

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 14 March 2022 at the Riverside Centre

Present: Councillors Ian Norman, Gordon Gilbert, Richard Ayres, Annabel Warne, Rosemary Conibeer

Apologies: Tim Plant, Jill Pass, Michael Light, Andrew Reid (SCC),

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

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Plant, Light, Pass, Reid and Poulter.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Minutes of meeting held 14 February 2022

The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved and signed.

4 Questions from the public

There were no questions.

5 Reports from County and District Councillors

A report from Councillor Poulter had been received and circulated. Councillor Poulter advised she has been working on mitigation measures for the building of Sizewell C, in particular a cycle/pedestrian path from Marlesford to Wickham Market. Meetings have been held with landowners and funding sources. Richard Cooper from Marlesford and Dr Dan Poulter MP have also been closely involved. Progress is being made. Councillor Ayres highlighted potential issues with the footpath from Mollett’s Farm which will have to cross the new 60mph bypass if the Sizewell C proposal goes ahead. Councillor Poulter said she would be willing to support changes.

Councillor Poulter chairs the Local Community Partnership addressing issues including isolation, loneliness and communication.

Councillor Poulter said she would be willing to support the council’s involvement in the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations through her locality budget.

6 Clerk’s Report

The correspondence log was circulated prior to the meeting.

The clerk advised that EDF have offered to attend the council’s April meeting to present a project update and to discuss the Deed of Obligation if the planning application for Sizewell C is accepted. Following the clerk’s email to Councillor Reid the very large pothole at the Friday Street/A12 junction was repaired. The clerk will invite the usual representatives to the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

7 RFO’s report

On 28 February there was £5787.88 in the council’s bank account.

There were two invoices for approval.

		Legal power
Clerk’s salary	£175.62	LGA 1972 s.112
PAYE Month 12	£43.80	LGA 1972 s.112

Signed(Chair)

Date.....

The clerk's salary includes arrears for the pay increase for 1 April 2021 that has just been agreed. There were no receipts. The invoices were approved. The balance is now £5568.46 and will be carried forward to the next financial year. Last year's carry forward was £5665.40.

The annual internal audit is due soon. The council agreed unanimously that this should again be carried out by SALC.

8 Planning application – Hall Barn, Stratford St Andrew

This is an amendment to an application made last July. It now includes a wall between Hall Barn and the new annex, an additional parking space and increased width vehicular entry to the road. Members had no objections in principle to the amendment but will comment on a potential lack of access for emergency vehicles.

9 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Councillor Norman attended a meeting today as Councillor Plant was unable to. There was agreement that the council's Trebilee oak tree will be planted at the back of the Riverside Centre and the plaque will be installed on the day of the celebrations. The plaques had run out when the tree was collected so the clerk will chase this up with ESC. There will be daytime fireworks, games, a petanque competition, BBQ, tea, photo display and possibly a draw. Councillor Norman proposed that the parish council donate £300 towards the cost, this was seconded by Councillor Ayres and agreed unanimously. Councillor Ayres proposed the council purchase Royal Mail commemorative 50 pence coins for children in the parish aged 16 and under. Councillor Warne seconded this and it was unanimously agreed. The clerk will ascertain how many children there are and then purchase the coins.

10 Reports from external meetings

There were no other external meetings.

11 Items for future meetings

Update regarding the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, audit, EDF presentation, budget v expenditure report.

The meeting was closed at 21.32.