

APPROVED

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Monday 15 May 2023

Present: Councillors Ian Norman, Jill Pass, Rosemary Conibeer, Tim Plant, Annabel Warne, Richard Sayer

Apologies: Richard Ayres, Councillor Andrew Reid (SCC),

In attendance: Parish clerk Debbi Tayler, Maureen Greaves, Judith Norman, two members of the public

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Ayres and Councillor Reid (SCC).

2 Minutes of meetings held 9 May 2023

The minutes of the last meeting were and signed at the parish council meeting in June 2022.

3 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4 Parish Council Annual Report

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. Now that Sizewell C has received planning permission work on the two village bypass is expected to go ahead. The council will continue to work closely with EDF and Highways on this issue.

This year the council worked with the Riverside Centre to organise and part fund the celebrations for the King's Coronation which were very successful.

During the past year we lost a well loved councillor, Gordon Gilbert, who had served the council for many years as well as other local organisations. Richard Sayer was appointed as a new councillor recently.

During 2022/23 the council's income was £8583, expenditure was £8146. The precept remained at £4500 and the general reserve held is £2500.

The council received a Community Infrastructure Levy payment this year in respect of building work at Manor Farm. Some of this money has been spent replacing the churchyard gates at Farnham Church.

5/6 Reports from County and District councillors

Councillors Reid, SCC, had provided written reports. This is available on the council's website.

7 Alde Valley Luncheon Club Annual Report

Following a long period of absence the lunch club is now providing lunch and afternoon teas on alternate months following the appointment of a cook to provide the lunches and Deborah Brame the teas. There are around 30 people attending at a charge of £6 for lunch and £3 for afternoon tea. Raffle prizes provided by the members help towards the lunch club funds. Entertainment at the Christmas meal was provided by a ukelele band which everyone enjoyed. Thanks to all the excellent volunteers.

8 Riverside Executive Committee Annual Report

Maureen Greaves presented the Riverside Centre's Chairman's report. During 2022 the bridge over the River Alde was repaired, replacing rusted supports and rotten boards. Some carpets and curtains in the Centre have been replaced at as cost of over £10,000. When funds are available new seating for the lounge bar will be purchased. A number of trustees have now served on the Executive Committee for over twenty years, Jacci Churchman and Dick Plant have now decided to stand down and new trustees are sought. Jacci and Dick's contributions over the years is immeasurable.

9 Parochial Church Council Annual Report

Judith Norman presented the report as they PCC is in an interregnum with responsibility for the ministry being taken by the Rural Dean, curate and retired canon. So far the appointment of a new rector has been unsuccessful, the post will be readvertised.

There are 22 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. The parish share for 2022, £7849, was paid in full. The amount for 2023 is £6545. The church income relies totally on fundraising and donations.

Maintenance of the fabric of the church is ongoing and mainly carried out by volunteers.

10 Public Forum

There were no questions.

11 Any other business

There was no other business.

The meeting was closed at 19.45.

Signed.....Date: _____