

# **FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council**

**Held at FARRINGDON Village Hall, Church Road, Upper Farringdon on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 at 7:30 PM.**

Cllr Roe (Chair)

Cllr Oakley (Vice Chair)

Cllr. Cowan

Cllr. Cubitt

Cllr. Durrant

Cllr Garrard

Cllr Williams

One Member of the Public; Mr. David Horton (Village Hall Manager); Mr. Roger Ison (Web Site)

Mr. Edwin Macknamara (Acting Clerk)

### **38/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Elderton and Cllr. Jacob

### **39/14 MINUTES**

Members **APPROVED** the Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 subject to the following amendments:

Page 1: 21/14 - Amendment to spelling "Cllr. Cubitt".

22/14 – Amendment to spelling "Selborne"

Page 6: 36/24 – Amendment to spelling "Stank"

The amendments having been made the Minutes were signed as a correct record by the Chair.

### **40/14 PETITIONS/STATEMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No matters were raised.

### **41/14 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Cllr. Williams made a declaration of a pecuniary interest regarding the payment received by him for the Emergency Fencing at Shirnall Meadow (Minute 46/14). No further declarations of interest were made in relation to any items included on the Agenda for the meeting required to be disclosed by the Localism Act 2011.

### **42/14 RECEIPT OF OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- i) GOVERNMENT ACTION – FLOODING: Cllr. Roe reported receipt of a letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2014 which had been circulated by the Prime Minister outlining the action the Government was taking to help families, businesses and farmers affected by the floods and extreme weather. The letter had been forwarded to the Parish Council by Damien Hinds MP. Both Farringdon Biz and Farringdon.Net had been supplied with a copy.
- ii) STREET NAMING: A suggestion had been received that the area between the A32 Gosport Road and the junction with Crows Lane and Hall Lane should be renamed with one name replacing the four currently in use. The suggestion was being pursued by Cllr. Elderton.
- iii) ACTION GROUP: The Parish Council had been invited to send a Representative to future meetings of a proposed Action Group being formed to discuss issues of flooding and sewage and particularly the effect to the Lavant Stream. The other communities involved would be Chawton, Hollybourne and Alton.  
It was agreed that Cllr. Elderton be asked to represent Farringdon at these meetings.

**43/14 ACCOUNTS PAID SINCE LAST MEETING AND SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

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

Grant to Village Hall (Salary)	£187.90
Grant to Village Hall (Russell Cooke Legal Fees)	£1020.90
Grant to Village Hall (Carter Jonas Survey)	£1900.80
Hall Hire (Parochial Church Council	£36.00
Course – Charing Skills (HALC)	£36.00
Emergency Fencing (D. Williams)	£201.00
Acting Clerk – Salary (E. Macknamara)	£553.52

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

The RFO was also asked to advise whether the Budget would be sufficient to enable a payment to be made on account to Blake Laphorn, Solicitors during this financial year in respect of their legal costs relating to the Village Hall. He agreed to advise in due course whether such a payment would be possible.

The meeting was asked to approve a Grant of £2920.80 to be made to Farringdon Village Hall in respect of the payments to be made to in respect of Legal Fees and Survey costs referred to above.

It was Moved and Seconded and:-

RESOLVED: i) That the report be received and that the Chairman sign the schedule of payments listed.

ii) That a Grant of £2920.80 be made to Farringdon Village Hall to meet the payments to be made to Russell Cooke, Solicitors and Carter Jonas respectively.

**44/14 GOAL POST AT SHIRNALL MEADOW LOWER PLAY AREA – REPLACEMENT**

Cllr. Williams reported that he had recovered the goal post and it could be used for the time being.

RESOLVED: i) That, this matter be deferred until the next meeting to complete investigations into a suitable type of replacement goal post and the financial support available.

**45/14 VILLAGE COMMUNICATION AND WEBSITE UPDATE**

Ms Gillian McCallum had sent apologies as she was unable to be present at the meeting.

Mr Roger Ison was present at the meeting and advised that much of the preparatory work had now been completed prior to the launch of the Parish Council's Website. He reported on the proposed layout and content and advised what further documents were needed to complete the work. The site should include agreed "Links" and the ability to update the Vision 2030 Document which would evolve over time. During the first year such editing would be undertaken by a Contractor and it was essential that such amendments should be done within a reasonable timescale.

Once the site was up and running the Parish Council input on Farringdon.biz could be transferred as the site owner had requested.

