

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Monday 8 May 2017 at the Riverside Centre

Present: Councillors Ian Norman, Ian Tayler, Rosemary Conibeer, Viviane Garland, Richard Ayres, Jill Pass, Gordon Gilbert

Apologies: Councillor Andrew Reid (SCC), Councillor Carol Poulter (SCDC), Danny Pont

In attendance: Parish clerk Debbi Tayler, six members of the public

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Reid (SCC) and Poulter (SCDC).
Councillor Pont did not attend.

2 Minutes of meetings held 9 May 2016

The minutes of the last meeting were and signed at the parish council meeting in June 2016.

3 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4 Parish Council Annual Report

Councillor Norman advised the council had commissioned Suffolk Coastal Norse Ltd 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 partners and EDF to secure improvements.

Air quality in Stratford St Andrew remains at higher than acceptable levels. The council is represented on the Steering Group to find solutions to the problem. As part of the plan the 50mph signs will be moved further out of the villages.

To help commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday the council purchased commemorative medals which were given to each child in the two villages. Funding for this project was provided by our district councillor.

Money from our county councillor was used to purchase a dog refuse bin for Farnham.

The parish council has a live Twitter account, Facebook page and website. To improve communications we have designed a leaflet which will be issued with the parish magazine.

The clerk advised that a report has been received from Dr Therese Coffey, MP, which will be circulated.

5/6 Reports from County and District councillors

Councillor Reid, SCC, had provided a written report. Headlines include service savings, adult social care precept, Sizewell C Stage 2 consultation, education attainment, road surfacing and the Suffolk Annual Public Health Report.

Councillor Poulter, SCDC, had also provided a report. Headlines include new premises at Riduna Park, the merger of SCDC and Waveney DC, Suffolk Coastal Local Plan, improvements to leisure facilities and fly tipping.

7 Alde Valley Luncheon Club Annual Report

The report was presented by the chair, Deborah Brame. The club continues to be popular with 54 members and an average attendance of 44. There are 12

volunteers, six of whom are on the committee. The meal charge remains at £5 and the club remains solvent thanks to fundraising and donations.

8 Riverside Executive Committee Annual Report

Maureen Greaves, chair, presented the report. The Riverside continues to thrive thanks to consistency in bookings and fundraising carried out by the Executive and Social Club Committees. A reserve of around £30,000 is held which, if necessary, would cover the outstanding Public Works Loan. Any profits are ploughed back into maintenance and improvements. A major project for the coming year will be to resurface the children's playground.

9 Parochial Church Council Annual Report

Judith Norman presented the report. There are 18 parishioners on the church electoral roll, churchwarden posts remain vacant as does the rector's post. Fundraising remains a focus with many events being put on throughout the year. The amount Farnham must raise towards the Benefice Centenary Share is £6970.56. The PCC would like to set up a Friends of St Mary's Group to help keep the church alive. They are inviting people to enlist on the church electoral roll, forms are available.

10 Public Forum

No issues were raised.

11 Any other business

There was no other business.

The meeting was closed at 20.45.

Signed.....Date: _____