

FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY IN THE VILLAGE HALL 8th February 2011

7.30pm- 7.45pm *Public Speaking* 7.45pm *Chair opened PC meeting*

1. Attendees

Chair J Smith, Cllr A Pearce Cllr J Hutchings Cllr S Willatt
Parish Clerk A Sayers
There was one member of the public present

2. Apologies of Absence

District Cllr Bob Peachey
Cllr I Kendall-Torry

3. Declaration of Interest in items on Agenda

None

4. Questions from the Public

None

5. Reports

Police Report – Chair J S read out report. Two crimes reported:

1. KE/11/82 – theft of mobile phone from a member of the public at Crealy Adventure Park. No CCTV, no viable lines of enquiry
2. KE/11/124 – theft of lorry from Unit 1 Waldrons Ind Estate . Vehicle recovered in the Midlands, suspects bailed pending further enquiries.

During this period there have been 6 incidents reported to the Force enquiry Centre. Public Safety – 2No, Crime related – 2No, Administrative – 1No, Transport related – 1No

County Councillor

None given

District Councillor

Chair J S read out report sent by District Cllr B Peachey . He advised that he had been in contact with John Scott of the C.C. regarding the housing needs survey which also covers Clyst St. George and this is now to be carried out for return mid March. The District Council has now come to a conclusion regarding its budget for 2011/12 and this will now be agreed at the next full Council meeting at that end of this month. Some changes are to be made to staffing which will include the District Treasurer taking early retirement.

FRA /Parish Plan Report

None given

6. Report from the Chair

Chair J Smith advised that yesterday he had attended the DALC smaller councils group. Subjects raised included: Reducing insurance costs, grouped parishes, gypsy site selection criteria, (Rockbeare shared their experience), a

request about how member councils can access information regarding managing local assets

7. To confirm the minutes of the PC meeting

The PC confirmed the minutes 12/01/2011 and chair signed them off.

8. Planning

a) 11/0163OHL Proposal: Construction of overhead line on wooden poles
Site address: Land to the North of Hill Barton Business Park, Sidmouth Road, Clyst St Mary EX5 1DR. Applicant: Western Power
PC discussed the application and it was agreed that the PC strongly recommends that the cables should be buried to avoid adverse landscape impact. It is the modern trend and there is a local precedent. This would avoid felling of local oaks. The PC would not want to see the loss of trees. Clerk to action

b) 11/0059/MFUL Proposal: Construction of building for use with class B1(c), B2, or B8 use together with associated access, car parking and landscaping. Site address: Land Between Hill Barton Industrial Estate and A3052 Clyst St Mary . Applicant: A E Stuart and Sons
The PC stated the planning application did not come with an artists impression/photo mock up which was disappointing. The PC has major concerns regarding the visual impact from the A3052 and the size and height of the building. The A3052 traffic is also a concern particularly during peak times and the tourist season. Clerk to action

c) 10/0883/FUL Retention of use of land for siting of 2 mobile homes, 4 touring caravans, proposed construction of day room and storage shed and the creation of an additional pitch for 1 gypsy family. Location: 2 Princes Paddock Farringdon EX5 2JZ.
The PC discussed this application and it was agreed that a strong objection should be issued on behalf of the PC. Clerk to liaise with chair and action

d) Greendale Farm Shop- Various planning enforcement issues and conditions to be discharged.
The PC agreed to send a letter to Liz Wells (enforcement officer) advising that we fully support your enforcement action and have particular concern regarding these lights. This has been drawn to the PC's attention by parishioners and it is felt they could easily be mistaken for the car headlights and pose a safety hazard. Clerk to action

9. Parish Council Matters

a) Local Flooding survey

Cllr A Pearce agreed to complete the survey and return

b) Parsonage Lane state of road

Cllr A Pearce agreed to send communication to highways re the state of Parsonage Lane and also to email the lengthsman

c) Housing Survey update

John Scott has asked for information on employers within Farringdon that he could send the housing survey to. Cllr A Pearce is to contact Troy Stuart to see if a list of businesses could be forwarded to J Scott. Chair J S and Cllr S Willatt volunteered to take round surveys if necessary. All Parish Councillors were asked to send in the names of any businesses that exist within Farringdon who could then complete a survey. Clerk is to email J Scotts address to PC

d) Buckingham Palace Garden Party

The PC agreed that the chair J Smith should put his name down for this competition

e) Notice boards

The state of the noticeboards was discussed. The clerk advised she was collating info on types and prices. Cllr A Pearce volunteered to investigate whether it is feasible for him to build one and supply. Progress will be reviewed at the next meeting. The BT telephone box needs a proper sign clearly visible from outside stating Parish Noticeboard. Cllr A Pearce said he would contact Crealy to see if they could provide proper laminated signs. The old noticeboard on the A3052 layby is to be removed. Cllr J Hutchings said he would see if he could do this.

f) Footpath

Cllr A Pearce advised that he had discussed this at some length with Troy. Troy will pay all the legal costs but advised that the parish council would be liable to put a stile at each end to keep the cattle protected at some stage. Cllr A Pearce proposed agreeing to the footpath and the Chair J S seconded it. There was unanimous agreement from all the PC. Clerk is to check public liability- (are we under one premium?)

10. Finance

a. HSBC Statements for both accounts

Account 91401416 Balance £809.31p

Account 92346818 Balance £3827.08p

b. Cheques drawn:

100466 Farringdon Village Hall £150.00p

100467 Farringdon Parochial Church Council £300

c. 100468 Mrs S A Sayers Clerk Housing Survey Expenses £83.88p

11. Correspondence for Circulation – none given

12. Matters Arising

13. Items at Chairman's Discretion

Chair had advised that as a result of the DALC smaller councils meeting the PC should investigate whether there is a cheaper option for insurance. At the meeting he had heard that Cayman & Co (spelling to may not be accurate) were competitive . He advised that he would follow it up. Clerk to check when insurance is due . He also informed the PC that at the meeting the advantages and disadvantages of joining parishes together was discussed in depth. Speakers representing parishes who had done this gave a talk at the DALC meeting. Advantages included meeting as a

large group only 4 times a year with planning meetings in between. This resulted in there usually being over a quorum at a planning meeting. Disadvantages – one group could bully another. The chair asked the PC to consider this matter further and to discuss it again. Did the PC see an advantage in acting as part of a larger group. Would there be more strength in our arguments if the numbers were larger?

14. To confirm that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 8th 2011

Chair closed the meeting at 10.15pm

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