

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 14 September 2020 by video via Zoom

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

Apologies: Andrew Reid (SCC)

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

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Reid.

2 Declarations of Interest

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

3 Minutes of meetings held 10 and 24 August 2020

The minutes of the meetings were unanimously approved and will be signed by the chair.

The issue of the wall at The Old Post Office was discussed as the Planning Officer said ESC did not have the resources to deal with it. Councillor Poulter said this was unacceptable and that the clerk should write again insisting on a reply and copy both her and Councillor Reid in.

Councillor Norman reported that the potholes on Great Glemham Road had been filled but not terribly well as the workers had run out of materials. There are the beginnings of more potholes on the opposite side of the road.

Councillor Norman advised Great Glemham Road will be closed between 23 and 24 September for BT works between Low Barn Farm and Aldeview.

Councillor Norman reported that a load of earth and rubble had been dumped on the village green outside The White House without permission. He spoke to the owner and the pile was eventually removed. The workers said they would reseed it in the autumn but it will be an eyesore for some time.

4 Questions from the public

There were no questions.

5 Reports from County and District Councillors

Reports were received from Councillors Poulter and Reid which were circulated. In particular Councillor Poulter highlighted ESC's consideration of EDF's proposals for Sizewell C. There is a view that more work needs to be done in respect of rail transportation options. ESC's Relevant Representation will be considered by Cabinet on 21 September. Councillor Poulter also mentioned the Community Partnership Area which is holding a consultation of young people on 16 September.

6 Clerk's Report

The correspondence log was circulated prior to the meeting. The clerk advised she has circulated the first draft of the Relevant Representation to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by 30 September. Councillor Ayres will provide some revised wording for the paragraph about the Palant's Grove designation. The clerk will circulate the revised draft for comment.

Signed(Chair)

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7 RFO's report

On 31 August there was £6012.28 in the council's bank account. There were three invoices for approval.

		Legal power
Clerk's salary inc admin	£225.73	LGA 1972 s.112
PAYE Month 6	£52.80	LGA 1972 s.112
Insurance	£260.68	LGA 1972 s.111

The clerk advised that her invoice includes the monthly Zoom subscription of £14.39. The annual insurance premium will be reduced by around £14 pa if the council signs up to a three year agreement, this was approved. The invoices were all approved. There were no receipts this month. The balance in the account is now £5473.07. The approvals sheets and bank statements will be delivered to Councillors Pass and Gilbert to sign.

8 To discuss the purchase and installation of Vehicle Speed Indicator Devices

This issue was discussed at an Air Quality Management Action Plan meeting which the clerk attended with representatives of ESC and SCC. Although the levels of pollution in Stratford St Andrew have reduced the speed of traffic passing through the village has not, in spite of the 50mph signs being moved further out. SIDs were considered to be helpful in slowing traffic. At that time Councillors Poulter and Reid offered to fund the devices as the cost was prohibitive for the parish council. The clerk has been in touch with Highways and there is currently a delay until at least Christmas for dealing with new applications. It was agreed the clerk will check if the funding is still available from the councillors before asking SCC to put us on their waiting list for a survey.

9 To review and approve Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The clerk had circulated revised documents in advance of the meeting. The only amendments relate to public contracts which will not affect the council. The amendments and revised documents were approved.

10 Reports from external meetings

There had been no external meetings.

11 Items for future meetings

The clerk will present the expenditure v budget report April – September 2020.

Date of next meeting 12 September, the clerk will issue a Zoom Outlook appointment nearer the time.

The meeting was closed at 20.27.

Signed(Chair)

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