

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 30 November 2020 by video via Zoom

Present: Councillors Ian Norman, Gordon Gilbert, Ian Tayler, Jill Pass, Tim Plant, Richard Ayres, Rosemary Conibeer, Michael Light
In attendance: Parish clerk Debbi Tayler

1 Apologies

No apologies were received.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda but Councillor Norman registered as private interest as set out in the Code of Conduct as he is an immediate neighbour of the planning application to be discussed.

3 Planning application DC/20/4404/FUL

This application is for the proposed construction of an equine manege on paddock land, erection of stables and barn and improved access via existing crossover. The land in question is adjacent to Aldeview, Great Glemham Road, Stratford St Andrew. It was agreed there were no objections to the general design and siting of the equine manege, stables and barn. Concerns were raised about access to the site particularly during the construction phase. The access statement shows plans for two sets of gates, one external to the road and another beyond that. It was thought that the external gates will cause traffic entering the site to block the road while the driver opens the gates. It would seem more practical to have one set of gates and that they should be recessed into the field so that traffic entering could pull right off the road. The other issue concerns the paddock hedge adjacent to the road. The hedge is made up mainly of ash that has died back and because it is so overgrown it has narrowed the already narrow road and depleted the verge entirely. This means there is no verge for pedestrians to stand on to avoid oncoming traffic. It also means that vehicles are pushed across to the other side of the road causing the surface to break up. Cutting the hedge right back before work starts would not only improve the safety of the road but would make oncoming traffic more visible to vehicles leaving the site. It was agreed the clerk will comment accordingly on the application.

4 PC response to EDF's proposed changes to the Sizewell C DCO

EDF has made some changes to the original Development Consent Order which was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. The public has been given 30 days until 18 December to comment on these changes.

In terms of the two village bypass there are two main changes. The first is a change to the Application Order Limits. This is to ensure a 215m visibility distance is maintained as required for 60mph roads. Although the parish council would not object to an appropriate visibility distance it was agreed we will use the opportunity to comment that a 60mph speed limit is not appropriate on a major road so close to residents' properties. EDF will be undertaking further speed survey work and the council believes this is an opportunity to change the speed limit to 50mph.

The other change is to the Public Right of Way around Walk Barn Farm. Two main options, 2a and 2b, have been put forward. The council agreed they would prefer

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option 2a as this reflects the route commonly used by walkers. Route 2b is rather convoluted and not much used as signposting of the PRoW is poor. The council also agreed to the upgrading of the route to a bridleway as requested by SCC. The landowner has already given permission for a rider to use the route so formalisation of this makes sense.

It was also agreed that the response should mention the council's disappointment that the proposed route has not been changed as set out in all previous consultations and the Relevant Representation to the Planning Inspectorate. It was agreed that the clerk will draft a response and circulate it for comments prior to the deadline.

Date of next meeting 14 December, the clerk will issue a Zoom Outlook appointment nearer the time.

The meeting was closed at 20.30.

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