

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF

FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at East Tisted Village Hall, Gosport Road, GU34 3QW
on Wednesday, 17 September 2014 at 7.30pm.

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

2 members of the Public and Emma Dillnutt (Parish Clerk)

114/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been RECEIVED from Cllr Garrard.

115/14 Minutes

Members APPROVED the minutes with revisions of the meeting held on 2 July 2014.

116/14 Petitions/Statements/Questions from Members of the Public

The Chairman closed the meeting to hear Susan Anderton give a very clear summary of her own concerns and those expressed to her by some residents over the goal post unit that has now been installed at Shirnall Meadow. She specifically made reference to the feeling that residents had not been consulted about its size, design or location and also queried how the unit had been funded. Susan finished within her 2 minute allowance by requesting the unit, which in her opinion is an eyesore, be removed.

The Chairman thanked Susan for her comments, resumed the meeting and, as this subject was not a formal agenda item, asked Councillors to comment. After some discussion it was RESOLVED that this subject had been raised at various meetings, all held in public session and that the design, size and funding had all been unanimously agreed previously. Comfortable that the Council had given residents ample opportunity to comment and only one person had. It was therefore DETERMINED that the installation remain as it was already being well used by local children.

The Andertons then left the meeting.

117/14 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None were disclosed.

118/14 Vodafone Rural Sure Signal

The Clerk REPORTED that no volunteers from the village had come forward to support a Parish Council application. Cllr Cowan stated for the record that he had initially volunteered his own home to site a signal unit but at least five potential sites are required. Unless support is forthcoming between now and the deadline for application on 14th October, it was concluded not to proceed. Anyone interested should contact The Clerk.

119/14 Asset Register

The asset register within the Council's Standing Orders requires a comprehensive update for audit and insurance purposes. It was therefore RESOLVED that Cllrs Oakley and Williams work with the Clerk to ensure this is done as soon as possible.

120/14 Flooding Questionnaire

A revised flooding questionnaire was considered. Cllr Cowan suggested the inclusion of a closing date (end of October). With the exception of Cllr Elderton, the questionnaire was APPROVED and the production of 350 copies at a cost of £35 for inclusion in the next Village Magazine was AGREED.

121/14 Community Speedwatch

Cllr. Ison reported that East Tisted Parish Council have expressed a firm interest in sharing the cost of the scheme and that seven members of the public have so far volunteered to be involved across the two villages. The equipment cost is £2,700 (incl. VAT), minus a £1,000 donation from the Police & Crime Commissioner. This leaves a total of £1,700 or £850 from each village.

Hampshire Constabulary has rejected any kind of Speedwatch enforcement on the A32 in either village on the grounds that this road is already afforded the highest tier of enforcement. A discussion determined that the current enforcement is not frequent enough or at the appropriate times of day and it was RESOLVED to contact the Police & Crime Commissioner to obtain Police attendance records and to appeal the decision. It was also RESOLVED to invite a member of Hampshire Constabulary to attend a future meeting to explain the levels of enforcement and how this is actioned on the A32.

Finally, the costs were AGREED in principle on condition that the Scheme is used to enforce the speed limit on the A32 and that investigation is made for available community funding.

Cllr. Cubit left the meeting.

122/14 Village Hall

The August progress report of the Village Hall Manager was RECEIVED in his absence. Following a discussion on the leaking roof, it was DECIDED to 'battle on' and not repair it at this time.

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The grant requests were CONSIDERED as follows:-

2 x Mr Horton's quarterly salary grant	£375.00
Subscription to Action Hampshire's Community Building Advice Service* *to be reviewed annually.	£ 66.00
Expenses related to the installation of the new hearing loop system.	<u>£159.00</u>
	<u>£600.00</u>

It was unanimously AGREED to award this grant to the VHMIC in order to fund these items.

123/14 Accounts Paid Since Last Meeting and Schedule of Payments

The Acting RFO REPORTED that the following payments had been made and two credits received since the last meeting and all were in line with the agreed budget or other resolution of the Parish Council.

Payments:

Emma Dillnutt - Expenses June	£54.07
Viking Office Supplies	£167.98
Hampshire Playing Fields Association	£40.00
Emma Dillnutt - Expenses July	£73.95
Hampshire Association of Local Councils (Courses)	£159.00
Emma Dillnutt - Expenses August	£19.90
K C Gillett (War Memorial Bus Shelter Inspection & Repairs)	£2,436.00

Credits:

Society of Local Council Clerks (annual subscription has been transferred from previous Clerk & therefore renewal due in Jan 2015)	£126.00
Hampshire Association of Local Councils (credit due to course cancellation)	£117.00

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

Having reviewed the receipts provided, the Council unanimously APPROVED payment to K C Gillett of £112.54 for the unforeseen materials required to complete the War Memorial Bus Shelter remedial works.

The Council also unanimously APPROVED reimbursement to Cllr Elderton of £27 for the wreath to be laid by the Chairman on Remembrance Sunday along with a £10 donation to The Poppy Appeal. The question of whether to increase this annual donation was discussed but it was felt inappropriate to do so and RESOLVED that should individual Councillors wish to make a personal donation, they could do so using a Gift Aid envelope held by Cllr Elderton.

124/14 Farringdon Vision 2030

The Chairman requested the meeting in October focus on reviewing responsibilities under Vision 2030 with a view to succession planning and looking to the future.

