

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 12 July 2021 at the Riverside Centre

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

Apologies: Michael Light, Carol Poulter (ESC)

In attendance: Parish clerk Debbi Tayler, Andrew Reid (SCC)

**1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Light and Poulter.

**2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 Minutes of meeting held 14 June 2021**

The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved and signed.

The footpath at Elm Tree Farm was discussed as some walkers had been dissuaded from using it by the landowner. Other walkers had complained to the landowner about the state of the footpath which is very overgrown and has had a tree planted on it which is causing an obstruction. It was agreed that the clerk will now report the matter to SCC.

**4 Questions from the public**

There were no questions.

**5 Reports from County and District Councillors**

Reports had been circulated by both councillors.

Councillor Reid highlighted the current review of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities following complaints by a number of families. The Cassius service has been launched to give individuals more digitalised access to carers by the increased use of technology. The Yes 2 Test initiative has been launched to encourage people to test for Covid 19 twice a week and to have both vaccinations.

**6 Clerk's Report**

The correspondence log was circulated prior to the meeting.

The clerk advised that she has been in touch with Chris Taylor of the Quiet Lanes project. As he had not contacted the clerk we are now too late to participate in the project.

It is likely that a half allotment plot will become available in the near future which the clerk will advertise.

The clerk confirmed that the new Model Publication Scheme is now published on the council's website.

EDF commissioned contractors to tidy the garden at the Old Shop last week. They strimmed the garden but left a terrible mess in the surrounding area. The clerk reported this to EDF who claimed the contractors had returned the same day to tidy up which they had not. The clerk responded to EDF but has had no reply.

There had been an issue with a water leak from a manhole cover at the junction of Mill Lane and Great Glemham Road. SCC and Essex and Suffolk Water said it was

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the responsibility of the five householders whose filtered water goes into the drain. One of the householders had contacted Binders who came and pressure washed the drain to clear the blockage which was at least 30m down the road. The clerk was asked to write again to Highways to see if this changed who was responsible as the householder has paid Binders for the work.

A planning application has been received for Hall Barn in Stratford St Andrew. It is to widen the driveway, provide off road parking and install a wall between the main property and adjacent cottage. There were no objections to the application.

Councillor Conibeer has received a sketch of the proposed refurbishment of the Farnham village sign from Ian Sedge which is estimated at around £750 which will include painting the frame and post. It was agreed that at this stage the clerk will ask SALC to ask other parish councils if they have any experience of this and any recommendations as it was thought we should have more than one quote for the work. Councillor Conibeer will also ask Ian Sedge to requote to include the required scaffolding to do the job. If the council decides to go ahead we will then canvas parishioners for their views.

**7 RFO's report**

On 30 June there was £10,067.15 in the council's bank account. There were two invoices for approval.

Clerk's salary	£157.92	Legal power
PAYE Month 4	£39.40	LGA 1972 s.112
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The new balance is £9,869.83. There were two receipts during the month for a total of £1358.88 from the Riverside to service the PWLB loan, this amount will be deducted by PWLB this month.

**8 To approve the Internal Control Statement 2020/21**

The clerk has revised the Internal Control Statement following the Internal Audit to include the arrangements for internet banking. The Internal Control Statement was approved and signed.

**9 Reports from external meetings**

Councillor Ayres advised he has attended the Planning Inspectorate's Accompanied Site Inspection for the Two Village Bypass and Issue Specific Hearings as a personal Interested Party. There are two more ISH this week that include the TVB which he will attend. The transcripts of last weeks ISH are available on the PINS website. The deadline for further comments is next week, the clerk will check these to see if any further response is required.

**10 Items for future meetings**

Expenditure v budget report, update on Farnham village sign.

The meeting was closed at 21.45.

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