

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 14 January 2019 at the Riverside Centre

Present: Councillors Ian Norman, Richard Ayres, Tim Plant, Gordon Gilbert, Colin Lee, Jill Pass, Ian Tayler, Rosemary Conibeer
Apologies: Councillor Carol Poulter (SCDC)
In attendance: Parish clerk Debbi Tayler, Councillor Andrew Reid (SCC), six members of the public

116/1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Poulter.

117/19 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

118/19 Minutes of meeting held 12 November 2018

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

119/19 Questions from the public

Mrs Ayres asked the council what they would be doing to assist residents in respect of the proposed two village bypass route included in the EDF Sizewell C Stage 3 Public Consultation. A number of properties in Farnham will be affected by the proposed route. Councillor Norman advised that he was aware of inaccuracies and a lack of detail on the proposed route and the council will be taking this up with EDF. The council asked for a different routing at Stage 2 of the consultation process but this seems to have been ignored. This will be taken up with EDF and included in the council's response to Stage 3. Councillor Norman encouraged all residents to make their own responses to the consultation as it is important that EDF understand the scale of the issue and its impacts. Councillor Reid said that SCC will support residents and that as the consultation document mentions a four village bypass this can also be commented on. SCC are still awaiting a decision by government regarding funding for a four village bypass but it's impossible to say when this will be made. The council's response will include what mitigation it expects if the proposed route remains unchanged. There was discussion about how the council can engage with all residents on this matter and it was agreed this will be decided following the Planning Aid England workshop on 9 February which members of the council will attend. In the meantime residents are encouraged to write to the chairman, clerk or councillors. This will remain as a regular item on the council's agenda going forward.

120/19 Reports from County and District Councillors

Councillor Reid's report will be circulated after to the meeting.

123/19 Planning application Yew Tree House, Stratford St Andrew

This item was brought forward on the agenda.

The applicant, Mr Stuart Parkins, attended the meeting to outline the proposals for the property which is a Grade 2* church, now a residential property. The main aim of the refurbishment is modernisation of the interior, adequate heating and securing the garden space. Following an objection about the proposed height of a new fence this has been altered from 2.4m to 1.8m. Mr and Mrs Parkins are engaging with Heritage England in order to maintain the integrity of the building. There were no objections to the application.

121/19 Clerk's Report

The correspondence log was circulated.

122/19 RFO's report

On 31 December there was £6677.96 in the council's bank account.

There were two invoices for approval.

		Legal power
Clerk's salary	196.09	LGA 1972 s.112
PAYE Months 9&10	49.00	LGA 1972 s.112

The invoices were all approved. The balance in the account is now £6532.87, the two PWLB payments are due this month which will leave a balance of £5174.02.

There were two receipts in December from the Riverside for the PWLB loans.

124/19 Quarterly expenditure v budget report July – December 2018

The clerk presented the report which shows that with 75% of the year elapsed 60.8% of the budget has been spent and 33.8% of total available funds spent. The report was approved.

125/19 Budget 2019/20 and precept setting

The clerk presented the budget showing the last three years expenditure, estimated spend for the current year and a proposed budget for 2019/20. The budget was agreed.

Councillor Gilbert proposed the precept remain unchanged at £4500 for 2019/20.

This was unanimously agreed and will result in a reduction in council tax for residents.

126/19 S.137 payments

The council may spend £7.86 per elector in 2018/19 on s.137 payments. The council's s.137 policy allows for £100 pa to be equally divided between two organisations, it may consider other requests also. Four requests for assistance had been received during the financial year from EACH, CAB Leiston & Saxmundham Branch, Disability Advice Service (East Suffolk) and Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service. It was suggested that the council should donate £50 to each organisation, this was proposed by Councillor Pass, seconded by Councillor Plant and unanimously approved.

127/19 Sizewell C Public Consultation

SCDC and SCC have arranged a town and parish council event on 22 January, it was agreed that Councillors Ayres and Norman will attend.

EDF have again commissioned Planning Aid England to facilitate councils' responses to the consultation. Two workshops have been booked for us, Marlesford and Little Glemham parish councils on 9 and 23 February. It was agreed that the clerk and Councillors Ayres, Tayler and Gilbert will attend. They will provide feedback at the council's February meeting. It may be necessary for the council to hold an additional meeting to discuss their response.

128/19 Reports from external meetings

There were no external meetings.

129/19 Items for future meetings

To include Sizewell C Stage 3 Public Consultation.

Date of next meeting 11 February.

The meeting was closed at 21.20.

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