

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11 September 2023 at the Riverside Centre

Councillors present: Ian Norman (Chair), Rosemary Conibeer (Vice Chair), Richard Ayres, Jill Pass, Tim Plant, Annabel Warne, Jeremy Williams

In attendance: Katherine Abbott (In-coming Parish Clerk), Debbi Tayler (Out-going Parish Clerk), Councillor Andrew Reid (Suffolk County Council)

Two members of the public were also present.

Update from EDF Energy regarding the planning proposal for Sizewell C

The Chair referred to EDF Energy's late cancellation of this update and to his subsequent letter in response. EDF Energy had replied that an update on the detailed design process of the two-village by-pass and timescales for its implementation would be arranged in due course and a date would be confirmed. The Chair and Councillor Pass would be attending a meeting in October on energy projects proposed within the district and to receive an update on related statutory consultations.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and noted from Councillor Richard Sayer.

2 Declarations of Interest for items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 14 August 2023

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 14 August 2023 were unanimously approved and signed.

4 Questions from members of the public

The Parish Council was asked about the village sign for Farnham and if it had been considered for redesign. It was explained that this had previously been considered and residents had been asked for their suggestions. At that time, no responses had been received.

5 Reports from County and District Councillors

A written report had been received and circulated from Councillor Andrew Reid, Suffolk County Council. The Chair welcomed Councillor Reid to the meeting and invited him to summarise his report.

The main points were:

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- ❖ The establishment of a No Cold Calling Zone in Kessingland where incidents of doorstep crimes and distraction burglaries had occurred.
- ❖ An update on the Gull Wing construction work in Lowestoft.
- ❖ The formal opening of the £1.3m Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service’s training centre at Wattisham flying station.
- ❖ The new energy proposal from National Grid Ventures (LionLink) for multiple offshore wind farms and a proposal for an alternative landfall at Walberswick with cabling routing to the north of Southwold. The county council, as a statutory consultee, was preparing a response to the second public consultation (open from 8 September to 3 November) highlighting the unsuitability of the proposals and their potential harmful impact on the coastline.
- ❖ EDF Energy had requested changes be made to the layout of the Friday Street turnoff from the A12 and had stated that they did not consider these to be major.

The Chair thanked Councillor Reid for his update.

6 Clerk’s verbal report, including correspondence

The Clerk reported that the survey related to the Thermal Imaging Camera project had been completed and returned. Councillor Pass and Councillor Warne would attend a related training session in the next few days.

The Clerk reported that two residents had indicated their willingness to volunteer to undertake the monitoring and testing of water pollution; one person had subsequently withdrawn. The Clerk was asked to contact a parish already testing to clarify what was involved. The Clerk was also asked to contact the resident who had volunteered to confirm that the Council would like them to undertake this role.

There was a short discussion of continuing access issues with some footpaths.

7 Responsible Financial Officer’s (RFO) verbal report, including balances and invoices for approval

As of 10 September 2023, the Council’s bank account balance was £8259.47.

A total of four invoices were submitted by the RFO for approval.

Item	Payee	Amount	Legal power
Clerk’s salary	D Tayler	£170.72	Local Government Act (LGA) 1972 s.112
PAYE	HMRC	£114.00	LGA 1972 s.112
Advertising	SCC	£75.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Internal audit	SALC	£202.80	LGA 1972 s.111

The four invoices were approved, and, after payment, the balance would be £7696.95.

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8 Planning applications

(i) DC/23/2990/OUT: Outline application (All matters reserved) – Erection of four static caravans. Elm Tree Farm, The Street, Farnham IP17 1JZ

The applicant was present at the meeting and responded to the Council's questions about the site, the proposed number of bedrooms, and proposed changes to the location.

There was a discussion with the applicant of highway safety on entering and leaving the site, heritage and conservation within the curtilage of a Grade II listed building, protection of a greenfield site and visual impact. The Clerk was asked to respond to the planning consultation accordingly.

(ii) DC/23/3281/FUL: Construction of a single storey rear extension. 1 Low Barn Cottages, Great Glemham Road, Stratford St Andrew IP17 1LN

The applicant was present at the meeting and responded to the Council's questions about the size, materials, and use of the proposed extension as well as the height of the proposed wood burner.

There were no objections to the application and the Clerk was asked to respond to the planning consultation accordingly.

The Chair welcomed the opportunity to discuss both applications with the applicants and to ask questions directly.

9 Items for future meetings

EDF Energy: Update on the detailed design process of the two-village by-pass and timescales for its implementation (*date to be confirmed*)

The meeting concluded at 20.51hrs.

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