

**FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL**  
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 11 October 2021 at the Riverside Centre

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

Apologies: Carol Poulter (ESC), Andrew Reid (SCC), Tim Plant

In attendance: Parish clerk Debbi Tayler

**1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Plant, Reid and Poulter.

**2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved and signed.

Councillor Norman advised that the allotment hedges have now been cut. He has paid in cash, the receipt was approved and the clerk will settle the bill. The clerk will remind the tenant of plot 1b that a date is required for giving up the plot.

**4 Questions from the public**

An update was requested about the bridge on the Riverside land that is in need of repair. Peggs have looked at it and it may need some welding work doing.

It was agreed that the clerk will report the overgrown hedge between Aldeview and Low Barn Farm as several complaints have been received from tractor drivers.

**5 Reports from County and District Councillors**

Reports have been received and circulated.

**6 Clerk's Report**

The correspondence log was circulated prior to the meeting.

Councillor Norman advised the road sign for Mill Lane has been uprooted by an oil tanker. It is unlikely that the county council will fix it as they are only fixing mandatory signs. The clerk advised that SALC are revamping their website and providing clerks with a new portal. Councillor Norman approached the gamekeeper at Glemham Hall following complaints about shot falling on houses. He was advised that the shooters will be spoken to about safe distances.

**7 RFO's report**

On 31 August there was £7804.04 in the council's bank account.

There were three invoices for approval. The clerk's invoice includes £219.99 for a printer.

Clerk's salary	£372.74	Legal power
PAYE Month 7	£38.20	LGA 1972 s.112
Website subscription	£60.00	LGA 1972 s.111

The new balance is £7333.10. There were no receipts during the month.

Signed .....(Chair)

Date.....

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

The clerk presented the report. In the first half of the financial year 51.8% of the budget has been spent and 23.1% of available funds. This is on target for the year. The report was approved.

**9 Refurbishment of Farnham village sign**

There has been no responses to the minutes or website information concerning the village sign. It was agreed that Council Gilbert will approach Joe Warne to ask if he is willing to cut down the tree that is obscuring the view of the sign. Councillor Norman will examine the sign to see what refurbishment, if any, needs doing. Otherwise it was agreed that no further action will be taken.

**10 Casual vacancy**

Councillor Norman has advised he has been contacted by Annabel Warne who has expressed an interest in the vacancy. It was agreed that the clerk will approach Mrs Warne and if she is still interested she will be co-opted to the council at the next meeting and the clerk will arrange an induction session.

**11 Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

There have been no amendments to either the Standing Orders or the Financial Regulations but they must be reviewed annually. Councillors have reviewed the papers and approved the documents.

**12 The Sizewell Project**

Councillor Ayres advised the examination by the Examining Authority ends on 14 October. They then have up to three months to write their report which then goes to the Secretary of State for a decision which will be made within three months. There is then a six week period to allow for Judicial Review applications.

**13 Reports from external meetings**

There have been no external meetings.

**14 Items for future meetings**

Audit checks.

The meeting was closed at 20.45.