

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Farringdon Village Hall, Church Road, Upper Farringdon, GU34 3EG on Wednesday, 3rd December, 2014 at 7.30pm. Present:-

Cllr Cubitt
Cllr Garrard
Cllr Roe (Chair)

Cllr Durrant
Cllr Ison
Cllr Williams

Cllr Elderton
Cllr Oakley (Vice-Chair)

8 members of the public & Emma Dillnutt (Parish Clerk)

150/14 APOLOGIES & WELCOME

The Chairman RECEIVED apologies for absence from Cllr Cowan and welcomed those present.

151/14 MINUTES

Members APPROVED the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 November 2014 for the Chairman to sign as a correct record of events.

152/14 PETITIONS/STATEMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Horton has a letter from HCC stating that Church Green Road is a publicly maintained highway yet it is potholed and in a bad state of repair. He asked if the Parish Council would request for remedial works to be carried out. **ACTION: Clerk**

Mr Chase has recently attended a regional Neighbourhood Watch meeting where the importance of signage was highlighted by the Police. Highly visible signs, in good condition, really do make a difference in crime prevention and villages are considered at risk if their signage is below par. Mr Chase has requested up to £300 as more than enough money to repair, replace and enhance the existing signage around the village. **ACTION: To be discussed under 155/14 ii)**

Various members of the public requested an update on the sale of the village hall. Cllr Durrant confirmed that Carter Jonas will have sealed bids by 17 December for discussion with Mr Osborne, who represents the Andreae Trust, on 18 December. Further information will be reported at a later meeting although it is anticipated that any sale would be subject to planning and could take between 12-18 months to complete. Massey's Folly would continue to be used as a village hall in the meantime and preliminary discussions on a replacement highlighted potential issues such as where it would be sited and financing the project as well as ongoing running costs. These issues will all be explored in detail when more is known about timings.

153/14 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None were declared.

154/14 RECEIPT OF OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i) Members RECEIVED EHDC's draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) document with no comment.
- ii) Members RECEIVED Selborne PC's lobby letter re off-road motorcycles and AGREED to respond to Alton Police Station to share this concern in the areas of Upper Woodside and Kitcombe Lane.
- iii) Members RECEIVED EHDC's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule and requested the Clerk respond highlighting the fundamental lack of communication in evidence between EHDC and the SDNPA. Having parts of the village in each jurisdiction it is increasingly

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difficult to know who does what and therefore vital to have cohesion on lots of issues, but particularly planning and how we are considered as a parish going forward. **ACTION: Clerk**

- iv) Members RECEIVED notice of HCC's Community Challenge Fund detailing the grants available and AGREED to discuss this further under item 156/14 iii).

155/14 RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

- i) Schedule of Payments: The Clerk and Acting RFO REPORTED on the accounts paid since the last meeting and confirmed that all payments made are in line with the AGREED budget or other resolution of the Parish Council:-

The Broker Network (Insurance interim payment 146/14)	£105.14
Emma Dillnutt - November Salary (CQ543)	£842.90
Emma Dillnutt - November Expenses	£70.31

Members were also REMINDED that the 2015/16 Budget Report (previously circulated) is to be APPROVED at January's meeting and therefore any questions, queries or clarification should be sought from the Acting RFO before this meeting to keep discussion to a minimum.

- ii) Further to Mr Chase's earlier request, members unanimously AGREED for up to £300 to be used to fund the replacement and enhancement of Neighbourhood Watch signage throughout the village. It was therefore RESOLVED for Mr Chase to organise the purchase of the signs. **ACTION: Mr Chase**
- iii) Members RECEIVED notice from EHDC of the possible costs of the 2015 parish elections (£250 for uncontested, £2,500 for a vote) and AGREED that any monies would be funded by reserves rather than increasing the 2015/16 Precept.
- iv) Members AGREED the renewal of the clerk's membership to Society of Local Council Clerks due on 1st January 2015 at an annual cost of £131.00.

It was MOVED, SECONDED and therefore RESOLVED that:

- the schedule be RECEIVED and that the Chairman sign the schedule of payments listed; and
- that the payments be made in respect of items ii), iii) & iv) as and when the payments are requested.

