

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 13 December 2021 at the Riverside Centre

Present: Councillors Ian Norman, Gordon Gilbert, Michael Light, Rosemary Conibeer, Jill Pass, Richard Ayres, Annabel Warne

Apologies: Carol Poulter (ESC), Andrew Reid (SCC), Tim Plant

In attendance: Parish clerk Debbi Tayler

**1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Plant, Reid and Poulter.

**2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 Minutes of meeting held 8 November 2021**

The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved and signed.

The remaining half allotment plot has been cleared and is still untenanted. The clerk will advertise again in the parish magazine.

The situation regarding the Alde Valley Academy bus has been resolved as far as one student is concerned but another is now being dropped off at the Riverside Centre and expected to walk along the main road to get home. The headmaster has refused to change the bus route and has not been helpful when approached both by a parish councillor and a parent. It was agreed that the clerk will approach SALC to ascertain our remit on this issue and will write once again to the headmaster.

The hedges along Great Glemham Road have now been cut but a complaint has been received about the hedge between The Cottage and Stud Farm Cottage, the clerk will investigate.

It was agreed that the clerk will write to EDF to thank them for doing a very good job on the noticeboard on the Old Shop.

**4 Questions from the public**

It was noted that the bollards outside the service station need cleaning, the clerk will deal with this.

**5 Reports from County and District Councillors**

Reports have been received and circulated.

**6 Clerk's Report**

It was agreed that the council will take up the offer of an oak tree as part of the Treebilee Project to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Councillor Light said that The George Farnham Gallery would also like to sponsor a tree. It is likely that the trees will be planted at the Riverside Centre.

**7 RFO's report**

On 30 November there was £7012.61 in the council's bank account.

There were four invoices for approval.

		Legal power
Clerk's salary	£160.30	LGA 1972 s.112
PAYE Month 9	£40.20	LGA 1972 s.112

Signed .....(Chair)

Date.....

Maintenance (F Mudd)	£120.00(paid)	LGA 1972 s.111
Maintenance (F Mudd)	£60.00	LGA1972 s.111

The new balance is £6752.11.

**8 Planning application DC/21/5214**

This is a planning application for the building of a double garage at Dunromin, Great Glemham Road, Stratford St Andrew. There were no objections to the application.

**9 To receive and approve the budget for 2022/23**

The clerk presented the budget which was discussed and approved.

**10 To discuss and approve the precept for 2022/23**

The precept was discussed in the light of the budget information provided. It was agreed that the precept should be left at the current level of £4500 for next year.

**11 To discuss and approve the Risk Assessment 2021/22**

The Risk Assessment was presented by the clerk. It was reviewed and approved.

**12 Reports from external meetings**

There have been no external meetings. The cancelled meeting with BEIS will be rescheduled and Councillors Plant and Gilbert will attend.

**13 Items for future meetings**

Expenditure v budget, financial risk assessment, internal control statement/report, s.137 payments.

The meeting was closed at 20.40.

Signed .....(Chair)

Date.....