

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 12 August 2019 at the Riverside Centre

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

Apologies: Colin Lee, Councillor Andrew Reid (SCC),

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

38/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Pass and Councillor Andrew Reid (SCC).

39/19 Declarations of Interest

There was a declaration of interest from Councillor Pass for agenda item 45/19.

40/19 Minutes of meeting held 8 July 2019

The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved and signed.

41/19 Questions from the public

Questions relating to item 46/19 can be found under that item.

42/19 Reports from County and District Councillors

Reports had not been received from either councillor.

43/19 Clerk's Report

The correspondence log was circulated.

The clerk advised that following a call to EDF the garden and front of the Old Post Office have been cleared. EDF has advised they will be having the wall rebuilt.

It was agreed the clerk will report the empty property at Church Bungalow, Farnham, as it has been empty for over two years. The church will be cutting the hedge between the churchyard and the bungalow.

44/19 RFO's report

On 31 July there was £5306.23 in the council's bank account.

There were two invoices for approval.

Clerk's salary	113.99	Legal power
PAYE Month 5	28.60	LGA 1972 s.112
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The invoices were all approved. The balance in the account is now £5163.64.

There were no receipts.

45/19 PNA DC/19/2831/PN3

This was a further Prior Notification Application for the change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling at Little Stud Farm, Stratford St Andrew. Councillor Pass advised this application includes elevations which the previous application did not. Councillor Pass left the meeting while the application was discussed. The council agreed that as the application met the criteria for change of use there were no objections.

46/19 Response to EDF public consultation Stage 4 Sizewell C

There was much discussion about EDF's Stage 4 consultation. It was felt that EDF had paid lip service to the council's suggestions at Stage 3 and had only made minor alterations. In particular the new road will still go west of Foxburrow Wood rather than east as the council had requested. This is in spite of a lack of evidence that Palants Grove to the east is designated ancient woodland which is EDF's reason for not going through it. EDF say the council's route is longer, only 0.4km, and will encourage drivers not to use it. This is strongly refuted. EDF's route affects many and only benefits a few, a route to the east of the wood would benefit nearly everyone. Sarah Morgan has had a banner made and been given permission to put it up outside the Riverside Centre. It was agreed that the clerk will put together a skeleton response structure with bullet points to be discussed at the next meeting.

47/19 Reports from external meetings

Councillors Norman and Gilbert attended a workshop run by SCC and ESC to discuss EDF's Stage 4 public consultation. The overwhelming response was that there was still a lack of detail.

48/19 Items for future meetings

To include internal audit recommendations, risk assessments, Sizewell C Stage 4.

Date of next meeting 9 September.

The meeting was closed at 21.25.

Signed.....Date: _____