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**KEY MESSAGES FROM THE MEETING OF**

**FARRINDON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**96/14    Affordable Housing Schemes**

Catherine Kirkham gave a comprehensive and informative outline of the work HARAHA has been doing locally to address the increasing need for affordable housing in rural areas.

**97/14    Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs. Durrant and Elderton.

**98/14    Minutes**

Members APPROVED the minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2014.

**99/14    Petitions/Statements/Questions from Members of the Public**

None.

**100/14    Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were disclosed although Cllr Ison wished to make the Council aware of his work AA DriveTech who deliver speed and other driver awareness courses in respect of item 101/14i).

**101/14    Receipt of Official Announcements**

i)    Police and Crime Commissioner - Funding Opportunity for Speedwatch Scheme

Cllr Ison reported that he had received a high level of interest in this initiative from residents, particularly in the Lower end of the village, and the Council agreed for further investigations to be made of surrounding villages with a view to sharing the cost of setting up a scheme.

ii)    Hampshire Police and Crime Panel - Crime Scrutiny Consultation

The council RATIFIED the questionnaire, completed by Cllr Elderton, which had already been returned due to a tight deadline.

iii) Hampshire County Council - Rights of Way - Vegetation Cutting

Cllr Williams reported that whilst continuing to report Rights Of Way that require attention, very little is actually being done as HCC's new contractors are behind schedule. In response to the revision of the list of Rights Of Way to be maintained, the Council feels HCC should contact the land owner in each case and request that they adequately maintain the Rights of Way that cross their land.

**102/14 To Receive the Report of the Village Hall Manager**

The report of the Village Hall Manager was duly received and he was congratulated for the impressive list of social activities both undertaken and planned. The request to sell various items of old furniture was APPROVED.

Cllr Elderton had sent the following via the Clerk for the Council's information.

*"Hearing loop: pre-agreed grant application submitted to HCC (Mark K-G) and acknowledged. Outcome awaited. "*

It was agreed to defer the decision to renew a subscription to Action Hampshire's Community Buildings Advice Service until the next meeting, despite the subscription expiring at the end of July.

**103/14 Accounts Paid Since Last Meeting and Schedule of Payments**

- i) The Acting RFO reported that the following payments had been made since the last meeting:

NW Adams	Playground Inspection	£ 88.20
HMRC	Underpaid Tax - Computer Error	£321.20
Emma Dillnutt	Clerk's Salary	£417.77
Edwin Macknamara	Acting Clerk's Salary	£218.40
Edwin Macknamara	Expenses	£191.99

All payments had been made in line with the agreed budget or other resolution of the Parish Council.

- ii) The Council APPROVED payment of an invoice for £167.98 to Viking for the purchase of a laminator and other stationery items.

The Council APPROVED the payment of £126.00 for the Clerk to become a member of the Society of Local Council Clerks.

The Council APPROVED the payment of £50.00 to K C Gillett for his initial inspection and cordoning off of the bus shelter for safety reasons.

It was Moved, Seconded and therefore RESOLVED that:

- i) the report be received and that the Chairman sign the schedule of payments listed;  
and  
ii) payments in respect of the three invoices received be made.

#### **104/14 Village Gates**

It was agreed to defer this item for discussion at a future meeting when more will be known about the works required to the A32.

#### **105/14 Goal Posts At Shirnall Meadow**

Cllr Oakley reported that the order has now been placed for the new goal posts and a site meeting with the installers and resident Brian Orchard has taken place to decide the best positioning of the unit. Installation is scheduled for September although it is hoped this may be brought forward.

#### **106/14 Annual Play Area Inspection Report 2014**

Cllr Oakley and the Clerk will meet to go through the Inspection Report and determine the action required.

#### **107/14 Bus Shelter - Maintenance**

Three quotes have been obtained to undertake works to repair the roof of the bus shelter as follows:-

Charlton Construction	£3,340 plus VAT
S&W Builders	£3,250 plus VAT
K C Gillett	£1,980 plus VAT

It was debated whether costs could be saved by not replacing the plywood ceiling (to save on materials, decoration and would allow the roof to 'breathe'). It was felt, however, that the exposed cross beams would present a danger to the public and should be covered. It was therefore agreed to replace the ceiling, as per the original specification, but without decoration, instead to install vents to allow air circulation.

