

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 13 August 2018 at the Riverside Centre

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

Apologies: Ian Tayler, Councillor Carol Poulter (SCDC)

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

80/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Ian Tayler and Councillor Poulter (SCDC).

81/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

82/18 Minutes of meeting held 9 July 2018

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

83/18 Questions from the public

There were no questions from the public.

84/18 Reports from County and District Councillors

A report from Councillor Reid was received and circulated prior to the meeting. The issue of grass cutting at the junction of the A12/A1094 was discussed. The clerk had received an email from Councillor Evans who is the SCC Cabinet Member responsible for Highways. Councillor Reid said SCC were hoping to get this assigned to their cyclic programme which means it will be monitored and cut more often than at present. It was noted that the new road layout is proving problematic for users.

The state of the pavement from Farnham to Stratford St Andrew was also raised as this is difficult in places due to overhanging trees.

The recent Sizewell C Community Forum meeting was discussed. Councillor Reid said Stage 3 of the consultation process will take place in the New Year and that EDF have said they will be including a two village bypass as an option to mitigate the problems of the Farnham bend. SCC have written again to the Secretary of State for Transport reiterating the issues particularly in the light of the new substations planned at Friston and new housing in the area. It is felt these will exacerbate the current traffic problems. At the recent Community Forum EDF said that a jetty for sea delivery is not viable so the strategy will be to bring materials by rail but more likely by road.

No report had been received from Councillor Poulter.

85/18 Clerk's Report

The correspondence log was circulated.

The clerk advised she has received a letter from the Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership chairman asking for parishes to nominate a Flood Defence spokesperson. Councillor Ayres offered to take up this post.

Councillor Conibeer advised some trees have fallen across the Farnham footpath which means walkers have to access private land to get round them. The clerk will report this. She also advised that the garden at The Post Office Stores is overgrown and obscuring the view of drivers accessing the A12. The clerk will write to EDF who own the property.

Councillor Gilbert advised that in spite of restrictions imposed by the SCDC Planning Department the new house at Botany Farm appears to be inhabited. The clerk will write to SCDC Planning.

86/18 RFO's report

On 31 July there was £4287.05 in the council's bank account.
There were two invoices for approval.

Clerk's salary	97.08	Legal power
PAYE Month 5	24.20	LGA 1972 s.112
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The invoices were all approved. The balance in the account is now £4165.77. There were no receipts.

The clerk has received a quote from Peter Benson to renovate the two benches and noticeboard at Stratford St Andrew for £265. It was agreed to go ahead with this.

87/18 Review of Financial Regulations

The clerk had issued the revised FRs by email. The only change was para 11.1.c which relates to public contracts. The regulations were unanimously approved.

88/18 Review of Risk Assessment

The clerk presented the Risk Assessment with no amendments from last year. The document was discussed and approved.

89/18 Review of Financial Risk Assessment

The clerk presented the Financial Risk Assessment with no amendments from last year. The document was discussed and approved.

90/18 Reports from external meetings

Councillor Norman advised he had attended a SZC Community Forum, there was nothing new to report other than that which was discussed with Councillor Reid earlier in the meeting.

Councillor Norman had also attended a meeting with SCDC about the Local Plan. The documents were circulated and the clerk had forwarded the link.

91/18 Items for future meetings

To include the review of the Asset Register. Also the Standing Orders will need to be revised again as there have been some national amendments.

Date of next meeting 10 September.

The meeting was closed at 20.35.

Signed.....Date: _____