

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 9 August 2021 at the Riverside Centre

Present: Councillors Ian Norman, Gordon Gilbert, Richard Ayres, Michael Light  
Apologies: Rosemary Conibeer, Jill Pass, Ian Tayler, Tim Plant, Carol Poulter (ESC),  
Andrew Reid (SCC)  
In attendance: Parish clerk Debbi Tayler

**1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Conibeer, Pass, Tayler, Plant, Reid and Poulter.

**2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 Minutes of meeting held 12 July 2021**

The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved and signed.

**4 Questions from the public**

There were no questions.

Councillor Norman updated the council about the allotments. Some tenants have been written to requesting that they tidy their plots as there is an ongoing problem with Mare's Tail weeds which is affecting other plots. Someone has been commissioned to deal with the weed, cut the hedges and mend the fence. He is charging £16 per hour which includes clearing the rubbish, this was unanimously approved. Councillor Norman has purchased a new post and the clerk will reimburse him.

Councillor Norman advised he has been contacted by Tom McGarry, EDF, about the rebuilding of the wall at the Old Shop. Due to the proximity of the road EDF are looking for a builder who can rebuild the wall from the garden side. He said EDF will replace the noticeboard.

**5 Reports from County and District Councillors**

No reports have been received.

**6 Clerk's Report**

The correspondence log was circulated prior to the meeting.

The clerk advised the council that she had received an email from One Suffolk who host the parish council website to say a company had been in contact with them as a photo on the website was being used without a license. The clerk wasn't aware there was a license for the photo but took it off the website immediately. The company was asking for a large amount of money for the photo's use which One Suffolk was disputing on our behalf. Eventually the company decided to withdraw the claim.

**7 RFO's report**

On 30 July there was £8510.98 in the council's bank account.  
There were two invoices for approval.

Signed .....(Chair)

Date.....

Clerk's salary	£142.62	Legal power
PAYE Month 5	£35.60	LGA 1972 s.112
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The new balance is £8332.76. There were no receipts during the month.

**8 To discuss planning application DC/21/3213**

This is a planning application for an allweather riding arena at The Bungalow, Main Road, Stratford St Andrew. There were no objections in principle to the application but it was agreed that construction traffic must be able to pull right off the main road to avoid congestion. The clerk will comment accordingly.

**9 Update re village sign**

Councillor Conibeer has received a revised quote from Ian Sedge for £900 which will include work on the frame, post and provision of scaffolding. It was agreed the clerk will obtain a further quote for the work.

**10 Expenditure v budget report**

The clerk presented the report for the first quarter of the year. A total of £1457.13 had been spent. This is 31.9% of the budget and 14.3% of the funds available in the first 25% of the year. The report was agreed.

**11 The Sizewell C Project update**

Sasha Ayres from Mollett's Farm has written to Councillor Norman asking for the parish council's support for their request to EDF for additional mitigation in terms of planting, bunding and quiet road surfacing. This was agreed as it will benefit other parishioners too. The next deadline for comments is 3 September. The clerk will draft a response and circulate it for comment.

**12 Reports from external meetings**

There have been no external meetings. Councillor Norman will not be attending SALC Area Meetings, if another councillor wishes to attend they should let the clerk know.

**10 Items for future meetings**

Expenditure v budget report, update on Farnham village sign, audit checks.

The meeting was closed at 21.50.