

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 14 November 2022 at the Riverside Centre

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

Apologies: Gordon Gilbert, Annabel Warne

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

**1 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Gilbert and Warne. Councillor Norman advised that Councillor Light has resigned, a casual vacancy will be advertised. A new deputy chair will need to be appointed, it was agreed to postpone this until a new councillor has been appointed. Councillor Gilbert is still recuperating from a broken hip.

**2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 Minutes of meetings held 8 August 2022**

The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved and signed. The hedges at The Limes have still not been cut, watching brief kept.

**4 Questions from the public**

There were no questions.

**5 Reports from County and District Councillors**

Reports from both councillors were circulated prior to the meeting. Councillor Poulter said that Wickham Market now have a neighbourhood Plan which is important in relation to the local community having a say in local planning matters. Planning policy will be bottom up and doing away with quotas. The council's view was that they were disillusioned with some planning decisions. Councillor Poulter said SALC can help with developing a Neighbourhood Plan. There is a meeting coming up concerning Sizewell C and road issues with Lord Marlesford, Richard Cooper and the Head of Planning. There is an Ease the Squeeze roadshow with a new magazine with details. Wickham Market are setting up a Warm Room for local residents. Councillor Reid told the council that SCC are spending £7.8m modernising and expanding the Foxhall Recycling Centre which will be completed in 2024, the centre will stay open during the works. SCC are working with the police on the Suffolk Roadsafe Partnership. Ten APNR devices are to be rolled out across the county, they will flash up the car number plate. People caught speeding will receive a letter and then a visit from the police but there will be no prosecutions. This is a two year pilot scheme. Consultation has begun on the council's impending budget, it is expected that there will be cuts to some budgets. There is an online survey for residents to complete.

**6 Clerk's Report**

The correspondence log was circulated prior to the meeting. A large lorry has dislodged a water main manhole opposite Main Farm. The clerk to report.

Signed .....(Chair)

Date.....

**7 RFO's report**

As Councillor Light has resigned and Councillor Gilbert is currently in care it was agreed that Councillor Plant will be an additional signatory. The clerk will ask for the mandate to be changed accordingly.

On 31 October there was £8349.12 in the council's bank account. There were six invoices for approval four of which had been paid.

		Legal power
Clerk's salary	£246.44	LGA 1972 s.112
PAYE Months 6&7	£61.60	LGA 1972 s.112
Insurance premium	£260.68	LGA 1972 s.111
Website subscription	£60.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Clerk's salary	£188.65	LGA 1972 s.112
PAYE month 8	£47.20	LGA 1972 s.112

There were no receipts. The invoices were approved. The balance is now £8113.27.

**8 Expenditure v budget report April – September 2022**

The clerk presented the report which shows that 21.7% of the total budget has been spent in 50% of the year. The report was approved. It was agreed that for the next report the expenditure v income would be shown separately to expenditure v total available.

**9 To approve Standing Orders and Financial Regulations 2022/23**

Both documents were reviewed and approved.

**10 Review of Asset Register 2022/23**

The asset register was reviewed and approved. It was agreed that replacement values will be reviewed next year.

**11 Farnham Village Sign**

The clerk has not received any response from Jon Lear. She will write to Jo Plant to suggest they get a quote, there must be adequate insurance.

**12 Reports from external meetings**

There were no external meetings.

**13 Items for future meetings**

Farnham village sign, audit checks, thermal imaging cameras.

The meeting was closed at 20.44.

Signed .....(Chair)

Date.....