

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 11 July 2022 at the Riverside Centre

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

Apologies: Michael Light, Carol Poulter (ESC)

In attendance: Parish clerk Debbi Tayler, Andrew Reid (SCC), three members of the public

1 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Light and Poulter (ESC).

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Minutes of meetings held 13 June 2022

The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved and signed.

4 Questions from the public

There were no questions.

5 Reports from County and District Councillors

Reports from Councillors Reid and Poulter had been circulated.

Councillor Reid highlighted recent Trading Standards results culminating in fines. SCC objections to the proposals for National Grid's East Anglia GREEN pylon run were set out. Friston and two other parishes in Suffolk are to benefit from funding from the Reclaim the Rain project as they have long standing flooding issues. The decision on the Sizewell C proposal has been delayed until 20 July.

6 Farnham Village Sign

Jo Plant, Judy Spatchett and Mark Conibeer attended the meeting on behalf of Farnham residents to ask the council to consider painting the Farnham village sign. The sign is currently painted black and is in poor repair, it is also difficult to see against the backdrop of trees. The residents would like it painted in colour similar to the sign in Stratford St Andrew so that it can be seen. It was agreed that the clerk will pursue avenues of funding including using the Community Infrastructure Levy funds received and locality budgets from our district and county councillors. She will also ask Ian Sedge for a quote to carry out the work.

7 Clerk's Report

The correspondence log was circulated prior to the meeting.

There has been no response to the allotment adverts which have been placed in local noticeboards and on social media. Councillor Plant has purchased black fabric and pegs to cover the plot to try and stop the growth of weeds. It was agreed that the clerk will advertise more widely including at Peggs, Friday Street and the Walled Garden. Future plans if the plot cannot be rented may include repurposing.

8 RFO's report

On 30 June there was £10940.34 in the council's bank account. There were four invoices for approval.

Signed(Chair)

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Clerk's salary	£126.84	Legal power
PAYE Month 4	£31.80	LGA 1972 s.112
Internal audit	£193.20	LGA 1972 s.111
Allotment materials	£99.65	LGA 1972 s.111

There were two receipts in respect of the Riverside PWLB loan for £675.51 and £683.37. The invoices were approved. The balance is now £10488.85.

9 Internal Auditor's Report 2021/22

The report was circulated prior to the meeting and the relevant page of the AGAR signed off. All comments made will be addressed. The auditor considered the council's general reserves to be low, the clerk will address this.

It was also suggested that the re-declaration of compliance with The Pension Regulator be minuted. The clerk advised she has just made the re-declaration of compliance.

In relation to absences this was noted as partly met as although apologies were noted in the minutes there was no formal record to show that council had approved the absence. Noted for future minutes.

10 Appointment of deputy chair

It was agreed to postpone this item until the next meeting.

11 Community Infrastructure Levy

It was agreed to postpone this item until the next meeting when the clerk will have taken advice from ESC on expenditure.

12 New Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020

The code was discussed and it was agreed that the council will adopt it.

13 Reports from external meetings

The clerk advised she had attended a Community Partnership meeting. Attendees were asked to identify the top three priorities for rural communities which will be discussed at future meetings.

14 Items for future meetings

Farnham village sign, appointment of deputy chair, review of clerk's salary, expenditure v budget report.

The meeting was closed at 20.45.

Signed(Chair)

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