

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 10 July 2023 at the Riverside Centre

Present: Councillors Ian Norman, Richard Ayres, Annabel Warne, Tim Plant, Richard Sayer, Jill Pass, Jeremy Williams, Rosemary Conibeer
Apologies: Sally Noble (ESC), Andrew Reid (SCC)
In attendance: Parish clerk Debbi Tayler

1 Apologies

There were no apologies from councillors.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Minutes of meetings held 12 June 2023

The minutes of the meetings were unanimously approved and signed.

4 Questions from the public

It was advised that the hedge at Red House Farm has now been cut. Thanks were given to Graham and Ann Evans for clearing the footpath in Farnham that had become very overgrown. There are two more footpaths that are overgrown, one at the back of Molletts Farm and the other at the rear of the Riverside going towards Benhall Low Street. The clerk has reported both these. Councillor Ayres advised that landowners are only responsible for not causing obstructions but the county council is responsible for ensuring PRow are not overgrown. Councillor Pass advised that the owl box will be put up at the end of the nesting season.

After some discussion it was agreed that the clerk's vacancy should be more widely advertised in the Community News, Tide magazine and on the internet. It was also agreed that meetings will take place on alternate months and possibly on a Wednesday instead of a Monday in order to be more flexible for potential applicants. The clerk's last meeting will be August in order to complete the 2022/23 audit round.

5 Reports from County and District Councillors

Report were received and circulated from Sally Noble, district councillor, and Andrew Reid, county councillor.

6 Clerk's Report

The clerk advised that Sizewell C have offered to attend the September meeting of the council with an update.

7 RFO's report

On 30 June there was £10643.92 in the council's bank account. There were two invoices for approval.

Clerk's salary	£200.00	Legal power LGA 1972 s.112
PAYE Month 3	£133.20	LGA 1972 s.112

Signed(Chair)

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The invoices were approved. The balance is now £10310.72 but payments to PWLB are due to be made taking the balance available to £8951.84.

8 Expenditure v budget report April – June 2023

The clerk presented the report which shows that 40.3 % of the budget has been spent in the first 25% of the year. The available funds spent were 19.4%.

9 Items for future meetings

Internal audit approval, Sizewell C.

The meeting was closed at 20.30.

Signed(Chair)

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