

FARNHAM WITH STRATFORD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13 May 2024 at the Riverside Centre

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

In attendance: Katherine Abbott (Parish Clerk)

There were four members of the public present.

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Declarations of Interest for items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest related to the agenda.

3 Minutes

The unconfirmed minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 15 May 2023 were approved, without amendment, as a correct record.

4 Parish Council's Annual Report 2023/4

The Chairman presented the Council's Annual Report for 2023/4. The report would also be placed on the website.

5. County Councillor's Annual Report 2023/4

Councillor Reid had sent apologies for absence for the meeting. He had provided an annual report which, in summary, outlined the County Council's priorities over the last three years as:

- To promote and support the health and wellbeing of all people in Suffolk,
- To strengthen the local economy,
- To protect and enhance the environment, and
- To provide value for money for the Suffolk taxpayer.

The report referenced some of the initiatives undertaken in the last year, more details of which could be found at www.suffolk.gov.uk

Signed(Chair)

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6. District Councillor's Annual Report 2023/4

Councillor Noble did not provide an annual report. She provided a detailed update on current initiatives at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, which followed this meeting.

7. Annual Report of the Alde Valley Luncheon Club

Mrs Judith Norman attended the meeting and presented a comprehensive report on the activities of the Luncheon Club over the preceding year.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Norman for her report.

8. Annual Report of the Riverside Executive Committee

Mr Steve Horner attended the meeting and presented an annual report on the key events and actions of the Riverside Centre over the last year.

The Chairman thanked Mr Horner for his report.

9. Annual Report of the Parochial Parish Council

Mrs Judith Norman, accompanied by Reverend Robert Leveritt, attended the meeting and provided the Council with a full report of the Parochial Parish Council's activities over the preceding year.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Norman and Reverend Leveritt for the report.

10. Annual Report of the Community Policing Team

A short report on crime and areas of attention in community policing area was received. There being no representative of the Community Policing Team present, the report's contents were noted.

11. Questions from members of the public

It was noted that the Parish Council, from its Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) fund, had purchased a new gate for the Church in 2023. The Council was asked if other repairs at the Church might also be addressed from this Fund. It was explained that the Fund was limited and needed to be used to address as wide a range of items as possible. The Church was welcome to request assistance, but financial help might not always be possible, mainly because of the robust criteria for use of CIL monies.

After the meeting, the Parochial Parish Council was also advised of grant funds available for repairs and building works on churches.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm

Signed(Chair)

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