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FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Monday 9 May 2022

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

Apologies: Michael Light, Councillor Carol Poulter (ESC), Maureen Greaves, Judith Norman

In attendance: Parish clerk Debbi Tayler, Councillor Andrew Reid (SCC),

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Light, Councillor Poulter (ESC), Maureen Greaves and Judith Norman.

2 Minutes of meetings held 4 May 2021

The minutes of the last meeting were and signed at the parish council meeting in June 2021.

3 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4 Parish Council Annual Report

The clerk had circulated the report prior to the meeting.

The April and My 2021 meetings were held remotely via Zoom and held in person after this.

The clerk advised the council had commissioned Suffolk Coastal Norse Ltd to continue to maintain the grass verges in the two villages and to also clean the two bus shelters on a regular basis.

Traffic issues on the A12 remain of concern and we continue to work closely with Suffolk County Council and EDF to secure improvements. A decision on The Sizewell C Project is expected to be made by the Secretary of State at the end of May this year.

This year the council awarded s.137 grants to SARS amounting to £250.

The parish council has a live Twitter account, Facebook page and website.

During 2021/22 the council's income was £7278, expenditure was £7365. The precept remained at £4500 and the general reserve held is £2500.

5/6 Reports from County and District councillors

Councillors Reid, SCC, and Poulter, ESC, had provided written reports. These are available on the council's website.

7 Alde Valley Luncheon Club Annual Report

The report was circulated prior to the meeting. There had been no lunch club meetings over the past year due to the pandemic. The future of the club is uncertain at present as some key members of the team are stepping down and an advert has been placed for a cook. If no-one comes forward the club will discuss other options.

8 Riverside Executive Committee Annual Report

The report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Executive Committee is looking for new trustees as many of the existing members have been serving for over twenty years.

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9 Parochial Church Council Annual Report

The clerk circulated the report prior to the meeting. Reverend Rachel Cornish has now moved on. The office of churchwarden is vacant. There are 22 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. Oliver Kemsley and Bill Sokolis were ordained as priests in July and serve as curates in the benefice. The churchyard continues to be maintained by volunteers.

10 Public Forum

It was noted that Don Ling's bungalow next to Farnham church is still empty and becoming more run down. The clerk has reported this several times to ESC but has had no response. She will take it up with Councillor Poulter.

11 Any other business

There was no other business.

The meeting was closed at 19.45.

Signed.....Date: _____