

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF
FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Farringdon Village Hall, Gosport Road, GU34 3QW
on Wednesday, 1 October 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present:	Cllr Cowan	Cllr Durrant	Cllr Elderton (part)
	Cllr Garrard	Cllr Ison	Cllr Oakley (Vice-Chair)
	Cllr Roe (Chair)	Cllr Williams	

David Horton (Village Hall Manager) and Emma Dillnutt (Parish Clerk)

128/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been RECEIVED from Cllr Cubitt.

129/14 Minutes

Members APPROVED the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2014 for the Chairman to sign as a correct record of events.

Cllr Elderton joined the meeting.

130/14 Receipts of Official Announcements

i) Standing Order Update

Following amendment of s.1 of the 1960 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act [the 1960 Act] by The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 [the 2014 Regulations] Members AGREED to UPDATE standing order 1.m. as follows:-

From: 'Photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means is not permitted without the Council's prior (written) consent.'

To: 'Photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means is permitted and anyone who so wishes is requested to give advance notice to the Clerk either prior to or at the meeting itself.'

ii) Hampshire Countryside Access Plan Review - Stakeholder Consultation

Members ACKNOWLEDGED Cllr Williams' response on behalf of the PC to the online Stakeholder Consultation regarding the condition of Public Rights of Way as the Clerk had been unable to obtain a copy for ratification. Paper versions of the Public survey have been provided for Members to complete if they wish. The Clerk will arrange for this to be communicated more fully to encourage a wider village response.

iii) Update on the proposed reduction to the Mobile Library Service in Hampshire.

Members expressed disappointment at the report RECEIVED cancelling the once every four weeks mobile library service to Parsonage Close from 1 January 2015. The Clerk will

enquire whether a book exchange or similar service can be set up using the Village Library (Telephone Box).

iv) Succession Planning

Members RECEIVED a letter from HALC detailing their joint project to enhance the recruitment of Parish Councillors. Some Members have already confirmed they will not be standing for another term at next May's elections and it was therefore AGREED to be a key issue for the Village. The importance of attracting as diverse a selection of villagers as possible was emphasised and therefore a 'key message' from this meeting will appeal for volunteers. This will be followed by an article in the Parish magazine inviting candidates to an open evening or similar event to explain what is involved and the requirements of the role. Existing Councillors who wish to stand down have offered to mentor new Councillors if required. The article and date for an event will be agreed at the next meeting.

131/14 Petitions/Statements/Questions from Members of the Public

None.

132/14 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None were disclosed.

133/14 Asset Register

Cllrs Oakley and Williams REPORTED that an updated and much more comprehensive Asset Register has now been prepared for both insurance and audit purposes. This revised list will be sent to Came & Company (insurance) to obtain a new quote.

134/14 Website

Cllr Ison REPORTED that following comments from Councillors on the website which is under construction, amendments and further content has been sent to WebDirections. Once this has been implemented, a further link will be circulated.

135/14 Ditch Clearing on Gosport Road

Hampshire Highways have now confirmed that the Parish Council, as the adjoining landowner, is responsible for clearing the ditch running alongside Shirnall Meadow. It was therefore AGREED to obtain three quotes to remove the overgrown vegetation from the ditch and to include removal of the dead trees from the meadow itself. Quotes will be reviewed at the next meeting for agreement and the work is to be completed as soon as possible.

136/14 Affinity Sutton - Ground Maintenance Responsibilities

For the information of Members, the Clerk REPORTED that Affinity Sutton, who have historically maintained the entrance to Shirnall Meadow (around Chase View) and the area surrounding the car park, have confirmed that they are no longer responsible as the road is now adopted by Hampshire County Council. The Clerk has reported to Highways that this area is overgrown and requires maintenance.

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council may want to extend their current grass cutting/strimming contract in 2015 to include areas where HCC contractors are not managing to get to.

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It was AGREED to discuss this when the ground maintenance contract is renewed in January with any resulting increase being reported to Hampshire Highways.

137/14 Remembrance Day Road Closure

Members expressed their disappointment and surprise at the unexpected requirement to obtain a formal road closure for the annual Remembrance Day service to be held this year on 9 November 2014. The Clerk REPORTED that the appropriate forms had been completed and sent to EHDC/HCC for approval. Signage, barriers and wardens with hi-viz jackets will also be required. Cllr Elderton will contact Hampshire Constabulary to confirm if a representative will be attending. Any formal complaint concerning this requirement will be made after permission has been obtained.

