

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 12 June 2023 at the Riverside Centre

Present: Councillors Ian Norman, Richard Ayres, Annabel Warne, Tim Plant, Richard Sayer, Jill Pass, Jeremy Williams

Apologies: Sally Noble (ESC), Andrew Reid (SCC), Rosemary Conibeer

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

1 Apologies

There were apologies from Councillor Conibeer who was away on holiday, this was approved.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Minutes of meetings held 15 May 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 is overgrown and impeding the footpath.

The junction at Friday Street was seriously overgrown and only cut in the normal schedule in spite of several reports to SCC Highways. It is very disappointing that Highways do not appear to be monitoring the junction as promised every year in spite of many accidents and near misses.

5 Reports from County and District Councillors

No reports have been received.

6 Role of the Tree Warden

The chair welcomed Graham Evans to the meeting who has volunteered to take on the role of Tree Warden now that Tim Cocker has retired from the post. Councillor Ayres has sent the definitive Rights of Way maps to Graham. Graham will keep an eye on Rights of Way, rotted off footpath signs and other such matters and will report back to the council as required.

7 Owl Box

Councillor Pass has suggested the purchase of an owl box which can be installed on the public footpath near her property. This was approved by the council. Councillor Pass will purchase the box from the RSPB and the council will reimburse her. The box will be installed by Dave Pass and Councillor Williams.

8 Electric Vehicle Charging Point

Councillor Pass had put this on the agenda for discussion. Should an EV Charging Point be installed at the Riverside Centre? It was agreed that this would be a matter for the Riverside but one had been installed at Great Glemham as part of a SCC initiative. However, there had been many issues which had proven impossible to overcome and as a result the point is being turned off and taken out. It was agreed to take no action at present. There are EV points being installed at Friday Street.

Signed(Chair)

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9 Clerk's Report

The correspondence log was circulated prior to the meeting.

10 RFO's report

On 31 May there was £9537.44 in the council's bank account. There were two invoices for approval.

Clerk's salary	£151.20	Legal power
PAYE Month 3	£101.20	LGA 1972 s.112
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The invoices were approved. The balance is now £9285.04.

11 Approval of the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23

The clerk presented the statement which was approved by the council after each section was discussed and evidenced.

12 Approval of the Annual Accounting Statement 2022/23

The clerk presented the statement which was approved by the council and signed.

13 External meetings

There had been no external meetings.

14 Items for future meetings

Tree Warden, Quiet Lanes Project – next tranche? East Suffolk Planning Affiliation.

The meeting was closed at 20.50.

Signed(Chair)

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