

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 12 December 2016 at the Riverside Centre

Present: Councillors Ian Norman, Ian Tayler, Gordon Gilbert, Rosemary Conibeer, Viviane Garland, Danny Pont

Apologies: Richard Ayres, Jill Pass, Councillor Carol Poulter (SCDC)

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

78/16 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Pass, Ayres and Carol Poulter (SCDC).

79/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

80/16 Minutes of meetings held 14 November 2016

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

81/16 Questions from the public

There were no questions from the public.

82/16 Reports from County and District Councillors

Councillor Reid had provided a report in advance of the meeting. He highlighted SCC's commitment to pursue the principles of a devolution deal for Suffolk.

Councillor Poulter had sent a report for the previous month and promised to send an updated report by email.

83/16 Clerk's Report

The correspondence log was circulated.

The clerk has received an offer from SCC to formally mark up the bus stops in the two villages while they have a road lining gang on site at Friday Street. This would mean that parking in the bus stops for any length of time would be illegal and subject to police action. After some discussion it was agreed that this would limit motorists' ability to stop temporarily on a busy stretch of road and that this would not be appropriate at this time.

The clerk has received a letter from Snape PC about the possibility of local councils funding a PCSO to enforce speed limits. The cost for a year would be approximately £32,000. The meeting felt that this would have little impact for the cost and that as a council they could contribute little money to such a project. It was agreed not to participate.

As the council is now involved in the Stage 2 public consultation for Sizewell C it was agreed to postpone the first aid training until later in the year.

The clerk will write to Greenfuture Energy about fixing their guttering to stop rainwater flooding the public footpaths to date no action has been taken.

The clerk advised that the Air Quality Management Assessment draft action plan has now been signed off.

Hedge cutting and debris clearance on Mill Lane is the subject of a meeting with SCC and the owner of The Old School House following lengthy correspondence and two accidents.

84/16 RFO's report

The current bank balance in Barclays Bank is £5416.73.
There were two invoices for approval:

Clerk's salary	243.72
PAYE Month 9	59.80

The invoices were all approved. The balance in the account is now £5113.21. There was one receipt of cash for the allotment rents and sale of commemorative medals. The clerk presented the risk assessment and financial management register for 2016/17. This was discussed and approved.

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The asset register will be updated and presented at the next meeting.

85/16 Budget setting and precept 2017/18

The clerk presented the budget. There were some queries and it will be reviewed and presented at the next meeting.

It was suggested that the precept should not be changed for next year. This was proposed by Councillor Norman, seconded by Councillor Tayler and approved unanimously.

86/16 Reports from external meetings

Councillor Norman had attended a joint local authorities group meeting about Sizewell C, there was no new news.

87/16 Items for future meetings

These will include communication and the 2017/18 budget.

Date of next meeting 9 January 2017.

The meeting was closed at 21.00.

Signed.....Date: _____