156/14 FARRINGDON VILLAGE PLAN - VISION 2030 - UPDATE

Members to REPORT progress:

i) Natural Environment - Cllr Williams

- Flooding - it has been confirmed that the A32 Flood Action Group will have representation from a villager and the Clerk with the inaugural meeting to be arranged.
- Cllr Williams confirmed that HCC have cleared the gullies along the A32 and the ditches which require a separate piece of machinery are also due to be done. He also reiterated that ditches on the side of roads are always the responsibility of the adjoining landowner to keep clear and free draining.
- Pothole reporting - Members APPROVED a key message to urge villagers to report potholes and any highways related problems directly to HCC as soon as they see them on <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/roads/potholes.htm>.
- Road Verge/Chase View Vegetation Cutting - after much 'toing and froing' Affinity Sutton have suggested they may well be responsible for the verges at Chase View. They have requested

clarification of the area in question which the Clerk will highlight on the plan provided. **ACTION: Clerk**

- Vegetation Cutting - the owner of the land south of Marelands has confirmed that he will arrange for the overgrown vegetation to be trimmed to make the pavement safe.
- Village Gates and Signage - no action has been taken on village gates but signage is in the process of being upgraded throughout the village. However, a sign at Kitcombe Lane suggesting it is 'unsuitable for motor vehicles' appears to have been incorrectly installed. This has raised concern from residents over deliveries to their properties and maintenance of the road surface. The Clerk will take this up with HCC. **ACTION: Clerk**
- Residents of Kitcombe Lane have also requested the lane be swept of mud; this has been reported to HCC.
- Gaston Lane - the Clerk was instructed to contact HCC to report the badly damaged road surface as a result of the HGV traffic to the Solar Farm. **ACTION: Clerk**

ii) **Housing & Built Environment - Cllr Cowan**

- Solar Farm - A formal email has been sent to EHDC requesting action to be taken over the HGV traffic. An officer had visited the site where most equipment has now been delivered. The site is in the process of being wired with rubbish being taken away.
- FPC - Planning Committee - no meetings have taken place, an up to date list of applications is as follows:-

SDNP/14/05035/TCA

Four (4) Beech trees - crown reduce by 3 - 4 metres leaving a crown height of 7 - 8 metres and a crown lift to 3 metres Beech Tree - 20% crown thin; Judas tree - 5 - 10% crown thin ; Yew Tree - cut back from building to give 1 metre clearance mixed Hedge - reduce by 6 - 8 feet in height; 2 Blackthorn, Hollies and 1 Elder cut to ground level | Holly Cottage Shirnall Hill Upper Farringdon Alton Hampshire GU34 3DS

Cllr Williams (Tree Warden) has no objection.

SDNP/14/05740/TCA

3 x Robinia - 20% crown reduction leaving crown at 15m x 15m (these trees make a single crown). 1 x Acer - reduce and thin by 10% leaving crown at 4m wide x 5m high.

Tylers, Church Road, Upper Farringdon, Alton, GU34 3EG SDNP

Cllr Williams (Tree Warden) has no objection.

SDNP/14/04863/HOUS & SDNP/14/04864/LIS

Two storey rear extension and front porch (bat survey rec'd 17/11/14)

Fern Cottage, The Street, Upper Farringdon, Alton GU34 3DT

FPC Planning Committee has no objection.

Since the agenda was published a further application has been received as follows:-

EHDC 20926/003

Outline permission for fourteen dwellings with access

Land North of Southernhay, Crows Lane, Farringdon, Alton.

Closing date: 25th December 2014

Some villagers have complained that the information received from EHDC concerning this application is inadequate and the link provided does not work with a suggestion that a request be made for the deadline for comment to be extended.

The correct link to view the application is:

http://planningpublicaccess.easthants.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=_EHANT_DCAPR_233778

and any members of the public who wish to comment should either do so directly via the website or attend a planning committee meeting which has been arranged for Wednesday, 17th December 2014 to discuss this and to ratify other application comments.

iii) **Traffic and Transport - Cllr Ison**

- Speedwatch - Beth Pirie, Chief Inspector at Hampshire Constabulary has kindly agreed to attend January's meeting to introduce herself and explain why the A32 cannot be included in Speedwatch.
- Cllr Elderton agreed to draft a communication concerning speeding and drink driving and members requested a Key Message to encourage villagers to wear highly visible clothing when walking through the unlit roads and lanes at night or in the dark. **ACTION: Cllr Elderton**
- Following the Clerk's attendance at the 'Working together to make Hampshire resilient' event one of the messages that came through loud and clear was to encourage communities to help themselves and put a Community Emergency Plan in place. Cllr Elderton agreed to review the Toolkit provided and draw up an outline plan. **ACTION: Cllr Elderton**
- Remembrance Day Service Road Closure - The A32 road closure for the Remembrance Day service was kindly facilitated by two members of Hampshire Constabulary and thanks are also due to Mr and Mrs Maughan for their continued efforts to maintain the rose gardens, P J Grace for the free grass cutting to neaten the area for the service and APG Traffic for providing the signage required for the road closure and the diversion. Thanks also to Cllr Elderton for officiating on the day. The Clerk will submit an application for the 2015 event to take place on . **ACTION: Clerk**

iv) **Social & Community - Cllr Durrant**

- Members RECEIVED the Village Hall Manager's report for November 2014 and thanked Mr Horton, Cllr Williams and Mr Watts for their work on the leaking roof.
- Members RECEIVED Cllr Durrant's update on the marketing of Massey's Folly for sale as discussed during the public section 152/14.