Whilst the Parish Council has the power to undertake this maintenance work, the question of ownership of the bus shelter was raised as it forms part of the village War Memorial. The Chairman reported that following her meeting with Tim Charrington, she has received documents that suggest the Parish Council do own the War Memorial (along with other assets) but the exact status of these would need to be investigated and formalised.

Cllr Elderton had requested, through the Clerk, that the remedial works be undertaken prior to the Remembrance Service in November.

As the bus shelter is currently unusable it was RESOLVED to request K C Gillett to undertake the work as soon as possible at a total cost of £1,980 plus VAT. He will be requested to offset the redecoration of the ceiling with the installation of vents to allow air circulation.

#### **108/14 Flooding**

The questionnaire produced by Cllr Elderton was reviewed and it was felt that some wording and layout revisions should be made to ensure it delivers the required response. The Council RESOLVED for the Clerk to work with Cllr Elderton and the Clerk at Chawton to ensure this is done as soon as possible in order to feed into the work currently being planned by HCC and EHDC. It is understood that the costs of production will be borne by the Village Magazine.

### **109/14 Farringdon Vision 2030 - Updates**

The Chairman requested a review of the following at a later meeting. Now that a permanent Clerk has been appointed, it seems some of the areas of responsibility overlap.

- i) Roads, Footways, Byways and Trees - Cllr Williams reported that no road maintenance will be undertaken until after the Solar Farm works are complete. No contact has yet been made by Lightsource concerning hedges and drainage. Brian Orchard has agreed to cut his overhanging trees. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the grass cutting contractors to ask them to take care when strimming around the smaller trees as some have been damaged. It was also agreed for the Clerk to produce indemnity signage for the playground and Shirnall Meadow 'kick about' area.
- ii) Traffic and Roads - Cllr to be appointed and therefore no items to report.
- iii) Crime and Safety - Cllr Elderton - no items to report.
- iv) Energy - Cllr Garrard - no items to report.
- v) Administration and Finance - Cllr Oakley - no items to report.
- vi) Social and Community - Cllr Durrant - no items to report.
- vii) Housing and Built Environment - Cllr Cowan reported that Lightsource were made aware of the A32 closure at the planning meeting held on 18 June. Lightsource will contact HCC direct to ascertain how this will affect their plans for installation of the solar farm. Also, Lightsource have submitted a "Variation to Condition 18" of their original application and whilst Cllr Cowan has asked for clarification of what this actually means, no information is currently available. Further discussion will take place at next week's planning meeting

Cllr Cowan has expressed his concern directly to EHDC Communications Dept, Patrick Burridge, Mark Kemp-Gee and Damian Hinds at the shoddy way the 'Villages Around Alton - where should new homes go?' exhibition was communicated. Cllr Elderton had also sent the following statement via the Clerk.

*"I am increasingly concerned by the manner in which EHDC are conducting local business and, in particular, relating to planning applications and development issues. There communications with the PC are to say the neither reliable nor timely and it seems to me that the PC are being marginalised and ignored. I sense as a PC we are not alone in this and I would be grateful for reassurance that the issue is being taken up formally with our local EHDC and HCC Councillors."*

The Clerk, who attended the exhibition, reported that she had requested the literature displayed to be sent electronically for distribution to those who were unable to attend. The two areas highlighted for Farringdon were the Crows Lane site and the old Mill, currently being used as a business park. Both sites had been subject to previously declined planning proposals. The Clerk also reassured the Council that she is now receiving EHDC press releases.

The Acting Clerk also made the Council aware of the forthcoming meeting of EHAPTC who have requested comments on the draft agenda which includes an item on improving communications with EHDC. The Clerk is unable to attend the session due to annual leave but will contact EHAPTC with comments and ideas.

- viii) Business Matters - Cllr Cubitt - no items to report.
- ix) Co-ordinating Responsibility, Accountability and Authority for Implementation - The Chairman - no items to report.

#### **110/14 Planning Committee**

It was unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr Ison to the planning committee.

The minutes of the planning committee held on 18 June 2014 were received and will be formally agreed at their next meeting on 9 July 2014.

#### **111/14 To Amend the Calendar of Meetings**

It was AGREED for the 6 August meeting to be cancelled and for the September meeting to be rearranged to 17 September to allow for the Clerk's annual leave. An alternative venue will be sought for this meeting as the Village Hall is in use.

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### **CONFIDENTIAL**

RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

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There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

Signed as a correct record of events

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