

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 11 February 2019 at the Riverside Centre

Present: Councillors Ian Norman, Richard Ayres, Gordon Gilbert, Ian Tayler, Rosemary Conibeer

Apologies: Tim Plant, Colin Lee, Jill Pass

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

**130/19 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Plant, Lee and Pass.

**131/19 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**132/19 Minutes of meeting held 14 January 2019**

The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved and signed.

**133/19 Questions from the public**

There were no questions from the public.

**134/19 Reports from County and District Councillors**

Councillor Reid's report had been circulated before the meeting. Councillor Reid spoke about the Specialist Education Placements and new arrangements for pothole repairs following the introduction of thermal patching technology. He also mentioned the cancellation of plans for an Upper Orwell Crossing.

There was discussion concerning the Sizewell C Stage 3 consultation and the lack of detail in the traffic analysis. If the council is to put forward an alternative two village bypass route which is slightly longer than the one proposed then the net benefits must be promoted.

SCC has had a meeting with Claire Perry, Minister for Energy. It was agreed there needs to be a strategic overview in relation to all projects at the planning stage in this part of East Suffolk.

**135/19 Clerk's Report**

The correspondence log was circulated.

The clerk advised a planning application has been received for advertisement consent for a pylon sign at Stratford Service Station. The clerk understands that this is a replacement for the current sign and will be slightly wider and slightly taller. On the basis that there were no objections it was agreed that the council does not need to have a meeting to discuss this.

**136/19 RFO's report**

On 31 January there was £5074.02 in the council's bank account.

There were five invoices for approval.

		Legal power
Clerk's salary	169.42	LGA 1972 s.112
PAYE Month 11	34.40	LGA 1972 s.112
CAB s.137	50.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Village maintenance	372.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Election briefing	30.00	LGA 1972 s.111

The invoices were all approved. The balance in the account is now £4418.20.  
The clerk advised that SALC will undertake the annual internal audit w/c 20 May.

**137/19 Annual Litter Pick**

The clerk advised that Suffolk Coastal Norse has written to local councils to promote an annual litter pick in line with the Keep Britain Tidy campaign. Councillor Conibeer has already cleared the back roads in Farnham and collected 22 beer cans, 7 empty beer bottles as well as paper litter. It is disappointing that this is the case in a very quiet, rural part of the village. It was agreed to have a specific date for a litter pick of 2 March, 10am at the Riverside Centre. The clerk will provide gloves, bags and pickers and will advertise the event in the parish magazine.

**138/19 Parish council elections May 2019**

The clerk has recently attended an election briefing by SALC and SCDC. Elections for town and parish councils will take place on 2 May. The public notice for the elections will be posted on 15 March, nominations must be delivered by hand to SCDC on 3 April. The clerk will undertake to do this for councillors if they wish. Nomination papers will be sent to the clerk in February. The clerk will be advised on 4 April whether the elections are contested or uncontested, this has an effect on election costs.

**139/19 Planning Aid England**

Councillors Gilbert, Tayler, Ayres and the clerk attended the workshop on 9 February with councillors from Little Glemham, Hacheston, Marlesford and Wickham Market. Members found the workshop useful with some helpful tools. It was agreed that the council will hold a public meeting for residents of the two villages to ascertain their views about the proposed route for the two villages bypass. This will be held on Monday 4 March, 7pm at the Riverside Centre. The clerk will send a letter to each household with the link to EDF's website and advising people that if they can't come to the meeting they can send their comments to the clerk.

**140/19 Reports from external meetings**

Councillor Ayres attended a Flood Defence Meeting organised by AOEP.

**141/19 Items for future meetings**

To include Sizewell C Stage 3 Public Consultation.

Date of next meeting 11 March.

The meeting was closed at 22.00.

Signed.....Date: \_\_\_\_\_