

FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held at EAST TISTED Village Hall, Gosport Road, East Tisted on 5th February, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

Cllr Roe (Chair)	Cllr Durrant
Cllr Oakley (Vice Chair)	Cllr Garrard
Cllr Jacob	Cllr Williams
Cllr Elderton	

No Members of the Public

Mr. Edwin Macknamara (Acting Clerk)

21/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. J. Cowan and Cllr. T. Cubbitt.

22/14 MINUTES

Members **APPROVED** the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January, 2014 subject to the following amendments:

Page 2 – First Line: The word “Photographic” being replaced by the word “Voltaic”

Page 2 – Second Paragraph: “Selbourn” being amended to read “Selbourne”

Para 6 – Question 1 - “New Lane” being amended to read “New Road”

Page 3 – Minute 7/14 First Line: The word “Photographic” being replaced by the word “Voltaic”.

Page 4 Minute 9/14: That the Preamble be removed in its entirety. After the words “Councillor Elderton was asked to draft the response. The following sentence be added: The Response is attached as “Appendix A”.

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

23/14 PETITIONS/STATEMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No matters were raised.

24/14 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests in relation to any items included on the Agenda for the meeting required to be disclosed by the Localism Act 2011.

25/14 RECEIPT OF OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr. Roe advised the meeting of the flooding which had affected the residents in Chase View and what action had been taken to support these residents at this time. Contact had been established with local and national authorities so that appropriate protective, safety

and remedial measures were, as far as possible, in place. Appropriate information would be made available on the Website i.e Farringdon Biz and Neighbourhood Watch and Cllr. Williams agreed to act as the focal point for local residents.

26/14 ROADS FOOTPATHS REPRESENTATIVE AND TREE WARDEN

Members received the report of the Footpaths Representative & Tree Warden (Previously circulated to all Members). Cllr. Jacob advised the meeting on the situation regarding Village Gateways. He was seeking financial backing for this scheme and it was also suggested that it may also be the right time for Hampshire County Council to relocate the 30mph Speed signs.

There were a number of potholes awaiting repair particularly near Gaston Lane Bridge where the Highway Agency had erected traffic lights.

Although some of the drains in the Parish had been cleaned some ditches were full and in places the grips needed to be cleared.

There was no further information available regarding the trees at Brownings Orchard but as the area was outside the Conservation Area and that they were not affected by a TPO any work could be done without the need for approval.

27/14 ACCOUNTS PAID SINCE LAST MEETING AND SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

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

SLCC (Clerk's Membership)	£101.00
FVHMC (Salary Grant)	£187.40
LCPD (Membership)	£100.00 (Final Payment 2014/15)
East Tisted Village Hall (Room Hire)	£32.00

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

The meeting noted that VAT had been recovered and a total of £1386.65p would come into the current year's accounts.

The Precept agreed at the last meeting had been submitted to East Hampshire District Council.

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

28/14 GOAL POST AT SHIRNALL MEADOW LOWER PLAY AREA - REPLACEMENT

The Clerk reported that local residents had reported that the football goal post in the field next to the park was becoming dangerous to use. The Goal Posts had recently been blow over by wind narrowly avoiding an accident to users of the facility. They had requested a replacement.

A discussion took place on whether it would be possible to repair the existing goal post or whether a more substantial replacement should be purchased. It was agreed that the goal posts were well used by local children and that a replacement should be considered if suitable funding could be obtained. A number of options should be pursued including the use of the Bond Money received from the

developer, a grant from Sports England, the maintenance budget or that an approach be made to the Community Forum for financial support. Consideration was also given to the type of goal post needed and it was suggested that the type which had wheels might be best. After a full discussion it was:

RESOLVED: i) That investigation be made into the type of replacement goal post suitable for this area;

ii) That an approach be made to the Community Forum for financial support both for the replacement goal post and the Village Gateways discussed earlier.

