

Key Points:

Farringdon Parish Council Meeting Held on Wednesday 1st November 2017

It was agreed to make a grant of £400 to the PCC to meet half of the cost of felling the dead Cedar tree in the Churchyard which presented a potential hazard from falling branches etc.

To prepare for the forthcoming installation of defibrillators in the redundant BT boxes at Parsonage Close and adjacent to Shirnall Meadow, the library facility in the latter box would be suspended until further notice. Councillors would be carrying out essential refurbishment work of the boxes prior to the installation. Invitations would soon be issued to the community seeking volunteer responders.

The PC considered two planning applications:

SDNP/17/04944/HOUS: garden room at 1 West Cottages, Shirnall Hill, Upper Farringdon - no objection.

SDNP/17/04147/HOUS: retrospective planning permission for a summerhouse in the grounds of the land to the rear of Kingsbridge, The Street. Objection on grounds of over development of the site and impact on privacy of neighbouring properties.

The Council expressed concern over the apparent lack of engagement by the SDNPA in planning applications and the incoherence between the application of planning policy guidance by EHDC within the National Park and their own approach. A further concern was the willingness to adopt an incremental and retrospective approach to applications. The Council agreed to take these issues up with the Planning Departments of SDNPA and EHDC.

Community Engagement will soon be invited on the following range of issues:

The PC is developing a community welcome and information leaflet/flyer for distribution. This aide memoire will provide households with useful contact details for such as the emergency services, local surgeries, schools, transport etc. and what to do in an emergency.

The PC is finalising the emergency plan for the village and will shortly be inviting members of the community to offer their services in the event of an emergency, for example, for assistance with 4x4 transport or the availability of local professional expertise.

The PC will be seeking Volunteers for first responder training with the defibrillators.

The Parish Council is carrying two vacancies. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor or just learning more about what the role entails, please contact the Clerk on clerk@farringdonpc.org or telephone 07765 129409.

It was noted that residents affected would soon be contacted by HCC to inform them of the imminent Phase One flood alleviation work astride the A32.

An analysis of the data from the traffic management systems has recorded an exceptionally high number of violations with speeds in excess of 70 mph recorded in the 30 mph limit. The data has been forwarded to Hampshire Police and Hampshire Highways and will be shared with residents.