

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 12 October 2020 by video via Zoom

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

Apologies: Michael Light, Carol Poulter (ESC)

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

**1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Light and Poulter.

**2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

**3 Minutes of meeting held 14 September 2020**

The minutes of the meetings were unanimously approved and will be signed by the chair. It was agreed that the clerk will ask Pat Mills for permission to publish the article on life in Farnham. Congratulations were offered to a resident, Simon Gallo, for his completion of the London Marathon. Condolences were offered to the family of Lesley Creese who dies recently, Lesley was a resident of Stratford St Andrew.

**4 Questions from the public**

There were no questions.

**5 Reports from County and District Councillors**

Reports were received from Councillors Poulter and Reid which were circulated. Councillor Reid highlighted SCC funding of £300k for electric vehicle charging points. Expressions of interest should be made via the website. £74m funding has been agreed by the Department of Transport for the Gullwing Bridge at Lowestoft which should be completed by 2023. SCC have been unable to support EDF's Development Consent Order due to a number of outstanding issues. Adaptive street lighting will make better use of technology. Councillor Reid said he would be happy to make a contribution to the council's Emergency Box.

**6 Clerk's Report**

The correspondence log was circulated prior to the meeting. The clerk advised she had participated in a Radio Suffolk interview about EDF's proposed two village bypass.

**7 RFO's report**

On 30 September there was £7723.07 in the council's bank account. There were five invoices for approval.

Clerk's salary inc admin	£202.70	Legal power
PAYE Month 7	£47.20	LGA 1972 s.112
Website subs	£60.00	LGA 1972 s.111

Signed .....(Chair)

Date.....

ICO fee	£40.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Emergency box	£372.72	LGA 1972 s.111

The clerk advised that her invoice includes the monthly Zoom subscription of £14.39. Councillor Ayres has bought all the necessary contents for the council's Emergency Box and Grab and Go Bag, the council thanked him for this. Councillor Reid has offered to pay half of this. This was approved. The box and bag will be stored at Mollett's Farm. The invoices were all approved. The second half of the precept of £2250 had been received. The balance in the account is now £7000.45.

The approvals sheets and bank statements will be delivered to Councillors Pass and Gilbert to sign.

**8 To receive and approve the expenditure v budget report April-Sept 2020**

The clerk had sent the report in advance of the meeting. After 50% of the year had elapsed 50.5% of the budget had been spent and 22.2% of available funds. The report was approved.

**9 To discuss the purchase and installation of Vehicle Speed Indicator Devices**

The clerk advised that SCC Highways have said they will not authorise the purchase of a static device and that any device would have to be moveable as motorists get used to them being in one place and this drives adverse behaviour. Members agreed it is not practical to expect someone to move and regularly charge a device. It was agreed that this matter will be put on the back burner for now.

**10 To review and approve the council's Risk Assessment for 2020/21**

The clerk had circulated revised documents in advance of the meeting. The document was approved with no amendments. The bridge at the Riverside was mentioned, this belongs to the Riverside Centre and is not the council's responsibility but the clerk will ascertain what the current situation is.

**11 Reports from external meetings**

There had been no external meetings.

**12 Items for future meetings**

To include the Internal Control Statement and Report, planning, asset register, allotment meeting, s.137 payments.

Date of next meeting 9 November, the clerk will issue a Zoom Outlook appointment nearer the time.

The meeting was closed at 20.02.

Signed .....(Chair)

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