

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 11 July 2016 at the Riverside Centre

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

Apologies: Jill Pass, Danny Pont, Viviane Garland, Councillor Andrew Reid (SCC),  
Councillor Carol Poulter (SCDC)

In attendance: Parish clerk Debbi Tayler, and two members of the public

**38/16 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Pass, Pont and Garland, Councillors Poulter (SCDC) and Councillor Reid (SCC).

**39/16 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**40/16 Minutes of meetings held 13 June 2016**

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

It was agreed that the clerk will advertise the sale of the remainder of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday commemorative medals in the parish magazine at £2 each.

**41/16 Questions from the public**

There were no questions from the public.

**42/16 Reports from County and District Councillors**

No reports were received from either the district or county councillors.

**43/16 Clerk's Report**

The correspondence log was circulated.

The clerk advised that SCDC are holding a number of devolution events, it was agreed that Councillor Norman would attend.

**44/16 RFO's report**

The current bank balance in Barclays Bank is £5999.35.

There were two invoices for approval:

Clerk's salary	124.90
PAYE Month 4	29.00

The invoices were all approved. The balance in the account is now £5845.45. There were two receipts which were the payments from the Riverside Centre for the PWLB loan, £675.51 and £683.37.

**45/16 Application for Outdoor Playing Space funding from Hacheston**

The council has been asked to consider an application made by Hacheston Village Hall for funds from the sport pot of the Outdoor Playing Space Fund for a play project as they have insufficient funds in their play pot. The current available balance for sport is £7639.42 and the application is for £3000. The application is to add two junior swings and to resite a basket swing to existing play facilities. This new provision will extend the age range of children who can use the facilities. There were no objections to the application.

**46/16 Provision of tree in Farnham**

Councillor Conibeer had raised this as the existing tree on the green opposite the church in Farnham was not thriving. She said that following the recent heavy rain however it was now doing better. It was agreed that the soil in this area is very sandy and anything planted would require a considerable amount of water which was not viable. It was therefore agreed not to go ahead and plant a new tree.

**47/16 Dog refuse bin provider**

There was a lengthy discussion about whether a bin should be provided but it was agreed that if the provision of a bin encourages people to clear up after their dogs it was a good thing. Suffolk Coastal Norse will provide and install a bin with a new post for £175 for a 25 litre bin. The cost includes the first year's sacks. SCN must survey the site first to ensure it is suitable for installation and collection. It was agreed that the clerk will ask them to do this for a site at the top of the steps to the footpath by the Old Poor House and that Councillor Conibeer will be the contact point.

**48/16 Meetings in August and October 2016**

As August is a quiet business month due to holidays and the clerk and vice chairman are away in October it was agreed by majority vote that these two meetings would be cancelled.

**49/16 Reports from external meetings**

Councillor Norman had attended the SALC Area Meeting. The Community Transport Manager, Sue Davey, attended to give a presentation on Connecting Communities with links to public transport. The costs are comparable to that for public transport.

**50/16 Items for future meetings**

These will include communication.

Date of next meeting 12 September 2016.

The meeting was closed at 20.26.

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