The preferred web site address would be farringdonpc.org.

RESOLVED: That the report be received.

#### **46/14 FARRINGDON VISION 2030 – UPDATES**

- i) Roads, Footways, Byways and Trees: Cllr. Williams reported that work at Stank Lane would be put back to the end of March. He had applied for funding to Hampshire County Council of up to £500 to help with costs and clearing trees. Land ownership details were being clarified. Cllr. Williams was pressing for pothole repairs to be completed but not much progress had been made due to the County wide problems facing Hampshire County Council. No objection had been raised to the application to pollard trees at Three Chimneys, The Street, Upper Farringdon.
- ii) Traffic and Transport: The Director of Highways North and East, Hampshire County Council had given an update on the flooding affecting the Village and what action would be taken in future. The Parish Council would monitor this situation both in the short and long terms so that appropriate action and remedies would be implemented.
- iii) Crime and Safety: Cllr. Elderton had submitted a written report for information. He would be attending the FNW Coordinators Meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2014. Any matters for discussion should be passed to Cllr. Elderton prior to the meeting. The meeting also recorded their appreciation of the hard work undertaken by Douglas Shewan in recent years for running what was recognised as an outstanding Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Farringdon.
- iv) Energy: 18 positive responses had been received from home owners who wished to have infra-red photographs taken of their houses to better assess heat and energy loss. This would be done later in the month in conjunction with the Energy Alton Cameraman and available dates. It was not yet too late for other residents to be included in the scheme.
- v) Administration and Finance: The Guidelines for the Small Grant Community Funding Scheme would meet 50% of total costs but this could include a nominal figure for preparation work which might assist with the application made for Stank Lane.
- vi) Social and Community: No matters were reported
- vii) Housing and Built Environment: Cllr. Cowan referred to the Hampshire Home Choice Newsletter circulated by email which contained useful information regarding social housing in the area. It was agreed that this information should be included on the new Parish Council Web Site. Information had been distributed via Farringdon biz and Farringdon net relating to the refusal of planning permission for a detached dwelling at Stable Cottage and also at Crows Lane. There had also been information circulated regarding the newt barrier being installed by Lightsource at Gaston Lane so that residents had up to date information on these matters. A new planning application had been received for internal alterations at The Haunt, Church Road, Upper Farringdon and this would be dealt with under the normal procedure.
- viii) Business Matters: No matters were reported
- ix) Farringdon Village Hall: Mr David Horton presented his report which had been circulated with the Agenda. The report was received and noted. He pointed out that a Social Function was being held on the 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 and tickets were on sale. He hoped that these functions would take place monthly. Any profit arising from these functions would be "ring fenced" within the accounts to meet the costs of ongoing events. The Village Hall Financial year had run for 15 months to bring it into

line with the Parish Council Financial Year. In future the Village Hall Manager's Report would be given its own Agenda Item.

**47/14 PARISH COUNCIL REVIEW AND GOVERNANCE**

The Acting Clerk reported that the Drafted Terms of Reference for the Village Hall Management Committee reflected the Trust Deed and should now be included in The Rules, Regulations and Obligations governing the work of Farringdon Parish Council including Standing Orders. With this in place the final corrections had now been made and it was:

RESOLVED: That the Rules, Regulations and Obligations governing the work of Farringdon Parish Council including Standing Orders be approved and adopted and passed to the Printers for printing.

**48/14 54507/002 INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF A SOLAR FARM AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ETC. LAND SOUTH OF GASTON LANE, FARRINGDON – NOTIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS**

Details of the amended application were noted.

**49/14 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 the 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.

**Key Messages:**

- i) Talks ongoing with Hampshire County Council following severe flooding problems.
- ii) Launch of Parish Council Web Site moves a step nearer.
- iii) Goal Post at Shirnall Meadow re-sited. New goal post being considered.
- iv) Village Hall Social Event on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2014. Tickets for the curry evening are available from David Horton
- v) Progress being made on the sale of Farringdon Village Hall/Massey's Folly following agreement at the Public Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2014
- vi) Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2014 open to all residents in Farringdon.

**53/14 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting of Council is scheduled for Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 in The Village Hall at the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the same evening.

The Parish Council unanimously thanked Cllr. Roe for her efforts in safeguarding the Village interests during the recent weather conditions experienced throughout the County.

Signed.....(Chairman)  
Dated: 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2014.