

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 13 March 2017 at the Riverside Centre

Present: Councillors Ian Norman, Ian Tayler, Rosemary Conibeer, Viviane Garland, Richard Ayres, Jill Pass

Apologies: Danny Pont, Gordon Gilbert

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

23/17 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Pont and Gilbert.

24/17 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Tayler declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 30.

25/17 Minutes of meetings held 13 February 2017

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

26/17 Questions from the public

There were no questions.

27/17 Reports from County and District Councillors

Councillor Reid had provided a report in advance of the meeting.

Councillor Reid advised that the budget for 2017/18 has been agreed as have savings of £38m. The only increase in council tax that has been imposed is the 3% levy announced by the Chancellor for adult care. This will also be imposed next year. A review of funding for adult care has been announced and is welcomed.

SCC is working with the University of Suffolk on designing the Historical Archives, lottery funding has been applied for.

During the winter period SCC has made one hundred gritting runs covering 110,000 miles of road using 12,000 tons of salt.

Councillor Poulter highlighted several areas of interest. These included the Thorpeness Heritage Centre and a review and upgrade of leisure centres. She mentioned the Love East Suffolk project which encourages local areas to do their own litter picks, there is a link on the SCDC website. She also mentioned the NHS amnesty for mobility aids and equipment.

28/17 Clerk's Report

The correspondence log was circulated.

The clerk advised that the appeal against the recent Low Barn Farm planning application had not yet been decided.

It was agreed to continue with grass cutting by Suffolk Coastal Norse who have provided a quote. They have also quoted for cleaning the two bus shelters at £30 for each. It was agreed to go ahead with this, probably twice a year.

It was agreed that rather than doing a one day litter pick we would ask local residents to do their own areas and offer them black bags, rubber gloves and litter pickers. The clerk will place an article in the parish magazine.

The clerk advised that the expenditure limit for Section 137 payments for 2017/18 is £7.57pp.

29/17 RFO's report

The current bank balance in Barclays Bank is £5553.40.
There were six invoices for approval:

Clerk's salary inc mileage	210.80
PAYE Month 12	41.00
Village maintenance	300.00
Fencing materials	92.21
Labour for allotment	200.00
SALC planning conference	90.00

The invoices were all approved. The balance in the account is now £4619.39. There were no receipts.

30/17 Planning application DC/17/0458 Brereton Bungalow, Great Glemham Road

This application had been submitted to the council with an incorrect address and it will be resubmitted. As the detail of the application is unlikely to change it was agreed to consider the application as it stands.

This application is for an attic extension and rear extension to an existing bungalow. The plans were discussed and it was agreed there were no objections. The clerk will await the revised application and if there is no change to the detail she will make a response to the planning department.

31/17 Communications leaflet

The second draft of the leaflet was discussed and several minor amendments agreed. The clerk will resubmit to the printer and then get the final version printed. It was agreed that the leaflet will be distributed with the parish magazine and copies be placed at the Riverside Centre, Friday Street Farm Shop and the service station.

32/17 Community Emergency Plan

It was agreed that the Emergency Management Team be made up of parish council members. This list will feed into a communication tree which will include volunteers. The clerk will speak to Snape councillors concerning lessons learned from their last activation of the emergency plan. The clerk and Councillor Garland are attending a Rest Centre training course next week. They will speak to the Joint Emergency Planning Unit about emergency equipment and any other advice.

It was agreed that an offline meeting to discuss the detail and to do scenario planning should take place. The clerk will arrange this after the training course and following a redraft of the plan.

33/17 Reports from external meetings

The clerk had attended a planning conference arranged by SALC and the Housing White Paper has now been issued. It was agreed that this will be discussed at a future meeting.

34/17 Items for future meetings

Items will include the Housing White Paper/Neighbourhood Plans and possibly the annual return if the relevant forms have been completed.

Date of next meeting 10 April 2017.

The meeting was closed at 21.26.

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Signed.....Date: _____