

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 13 July 2020 by video via Zoom

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

Apologies:, Michael Light

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

**1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Light.

**2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

**3 Minutes of meetings held 8 and 22 June 2020**

The minutes of the meetings were unanimously approved and will be signed by the chair. Councillor Pass advised that her planning application has been accepted.

**4 Questions from the public**

A parishioner had passed a media article to the chairman about water companies putting untreated effluent into rivers, the River Alde was mentioned.

Some parishioners have questioned whether a wall being built at The Old Post Office is beyond the property's boundary. The clerk is corresponding with the Planning and Enforcement Officer at ESC and has been since June 2019. She will send photographs and copy in Councillors Poulter and Reid.

EDF have begun exploratory surveys at Farnham and appear to be accessing the site via the private road. Residents have questioned this with EDF.

More complaints have been made about potholes on Great Glemham Road. The clerk will report these.

**5 Reports from County and District Councillors**

Councillor Poulter's report had been circulated. Councillor Poulter highlighted Covid-19 reports being sent out regularly. £250k grants have been made by ESC to businesses and individuals. 25 iPads have been supplied to people without internet access.

Councillor Reid is sending a daily Covid-19 update which the clerk forwards to councillors. Councillor Reid advised that so far Covid-19 has cost the council £65m, £30m has been received from Government. Concessionary bus fares have been relaxed. There are still a considerable number of unanswered questions for EDF about their Sizewell C planning proposals. There will be a Joint Local Authorities Group meeting held remotely on 29 July.

**6 Clerk's Report**

The correspondence log was circulated prior to the meeting. There were no volunteers to attend the JLAG forum on 29 July.

**7 RFO's report**

On 30 June there was £8018.06 in the council's bank account.

Signed .....(Chair)

Date.....

There were three invoices for approval.

Clerk's salary inc admin	£190.31	Legal power
PAYE Month 4	£44.00	LGA 1972 s.112
Internal audit fee	£186.00	LGA 1972 s.112
		LGA 1972 s.111

The clerk advised that her invoice includes the monthly Zoom subscription of £14.39. The invoices were all approved. The balance in the account is now £7597.75. There were two receipts from the Riverside Centre in respect of the Public Works Loan. The approvals sheets and bank statements will be delivered to Councillors Pass and Gilbert to sign.

**8 To receive and approve the internal audit report 2019/20**

The clerk advised there were no comments from the auditor and the AGAR has been signed off.

**9 To receive the expenditure v budget report April – June 2020**

The clerk presented the report which shows that at the end of the first quarter 24.4% of the budget had been spent and 10.7% of the funds available. The report was approved.

**10 To discuss the approach to the s.56 of the SZC proposal**

EDF have issued all residents with an update and the news that the planning application has been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). A USB is available free of charge which has all the documents on it. The plans show that the road speed has been increased from 50mph to 60mph. Natural England has advised that Palant's Grove is not designated ancient woodland but EDF have ignored requests to take the proposed two village bypass to the east of it and Foxburrow Wood. The clerk will begin drafting the council's comments on the Development Consent Order which must be received by PINS by 30 September in order to be accepted as an interested party.

The public is encouraged to examine the documents online. For those unable to do so there will be a mobile library at the Riverside Centre on 5/6 August, this will be by appointment only.

**11 Request for funding from Suffolk Friend of the Earth**

This is a request for funding for expert scientific witnesses to write reports and speak for FotE at the infrastructure planning appeal. Following advice from SALC it was agreed that no donation should be made.

**12 Response to SPLG**

The Suffolk Parishes Liaison Group chairman has written to PCs to express his view that the group is not an appropriate one to register as an interested party for the SZC pre-examination process. Also what should happen to the funds remaining of £517.66. It was agreed that the funds should be donated to a charitable cause chosen by SPLG.

Signed .....(Chair)

Date.....

**13 LGA's Model Member Code of Conduct**

The Local Government Association, via SALC, have asked for feedback on a revised Model Member Code of Conduct. The code was unanimously approved, the clerk will provide feedback to SALC.

**14 Reports from external meetings**

There had been no external meetings.

**15 Items for future meetings**

Vehicle Activated Signs

Date of next meeting 10 August, the clerk will issue a Zoom Outlook appointment nearer the time.

The meeting was closed at 20.35.

Signed .....(Chair)

Date.....