7 RFO's report

On 31 December there was £8203.82 in the council's bank account. There were two invoices for approval.

Clerk's salary inc admin	£159.39	Legal power
PAYE Month 10	£36.40	LGA 1972 s.112
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The clerk advised that her invoice includes the monthly Zoom subscription of £14.39. The invoices were all approved. A wayleave payment of £76.10 has been received from UK Power Networks. Payments relating to the PWLB loan have been received from the Riverside amounting to £1358.88. Once the loans payments to PWLB have been made this month and the above invoices have cleared the balance in the account will be £6649.15.

The approvals sheets and bank statements will be delivered to Councillors Pass and Gilbert to sign.

8 To receive and approve the expenditure v budget report April – December 2021

The clerk had sent the document in advance of the meeting. The report shows that after 75% of the year has elapsed 76.6% of the budget has been spent but only 32.9% of the total funds available. These include a VAT refund that has not yet been claimed. The statement and report were approved.

9 To receive and approve the budget for 2021/22

The report had been sent in advance of the meeting. It was discussed and approved.

10 To decide s.137 payments for 2020/21

Requests for funding had been received from the local CAB branch, Headway Suffolk and the Disability Advice Service. As no payments had been made in the previous financial year it was suggested the council gives £200 to CAB and £100 each to the other two organisations. This was proposed by Councillor Norman, seconded by Councillor Conibeer and unanimously approved.

11 To discuss and approve the precept for 2021/22

Having approved the budget it was agreed that the precept should remain at £4500.

12 Reports from external meetings

There had been no external meetings.

13 Items for future meetings

Councillor Pass will lead a discussion on planning at the March meeting.

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Date of next meeting 8 February, the clerk will issue a Zoom Outlook appointment nearer the time.

The meeting was closed at 20.30.

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