

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

Present: Councillors Ian Norman, Gordon Gilbert, Ian Tayler, Jill Pass, Rosemary Conibeer, Tim Plant

Apologies: Richard Ayres

In attendance: Parish clerk Debbi Tayler, Councillor Andrew Reid (SCC), one member of the public

The council began the meeting by remembering Councillor Colin Lee who passed away on 3 November

59/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Ayres.

60/19 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

61/19 Minutes of meeting held 9 September 2019

The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved and signed.

62/19 Questions from the public

Sarah Morgan asked if the council had submitted a response to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the scoping opinion. The clerk advised the council had not as the Stage 3 consultation response had covered all the salient points. The closing date for responses was 20 June. EDF have already said they will not be providing an Environmental Impact Assessment until the application is made to EDF which is due in the first quarter of 2020. In addition if the plans are changed at Stage 4 of the public consultation, which they have been, a further scoping opinion will be required. The agricultural reservoir in Farnham that has received planning permission is now being dug out. This may impact on the route of the proposed bypass.

Councillor Conibeer observed there has been a considerable amount of mud on the road adjacent to Burnt House Farm, Councillor Norman has spoken to the workers there about it.

Comments were made on how tidy the Farnham churchyard was following sterling efforts by Bruce and Jacci Churchman and Eric Brindley. The council thanked all involved.

Councillor Norman advised he had been approached by the chair of the Riverside Executive Committee to ask if the parish council would be interested in helping to organise an event to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day on 8 May 2020. It was agreed that Councillors Conibeer and Tayler will represent the council at a meeting to be arranged.

Councillor Norman asked if the parish council may consider paying for a Christmas tree for the village green this year, the cost would be about £65. The council unanimously approved this.

It was noted that the footpath from Farnham to Mollett's Farm has been cultivated and the footpath lost again. The clerk will report this to Rights of Way.

63/19 Reports from County and District Councillors

A report had been received from Councillor Reid and circulated.

Councillor Norman congratulated Councillor Reid on his appointment as Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Rural Affairs.

In particular from his written report Andrew mentioned the Suffolk Roadsafe Board which is working with young people to improve road safety across the county. With regard to Scottish Power's planning application at Friston SCC is objecting to the location and has written to Andrea Leadsom, Business Secretary.

64/19 Clerk's Report

The correspondence log was circulated.

It was agreed that a casual vacancy will be published in the January edition of the parish magazine. ESC will send the notices to the clerk in January.

Councillor Tayler advised he has held a meeting of the allotment tenants, there were no issues arising. The tenants of plot 1 have decided to only farm half the plot, the clerk has been approached recently by someone who is interested and will contact them.

The clerk has been approached by Suffolk Coastal Norse asking if the council will advertise a project aimed at reducing fly tipping in the county. This was agreed.

65/19 RFO's report

On 31 October there was £6867.02 in the council's bank account.

There were three invoices for approval.

Clerk's salary	219.64	Legal power LGA 1972 s.112
Inc website subs/stationery		
PAYE Months 7&8	38.80	LGA 1972 s.112
ICO registration	40.00	LGA 1972.s.111

The invoices were all approved. The balance in the account is now £6648.58.

There were two receipts, the second precept payment of £2250 and £40 of allotment rents. A further £10 of allotment rents is outstanding.

66/19 Planning application DC/19/3965/FUL

This was a planning application for the conversion and alteration of outbuildings for holiday lets at Manor Farm, Stratford St Andrew.

Following discussion it was agreed there were no objections in principle to the application but concerns were raised about traffic and noise during the construction period. The lanes around the property are narrow and Mill Lane will not be suitable for construction traffic. It was agreed the clerk will send a response to planning along these lines.

67/19 Reports from external meetings

There have been no external meetings.

68/19 Items for future meetings

To include internal audit recommendations, risk assessments and the expenditure v budget report. Also the budget/precept decision is due in January.

The clerk will issue dates for meetings in 2020.

Date of next meeting 9 December.

The meeting was closed at 21.00.

Signed.....Date: _____