138/14 Schedule of Payments

The Acting RFO REPORTED that the following payments had been made since the last meeting and all are in line with the AGREED budget or other resolution of the Parish Council.

Clive Elderton - Memorial wreath/donation	£27.00
AMV Engineering Ltd - Goal posts (VAT to be recovered)	£8,096.40
Emma Dillnutt - September Salary	£567.77
K C Gillett	£112.54
Farringdon VHMC	£600.00
East Tisted Village Hall - hire fee	£40.00

It was MOVED, SECONDED and therefore RESOLVED that the report be RECEIVED and that the Chairman sign the schedule of payments listed.

Following conclusion of the external audit, Members formally ACCEPTED and APPROVED the annual return and the Acting RFO REPORTED issues arising. It was AGREED that the action required to update the asset register was already under way and therefore no further action was required. Members also APPROVED payment of BDO's invoice for £276.00.

Members CONSIDERED a request for financial support from Victim Support Hampshire and Isle of Wight. As all charitable donations had been AGREED at the annual general meeting, this application was duly REFUSED.

Cllr Oakley also commented that he and the Clerk will work on a 2015 budget to determine the 2015/16 precept for discussion at November's meeting.

139/14 Farringdon Vision 2030 - Annual Review

Members REPORTED a brief summary of progress made under their area of responsibility in the Village Plan. Cllr Ison was PROPOSED and it was unanimously AGREED for his APPOINTMENT to be responsible for the Traffic & Transport section. A discussion then followed to clarify the correct nomenclature of some sections which appear to have become misnamed over the year. The correct section titles and those responsible are as follows:

- Natural Environment - Cllr Williams
- Housing & Built Environment - Cllr Cowan
- Traffic and Transport - Cllr Ison
- Social & Community - Cllr Durrant

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- Crime & Safety - Cllr Elderton
- Administration & Communication - Cllr Oakley
- Energy - Cllr Garrard
- Business Matters - Cllr Cubitt
- Co-ordinating Responsibility, Accountability & Authority for Implementation - Chairman

After further discussion and consideration of projects that cross over different sections, Members AGREED they are to act as a 'Champion' for that subject or a point of contact as it may not necessarily be their area of 'expertise'.

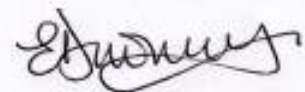
A formal Annual Review of progress made will be REPORTED at the Annual Meeting in 2015.

During this time Members RECEIVED the Report from Mr Horton, Village Hall Manager, and the Chairman thanked him for his continued efforts. Mr Horton then left the meeting.

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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.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.



Emma Dillnutt - Tuesday, 07 October 2014

Signed as a correct record of events

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KEY MESSAGES FROM THE MEETING OF

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- A public meeting in February 2014 resulted in the people of Farringdon unanimously voting in favour of the sale of their village hall, the building known as **Massey's Folly**. Being approximately 100 years old, Grade 2 listed and of complex design, the maintenance costs had risen to such a degree so as to make the building no longer economically viable. Since that time, the Farringdon Village Hall Management Committee has been involved in protracted negotiations with the joint owners to agree terms of sale. The Committee is now delighted to be able to announce the commencement of marketing by Carter Jonas of Winchester. Further details can be obtained from richard.meeson@carterjonas.co.uk.

Discussions concerning a replacement village hall will be tabled at future Village Hall Management Committee Meetings in open session. Anyone with a view or wishing to get involved in this exciting project should contact Farringdon Parish Council's Clerk who is co-ordinating responses.

- **How would like to become a Parish Councillor and help to shape your Village for the future?** With an election in May 2015 and some seats becoming vacant as long standing Councillors stand down, we are looking for candidates to take us forward. Look out for further news in the Parish magazine and watch this space as we will be holding an open evening to let you know what is involved. If you'd like any information in the meantime, please contact the Clerk.
- You may have noticed that work has now commenced on the construction of the Solar Farm in Gaston Lane. Reports of heavy vehicles using the wrong routes into and out of the village have been reported to EHDC and the developers. If you see anything untoward, please let us know.
- The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 5 November 2014 at 7.30pm in Farringdon Village Hall. The Planning Committee are not currently due to meet.