

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Farringdon Village Hall, Church Road, Upper Farringdon, GU34 3EG on Wednesday, 7th January, 2015 at 7.30pm. Present:-

Cllr Cowan
Cllr Garrard
Cllr Roe (Chair)

Cllr Durrant
Cllr Ison
Cllr Williams

Cllr Elderton
Cllr Oakley (Vice-Chair)

5 members of the public & Emma Dillnutt, Clerk

MINUTES

01/15PC APOLOGIES & WELCOME

Members RECEIVED apologies for absence from Cllr. Cubitt and the Chairman welcomed those present wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

02/15PC MINUTES

Members APPROVED the minutes of the extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 30 December 2014 for the Chairman to sign as a correct record of events.

03/15PC PETITIONS/STATEMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Chairman suspended the meeting to invite those members of the public present to raise any questions they had and as none did, the Chairman resumed the meeting.

04/15PC AN INTRODUCTION FROM BETH PIRIE, CHIEF INSPECTOR & EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COMMANDER, HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY.

As Chief Inspector Pirie was running late, this agenda item took place after 07/15PC.

05/15PC DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None were declared.

06/15PC RECEIPT OF OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None had been received.

07/15PC RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

For continuity and while the RFO role is being transferred, items i) and iii) were dealt with by the Clerk prior to handing item ii) to Cllr Oakley as Acting RFO.

- i) Schedule of Payments: The Clerk 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:-

HMRC (CQ 547)

£90.24

[This is payment is for PAYE and NI for the quarter ended 5/1/15 and incorporates a credit of £121.60 carried over from last quarter - so budgeting purposes £90.24+£121.60=£211.84.]

It was MOVED and by a unanimous show of hands, therefore RESOLVED for the Chairman to sign the schedule of payments made.

- iii) The Clerk REPORTED that seven companies had been contacted to tender for the Parish Council's ground maintenance contract for the three years 2015, 2016 & 2017. Only two tenders had been RECEIVED and both had provided the documentation required. Members REVIEWED the tenders anonymously as follows:-

Tender A - £3,488 plus VAT payable in December per annum as per specification.
Tender B - £7,880 plus VAT per annum but payable monthly in arrears.

Whilst Members expressed surprise at the difference between the two figures, the Clerk **MOVED** and a unanimous show of hands therefore **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** Tender A.

- ii) Members **REVIEWED** the 2015/16 Budget Report prepared by the Acting RFO which had been previously circulated and any points raised by Members answered by email. Following a robust discussion on some of the finer detail, the Chairman **MOVED** and by show of hands, a majority of five Members **VOTED** in favour and it was therefore **RESOLVED** to reduce the 2015/16 Precept request to £35,535 as stated on Page 7 of the Report.

Deferred from earlier in the evening

04/15PC AN INTRODUCTION FROM BETH PIRIE, CHIEF INSPECTOR & EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COMMANDER, HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY.

The Chairman suspended the meeting to enable Chief Inspector Pirie to present a brief summary of the ongoing changes within Hampshire Constabulary and how they might affect rural communities such as Farringdon. With cost saving demands increasing, partnership working is key to enabling the Police to deliver crime prevention with a frontline neighbourhood focus. Alton Police Station will remain whilst surrounding sites are closed to consolidate resources and reduce costs. 3 PC's, 6 PCSO's and a further 3 PCSO's, sponsored by EHDC, make up our local safer neighbourhood team who will be a visible presence for rural communities. Annual assessment has deemed that Hampshire Constabulary is delivering a good level of service despite the significant cost savings already delivered.

Mr Horton asked why Farringdon had been refused the use of Speedwatch equipment on the A32 as the ongoing issue of safety and noise pollution from speeding motorcycles needed to be addressed. He explained that the Police speed vans never appear to be in the village when the motorcycles are out, mainly on a Wednesday evening and Sunday morning, and that residents are keen to assist by using the Speedwatch equipment. Cllrs. Garrard and Oakley also mentioned a significant safety concern for pedestrians, particularly children, on narrow pavements with larger lorries speeding through. There is also an issue with large lorries delivering to the Bahnstormer motorcycle shop. When they do this, they stop on the pavement & road outside creating an obstruction both for motorists and pedestrians.

Chief Inspector Pirie explained that the A32 is already afforded the highest level of speed enforcement by the Safer Roads Team and therefore a secondary tier, i.e. Speedwatch, cannot be used in addition. She offered, however, to revisit this and give further explanation at a future meeting.

08/15PC FARRINGDON VILLAGE PLAN - VISION 2030 - UPDATE

Members to give a brief **REPORT** on progress as follows:

- i) **Natural Environment** - Cllr Williams - nothing to report.
- ii) **Housing & Built Environment** - Cllr Cowan - formal objection had been sent to EHDC following a public meeting in December to discuss the proposed development at Crows Lane and an application for development of Stable Cottage, discussed in public session earlier that evening, was approved.
- iii) **Traffic and Transport** - Cllr Ison - covered under 04/15PC earlier in the meeting.
- iv) **Social & Community** - Cllr Durrant - the approved bidder for Massey's Folly was reportedly delighted and a meeting arranged to 'set the ball rolling' with the purchase. The Village Hall Manager's report highlighted the need for storage/sale of equipment as well as potentially rearranging events in the diary. Cllr. Durrant reported that these issues will be explored with the purchaser with a view to maybe being able to continue use of the building until such time as development commences.
- v) **Crime & Safety** - Cllr Elderton - covered under 04/15PC earlier in the meeting.
- vi) **Administration & Communication** - Cllr Oakley - nothing to report.
- vii) **Energy** - Cllr Garrard - nothing to report.
- viii) **Business Matters** - Cllr Cubitt - nothing to report.
- ix) **Co-ordinating Responsibility, Accountability & Authority for Implementation** - Chairman - nothing to report.

FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

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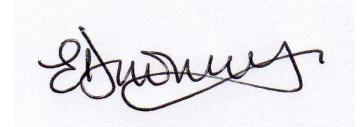
09/15PC DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council will next meet on Wednesday 4th March 2015.

10/15PC PROSPECTIVE COUNCILLOR EVENT

The Chairman closed the meeting to enable members of the public interested in becoming a Parish Councillor at May's election to ask Members questions, seek further information, advice and clarification on the requirements of the role.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.39pm.



Emma Dillnutt - Monday, 12 January 2015

Signed as a correct record of events

Caroline Roe - Chairman

Key Messages of the Parish Council Meeting

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Happy New Year to one and all!

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Villagers present made Chief Inspector Pirie aware of their frustration with the speed enforcement and obstructive parking on the stretch of the A32 in the village both for reasons of safety and noise pollution. Beth will return to a future meeting with information on these so look out for that!

- The Parish Council's 2015/16 Budget has now been formally agreed with a reduced precept of £35,535 having been requested from EHDC.

1. Thank you to those members of the public who attended to explore becoming a Parish Councillor in the future. Any other interested parties should contact the Clerk for information, alternatively look on The Electoral Commission's website:

<http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/>

- The Parish Council will next meet on Wednesday 4th March 2015.
- Don't forget to keep reporting those potholes and any highways issues you spot on <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/index/transport/roadproblems.htm>.

And a reminder 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.

BE SAFE, BE SEEN!