

FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 14 December 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL at 8.15pm

8.15pm- 8.30pm Public Speaking 8.15pm Chair opened PC meeting

1. **Attendees**

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

2. **Apologies of Absence**

District Cllr Bob Peachey
County Cllr Derek Button
Cllr S Willatt 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 e mail report from PC Simon Blyth

There were 3 crimes reported during the period of 2/11/10 – 01/12/10

a) Between 07/11/10 and 08/11/10 a burglary occurred at 9 Oaks on the A3052. Items that had been removed and stored were stolen including radiators, boiler and copper piping. KE/10/2897

b) Between 6pm on 11/11/10 and 7am on 12/11/10 a burglary occurred at Woodbury Farm Shop, food items and cash stolen KE/10/2914

c) Between 9am and 2pm on 18/11/10 outbuildings at 9 Oaks was again entered no property stolen

The Police asked that members of the public assist by reporting any suspicious activity in the area of 9 Oaks; the property has been demolished and a replacement building will begin being constructed in the new year. PC Simon Blyth issued a personal note advising that regrettably he will be unable to attend parish council meetings as a matter of course. He intends to be on patrol as much as possible when on duty and has found that attending 5 parish council meetings will reduce the time he is actively policing the area in which we live. He and Donna wished everyone a peaceful Christmas

County Councilor. – none received

District Councilor. – Chair J S read out email from Bob Peachey advising that EDDC are working towards the completion of a balanced budget for 2011/2012 which will be achieved without an increase in Council Tax (for the 2nd year running) this will involve a re-distribution of income including reduction in some areas, some redundancies/early retirements may be made. The new system of refuse collection will take time for us all to get used to it, however it is already being generally accepted. Karime Hassan

(Corporate Director) is leaving EDDC to take a post with Exeter City in 2011. Best wishes to all for a very happy Christmas and a great new year.
FRA /Parish Plan Report – none received

6. Report from the Chair

Chair J S advised that he had attended the recent DALC meeting. Issues discussed included the new localism bill and precepts. It may be necessary to reserve the right to vary the precept as it is difficult for small parish councilors to take on more responsibility when they are unpaid. What the extra power is that parish councils will have and whether we have the resources is the unanswered question. Chair also advised that David Cowler had submitted a report on behalf of the Village Hall Committee stating "I have just heard that we have been successful in obtaining a further grant towards the village hall building works of £1500 from County Cllr. P Bowden's DCC Locality Budget. In addition I can report that it has been found possible to add a small second toilet to the scheme. As you will see the works have commenced but will now be weather dependent until the walls and floor slab are up." Lastly the chair raised concerns as to a lack of information regarding the elderly living on their own and felt more communication was needed to ensure their well being. All suggestions welcome.

7. To confirm the minutes of the PC meeting

The PC confirmed the minutes 9/11/2010 and chair signed them off.

8. Planning

- a. 10/1523/MRES Exeter Airprt. Revised Plans update – *no comments PC*
- b. 10/2288/LBC Proposal: Installation of multi fuel stove and stainless flue to roof 2 Farringdon Court Farringdon EX5 2HQ Applicant: Mr P Freeman- *no objection PC*
- c. Update on 10/1591/MOUT Land at Princes Cottage Proposal: Outline application with all matters reserved proposing the construction of 3no. open market and 9no affordable dwellings. Applicant: Mr J Aggett Parsonage Lane Farringdon- *Clerk advised to PC that Marion Proctor Of planning west had emailed with an update on the application at the development meeting." Essentially Members were happy with the principle of the development despite officers' recommendation but want to see details of a footpath that would link the site with the A3052 shown on the plans as suggested by one of the applicants and the land owner notified/amended ownership certificate etc. accordingly, housing need in the area assessed to ensure that the development proposed will meet the need in terms of the type and style of housing, heads of terms for a S106 agreement and proposed conditions. Once issues have been addressed a view to be taken with Chair/Vice Chair as to whether it be taken back to committee or whether scheme remains broadly in line with members wishes and can be signed off by the chairman. Members were keen that this be dealt with as quickly as possible. At present we are still at the stage of information gathering*

and meetings and as yet has not gone back to the chair.”

- d. Update on Gypsy Sites 10/0853/FUL was granted conditional approval, - details *available online*.
10/0885/FUL Mr Mahon- this application was withdrawn by the applicant- *details available online*

9. Parish Council Matters

- a. Devon & Cornwall Police Authority Conference on Resources- Chair J S read to PC
- b. Changes to the Mobile Library Service- *Clerk advised that she had put a notice in the Flyer for the New Year and also on the round robin.*
- c. SWLA Parish and Town Elections 2011- *Chair J S read out to PC*
- d. Farringdon Open Space Assessment- *PC advised response clerk to action*
- e. Affordable Rural Housing Guide- *booklet given for circulation*

10. Finance

- a. HSBC Statements for both accounts- *Clerk showed statements to PC . PC confirmed statement balances*
Account 91401416 Balance £1671.56p
Account 92346818 Balance £3826.40p
- b. Precept for 2011/2012- *clerk gave PC table of last year's precept and requested that thought be given to next year's precept before next meeting in January. Also reminded PC that it was agreed the village hall should have a donation for next year.*

11. Correspondence for Circulation

- a. DALC Newsletter Nov/Dec 2010
- b. Devon Talk Winter 2010
- c. The Knowledge 12/11/2010
- d. The Knowledge 19/11/2010
- e. The Knowledge 26/11/2010

12. Matters Arising -none

13. Items at Chairman's Discretion -none

14. PC confirmed that the next meeting will be held Tuesday January 11th 2011

Meeting closed at 10.15pm

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