

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 14 December 2020 by video via Zoom

Present: Councillors Ian Norman, Gordon Gilbert, Ian Tayler, Jill Pass, Tim Plant, Richard Ayres, Rosemary Conibeer, Michael Light

Apologies: None

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

1 Apologies

No apologies were received.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

3 Minutes of meetings held 9 and 30 November 2020

The minutes of the meetings were unanimously approved and will be signed by the chair.

The clerk thanked Councillor Reid for agreeing to having the drain cover outside Street Farm, Farnham mended.

With regard to the planning application discussed on 30 November SCC Highways have insisted on the access gates being set 5m from the highway and to open inwards to comply with road safety regulations. It was agreed that 5m is not enough for a vehicle and a trailer or horsebox, the clerk will write and make this point. It was also agreed that the clerk will write to the applicant and ask for the hedge fronting the road to be cut back as it is making the road narrow and cars moving across are causing the road to break up. There is also now no verge for pedestrians.

Councillor Tayler advised he had visited the allotments and agreed with the tenants that as the gate onto the road is not used it doesn't need remedial work at this time. Most of the plots are in good order with plans for those that are not.

4 Questions from the public

Mrs Ayres reported a road safety issue on the A12 approaching the entrance to Mollett's Farm. Since the road markings were altered to allow overtaking Mrs Ayres has experienced at least three near misses when a vehicle in the queue behind her has decided to overtake when she has been attempting to turn right into her driveway. Her view is that the double white lines should be extended on the northbound carriageway to cover the entrance to her property. It was agreed that the clerk will write to Councillor Reid to see if any remedial action can be taken.

5 Reports from County and District Councillors

Councillor Reid has provided a report which the clerk will circulate. He confirmed that talks are ongoing with government regarding funding for the proposed Sizewell C development, the government wants a few issues tightened up. SCC are retaining their robust position which may not reflect ESC's position. SCC is disappointed that EDF are not working more closely with Network Rail regarding a passing loop on the railway and that they are not interested in paying for it. They are also concerned about the weighbridge planned for the A1094, SCC had no prior knowledge of the planning application and consider it will cause more traffic on this road.

Signed(Chair)

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6 Clerk’s Report

The correspondence log was circulated prior to the meeting. The clerk asked if there were any further comments for the response to EDF’s recent consultation. Councillor Ayres suggested we add that the parish council supports any changes that will take traffic off the road. The clerk will make the amendment and send the council’s response.

Councillor Norman advised that the service station in Stratford St Andrew has been sold to Ascona Retail.

Councillor Light mentioned the plans for 800 new homes in Saxmundham including a service station and lorry park on the A12. More information can be found at www.saxmundhamsouth.co.uk.

7 RFO’s report

On 30 November there was £6908.75 in the council’s bank account. There were two invoices for approval.

		Legal power
Clerk’s salary inc admin	£275.87	LGA 1972 s.112
PAYE Month 8	£55.40	LGA 1972 s.112

The clerk advised that her invoice includes the monthly Zoom subscription of £14.39 and the ICO registration fee of £40. The invoices were all approved. All of the allotment rents of £50 have now been received. The council have also received a grant from Councillor Reid of £186.38 as a contribution towards the cost of the emergency box and grab bag. The balance in the account is now £6768.84. The approvals sheets and bank statements will be delivered to Councillors Pass and Gilbert to sign.

8 To receive and approve the Internal Control Statement and Report 2020/21

The clerk had sent the document in advance of the meeting. The statement and report were approved.

9 Reports from external meetings

There had been no external meetings.

10 Items for future meetings

The clerk advised that at the January meeting, provided the precept information is available from ESC, she will present the budget report in order to inform the precept decision and s.137 payments. She will also present the expenditure v budget report for April to December 2020. Councillor Pass will lead a discussion on planning including local plans and changes to regulations and policy.

Date of next meeting 11 January, the clerk will issue a Zoom Outlook appointment nearer the time.

The meeting was closed at 20.45.

Signed(Chair)

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