29/14 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The following dates were agreed for future meetings:

PARISH COUNCIL Wednesday, 5th March, 2014 Farringdon Village Hall

PARISH COUNCIL Wednesday, 2nd April, 2014 Farringdon Village Hall at 7.00pm followed by

ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING Wednesday, 2 April, 2014

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday, 7th May, 2014 Farringdon Village Hall

PARISH COUNCIL Wednesday, 4th June, 2014 (Venue to be confirmed)

30/14 VILLAGE COMMUNICATION AND WEBSITE UPDATE

The meeting noted that an update was not available for this meeting but the decision for the Parish Council to maintain its own website was noted. This would enable independence to be achieved for each website in the Parish.

Cllr. Elderton felt that as 80% of residents had access to the web the Village Network should be run by the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council. In this way all official communication regarding Parish Council matters would go through the Clerk and avoid any doubt. This would not, of course, affect the role that Parish Councillors should have in the Community.

The Clerk would contact Farringdon.biz and Farringdon.net to inform them that in order to comply with the Code of Conduct and other legal requirements all communication to and from the Parish Council should be addressed through the Clerk who would then take appropriate action on behalf of the Council.

31/14 FARRINGDON VISION 2030 – UPDATES

Cllr. Elderton suggested that in future the agenda for all Council meetings should reflect the Village Plan 2030 so that appropriate reports could be made to Council on the basis of the various Headings and by those responsible for the various sections.

The agenda would, therefore, enable updates on each section as follows:

Crime and Safety – Cllr. Elderton	Traffic, Transport, Footways and Byways - Cllr. Williams
Traffic and Transport – Cllr. Jacob and Finance – Cllr Oakley.	Energy – Cllr. Garrard Administration

Social and Community – Cllr. Durrant Housing and Built Environment – Cllr. Cowan
Business Matters – Cllr. Cubitt

The suggestion received the support as a practical way of reviewing and updating the Village Plan and would be implemented on a trial basis by the Acting Clerk.

32/14 PARISH COUNCIL REVIEW AND GOVERNANCE

The Rules, Regulations and Obligations governing the work of Farringdon Parish Council which included the Standing Orders, Committees Terms of Reference and Council Policies were recommended for adoption at the meeting. There was some discussion on whether further time should be allowed for “hard copies” to be circulated to all members but the view was that there had been sufficient time to enable all Members to consider the document and the amendments made and it was essential to good governance that the document should now be adopted by Council.

The Acting Clerk advised that the “Terms of Reference” for the Village Hall Management Committee should reflect the Trust Deed and to this end should be excluded at this time for amendment. The Parish Council acted as the Sole Public Trustee under the amended Deed of April, 2012.

It was then duly moved and seconded that the Council adopt The Rules, Regulations and Obligations governing the work of Farringdon Parish Council including the Standing Orders, Committees Terms of Reference (the Village Hall Management Committee to be amended) and Council Policies. No other motions were proposed and on being put to the Vote the motion was carried with 5 votes in favour and 2 abstentions.

33/14 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

1. Flooding in the Village, and especially in the Shirnall Meadow area and on the A32 were being kept under close review and contact had been established by the Chairman with appropriate local authorities to ensure protective, safety and remedial measures were, as far as possible, in place. Any Members of the Community with specific concerns would be invited to make contact with Cllr. David Williams who will now act as the focal point for local residents.
2. It was agreed that the damaged goal post on the Shirnall Meadow (currently flooded) should be replaced subject to a robust yet affordable solution and further research to identify possible grant aid.

3. It was agreed that a contract be let for the work necessary to provide a robust long term solution to the virtually impassable lower end in Stank Lane. It was envisaged that the work would commence within three months, subject to contract.
4. The new Standing Orders, Committee Terms of Reference and Council Policies for the Parish Council were formally adopted and would soon be available on line.
5. It was agreed that a Public Meeting would be held on Wednesday, 26th February, 2014 to consult the local community and area of benefit on future plans to dispose of Massey's Folly.

20/14 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of Council is scheduled for Wednesday 5th March 2014 in The Village Hall at 7:30 PM.

Signed.....(Chairman)
Dated: 5th March 2014.