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FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Monday 4 May 2021 via Zoom

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

Apologies: Gordon Gilbert, Michael Light, Councillor Andrew Reid (SCC), Councillor Carol Poulter (SCDC)

In attendance: Parish clerk Debbi Tayler

**1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Gilbert and Light, Councillors Reid (SCC) and Poulter (SCDC), Maureen Greaves, Deborah Brame and Rev Rachel Cornish.

**2 Minutes of meetings held 13 May 2019**

The minutes of the last meeting were and signed at the parish council meeting in June 2019.

**3 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**4 Parish Council Annual Report**

The clerk had circulated the report prior to the meeting.

All council meetings since April 2020 have been held remotely via Zoom. No Annual Parish Meeting was held in 2020 following government regulations.

The clerk advised the council had commissioned Suffolk Coastal Norse Ltd to continue to maintain the grass verges in the two villages and to also clean the two bus shelters on a regular basis.

Traffic issues on the A12 remain of concern and we continue to work closely with Suffolk County Council and EDF to secure improvements. The Sizewell C Project is now with the Planning Inspectorate and the council is participating in the examination, in particular to have the proposed bypass moved to the east of Foxburrow Wood.

This year the council awarded s.137 grants to the CAB, Disability Advice Service (East Suffolk) and Headway. These amounted to £400.

The parish council has a live Twitter account, Facebook page and website.

During 2020/21 the council's income was £7865, expenditure was £7729. The precept was £4500 and the general reserve held is £2500.

The council expects to be able to have face to face meetings from June 2021.

**5/6 Reports from County and District councillors**

Councillors Reid, SCC, and Poulter, ESC, had provided written reports. These are available on the council's website.

**7 Alde Valley Luncheon Club Annual Report**

The report was circulated prior to the meeting. There had been no lunch club meetings over the past year due to the pandemic. The future of the club is uncertain at present as some key members of the team are stepping down and so more volunteers are needed. The club doesn't expect to meet again this year.

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**8 Riverside Executive Committee Annual Report**

The report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Riverside Centre has been closed for the majority of 2020 and the lost income is around £15,000. However, government grants have been received which has helped to absorb the losses. It is expected to take six to twelve months to regain financial stability.

**9 Parochial Church Council Annual Report**

The clerk circulated the report prior to the meeting. The Benefice welcomed a stipendiary Assistant Curate, the Reverend Oliver Kemsley who lives in Little Glemham. Reverend Bill Sokolis and Reverend Kemsley were ordained deacons in September. The PCC has been able to provide video services via YouTube when the church at Farnham has been unable to open for services although it has been open daily for visitors. Four other churches in the Benefice have been able to be used as social distancing was possible.

**10 Public Forum**

It was noted with appreciation that the Stratford St Andrew village sign has been cleaned and a plaque put up on it.

**11 Any other business**

There was no other business.

The meeting was closed at 20.43.

Signed.....Date: \_\_\_\_\_