v) **Crime & Safety - Cllr Elderton**

vi) **Administration & Communication - Cllr Oakley**

- PC Website - the website has been updated with all comments and been given the 'thumbs up' by an independent villager. The Clerk REPORTED the next stage is to be trained in how to update the site herself with a view to publishing the address after January's meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**
- Flooding Questionnaire - The Clerk will REPORT response analysis as soon as possible at a future meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

vii) **Energy - Cllr Garrard**

viii) **Business Matters - Cllr Cubitt**

Cllr Elderton REPORTED the need for HCC to be advised not to block the business park's entrance with snow when ploughing roads. **Action: CLERK**

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ix) Co-ordinating Responsibility, Accountability & Authority for Implementation - Chairman

- Farringdon War Memorial - members AGREED to formally adopt responsibility for the war memorial in its entirety and APPROVED the assimilation of the remaining funds held (circa. £356.36) in the War Memorial Fund bank account for this purpose. **Action: CLERK**
- The Chairman REPORTED that the Clerk has completed her probationary period and a formal appraisal taken place with Cllrs Durrant and Oakley in attendance. The issue of the increased number of hours being worked was discussed with a hope that this will reduce as matters are resolved in the New Year.
- Cllrs Roe & Garrard REPORTED on their attendance at the SDNPA Parish meeting - Hampshire and AGREED to formally complain about the government's change to the affordable housing rules. **ACTION: Clerk**
- Members AGREED that the meeting in January would cover the Chief Inspector's section, Precept/budget agreement and a few other transactional items to be followed by a Q&A section for prospective New Councillors who are encouraged to come along.

157/14 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING & 2015 MEETING LIST

The date of the next parish council meeting is 7 January 2015. Bi-monthly meetings in 2015 are currently arranged as follows:-

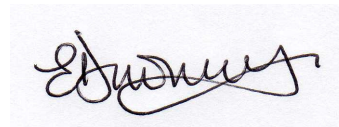
7 Jan	Farringdon Parish Council Meeting
4 Mar	Farringdon Parish Council Meeting
20 May	Farringdon Parish Council Meeting (post-election)
1 Jul	Farringdon Parish Council Meeting
2 Sep	Farringdon Parish Council Meeting
4 Nov	Farringdon Parish Council Meeting

All meetings will take place in Farringdon Village Hall and will commence at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

Other meetings of note are:

1 st April	Annual Parish Meeting
7 May	General and Parish Elections

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



Emma Dillnutt - Wednesday, 10 December 2014

Signed as a correct record of events

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Key Messages of the Parish Council Meeting

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This is an appeal to villagers out walking or cycling in the dark mornings and evenings to please, for their own safety, wear clothing that is highly visible to motorists.

- You will have noticed that Hampshire County Council and their representatives have been working hard recently to clear the road gullies and drains in readiness for the winter weather. In order to aid this work, there are a number of things that villagers can do to help, one of which is reporting road problems and potholes on <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/roads/potholes.htm> as soon as you see them appear.

Adjoining landowners are also reminded of their responsibility to ensure their roadside ditches are clear and free draining.

- The Parish Council is working on a Community Emergency Plan to enable the village to plan for emergencies such as flooding in the future.
- Farringdon Parish Council's Planning Committee will meet on 17 December 2014 at 7.30pm. As well as to ratify recent comments made on applications received, discussions will also be on EHDC 20926/003 - Outline permission for fourteen dwellings with access at the Land North of Southernhay, Crows Lane, Farringdon, Alton. The closing date for this application is 25th December 2014. Villagers can comment direct on: http://planningpublicaccess.easthants.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=_EHANT_DCAPR_233778

Or make representation to the committee who will respond for the Parish Council by the deadline. A paper copy of the application with plans is in the possession of the Clerk.

- The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 7 January 2015 at 7.30pm where Beth Pirie, our new Chief Inspector will be dropping in to introduce herself and talk about traffic and speeding. This will be followed by some transactional items on the agenda and a Q&A section for anyone interested in becoming a parish councillor to find out more

The Chairman and Councillors of the Farringdon Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the community a very Merry Christmas and Peaceful, Prosperous & Happy New Year.