Councillors are requested to prepare a brief summary of progress made under their area of responsibility and to forward this to the Clerk for prior distribution.

- i) **Footways, Byways and Trees** - Cllr Williams REPORTED that the 'Approved By You' grant application from March 2014 for 'Improvements to Stanks Lane' has now been approved with an award of £363. The original works for which this grant was applied have been completed, it was therefore AGREED to use this money to further improve Stank Lane with extra ground maintenance and to use any remaining funds to trim foliage at Parsonage Close and around the telephone box. As no tender process is required P J Grace will be asked to undertake this work.

Cllr Williams also REPORTED that despite repeated chasing, none of the road works requested have been undertaken and that there is still no news on the A32 drainage works, despite 3 surveys having now been completed. New signage is expected this year and there is still a possibility of a speed reduction on the A32 sometime in 2015.

All grass and foliage has now been cut by HCC although footpath 12 is now impassable and Cllr Williams asked that the Clerk write to the owners of the bushes to ensure they are cut back.

- ii) **Traffic and Transport** - Cllr tba.
- iii) **Crime and Safety** - Having received no feedback from the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel after completing their Rural Crime Proactive Scrutiny: 4 July 2014: Request for Written Evidence back in June, Cllr Elderton was disappointed to note that no mention of this survey has been included in the draft Annual Report from the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- iv) **Energy** - in Cllr Garrard's absence - no items to report.
- v) **Administration and Finance** - Cllr Oakley - no items to report.
- vi) **Social and Community** - Cllr Durrant stated and it was AGREED that David Horton should be applauded for his diligent work as Village Hall Manager in not only arranging a wide variety of successful social events, but also for making the best of the difficult circumstances surrounding the village hall at this time.
- vii) **Housing and Built Environment** - Cllr Cowan REPORTED that EHDC have produced a 5 year land supply document detailing the number of dwellings required and the shortfall of land available between now and 2018. It is available to view on their website.
- viii) **Business Matters** - in Cllr Cubitt's absence - no items to report however, the Chairman thought this time could be used to update on progress with the Parish Council's website. Cllr Ison REPORTED that he has been very disappointed with the speed WebDirections have produced the work required. A draft of the website is now available with all page designs complete but some content still required. Cllr Ison and Clerk will meet to provide the remaining documentation. A link will be sent to Councillors to enable them to review the site prior to the next meeting. The Clerk mentioned Cllr Elderton's hard work in sorting through the historic documentation held in the old Parish Office and that some of the documents retained are of historic interest to the village. Cllr Ison confirmed that there will be a section on the website where this type of archive could be displayed. A photograph of the Clerk is still required.
- ix) **Co-ordinating Responsibility, Accountability & Authority for Implementation** - The Chairman to REPORTED that she, the Vice-Chairman and Clerk had attended a meeting recently with representatives from Chawton and Selborne Parish Councils to discuss the possibility of producing a Joint Neighbourhood Plan. Selborne had subsequently stood down but positive responses to an email sent from the Chairmen of Farringdon and

Chawton had been received from County Cllrs Kemp Gee and Burrige as well as Tim Slaney, Director Planning at SDNPA.

Councillors subsequently explored the feasibility of pursuing production of a Neighbourhood Plan at this time. It was acknowledged to be an enormous piece of work; it would be costly and would require sufficient manpower and resources to ensure it is done properly. Unfortunately timing for a project of this magnitude is not considered to be right and it was therefore RESOLVED to contact both Chawton and Selborne Parish Councils to explain that Farringdon will not to be going ahead. It was generally AGREED however, that a Neighbourhood Plan is something the Parish Council aspires to producing in the future.

125/14 Planning Committee

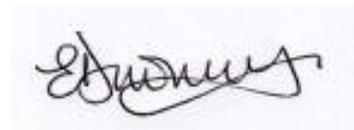
The minutes of the planning committee meeting held on 9 July 2014 were RECEIVED and will be formally signed at their next meeting which is to be arranged.

Cllr. Cowan then read out an up to date list of the applications received since.

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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 9.40pm.



Emma Dillnutt - Wednesday, 24 September 2014

Signed as a correct record of events

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KEY MESSAGES FROM THE MEETING OF

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- A very clear summary of concerns expressed by some villagers over the goal post unit installed at Shirnall Meadow were voiced by a resident. Specific reference was made to the feeling that the community had not been consulted and a call was made for the 'eyesore' to be removed.

Councillors acknowledged the comments but reiterated that the matter had been discussed at numerous meetings in public session over the previous six months. Various designs had been researched and were available to view from Councillors or the Clerk upon request and the eventual decision on the design and funding had been unanimous.

The Parish Council is therefore comfortable that sufficient opportunity to comment was given to the community and the unit would remain as it is already being well used by children.

- The Parish Council are unable to apply to the Vodafone Rural Sure Signal Scheme as only one potential signal unit site has been identified and at least five are required. Time is running out for the application to be made so if you are interested at all, please contact the Clerk urgently as the deadline for applications is 14th October 2014.
- Look out for a questionnaire in the next village magazine asking for your views and experiences from this year's flooding. The information gathered will be collated by the Clerk and communicated to the various agencies involved to ensure that lessons are learned for the future.
- Funding for a Community Speedwatch scheme has been agreed in principle subject to an appeal to the Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner relating to enforcement routes.
- The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 1 October 2014 at 7.30pm in Farringdon Village Hall. The Planning Committee are not due to meet.