

FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 14 April 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

8pm – 8.15pm Public Speaking Chair opened PC meeting 8 pm

1. Attendees

Chair J Smith, Cllr A Pearce Cllr J Hutchings Cllr. I Kendall-Torry
Parish Clerk A Sayers
There were several members of the public present

2. Apologies of Absence

District Cllr Bob Peachey
County Cllr Peter Bowden
PC Donna Baker

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. There has been only one crime this month. KE/11/678 – over night Tuesday 8th to 9th March both number plates were stolen from a lorry at Hill Barton Business park.
- District Councillor B.Peachey Chair J S read out report. The District Council has gone through a rigorous inspection to ensure it can deliver best value despite a NO increase in Council Tax. It has done this without cutting front line services and it remains a debt free authority (one of the few). 45 posts have been shed, the majority of which were vacant, some re-alignment of management structure has taken place, following Karime Hassan moving to Exeter city & Diccon Pearce (the Treasurer) opting for early retirement. There will be a reduction in the Committee system, the Overview and Scrutiny work will be carried out by one joint Committee calling for T.A.F.F.S. (Task & Finish Forums) when they are deemed a requirement. Extensive work will be carried out with regard to Asset Management. The new waste/re-cycling system has been rolled out in the ward and is to be re-examined to iron out any problems. Work with respect to Cranbrook & the Science park continue with the first of the planning permission, finances have been obtained to assist with the provision of affordable houses. The LDF and planning continues to be contentious.
- County Councillor - None given

6. Report from the Chair

Chair J Smith advised that since the last PC meeting there had been no further meetings with Crealy/HB/airport

7. To confirm the minutes of the PC meeting

The PC confirmed the minutes 8/03/11 and 30/03/11 *Chair JS signed off.*

8. Planning

- a.** 11/0798/COU Applicant Mr C Down, Crealy Adventure Park, Clyst St Mary EX5 1 DR. Proposal: Temporary use of land for siting of marquee
The PC discussed and it was agreed that we have no objection to this providing it is used for children's theatre . We would request the Environmental Health Organisation consider additional possible noise level implications, particularly if speakers are being used.
- b.** 11/0662/ADV Applicant FWS Carter & Sons, Greendale Business Park Woodbury Salterton Exeter EX5 1EW Proposal: Retention of 2no freestanding signs. *The PC discussed and it was agreed that we have no objection in principle provided the scale and colouring of signs is appropriate for a rural location and they remain non illuminated.*
- c.** Housing Survey. *The summary report by J Scott on the Housing Need in Farringdon, Bishop's Clyst and Clyst St George was discussed. It stated a total of 959 survey forms were delivered and 282 returned. This is a response of 29.4%. The response level of Farringdon was 147 forms sent out 57 returned = 38.8% response. The surveys have identified some housing need in all 3 parishes. The scheme at Farringdon will only meet a proportion of the need- and then only if it proceeds. The survey information will now be passed on to EDDC planners.*

9. Parish Council Matters

- a.** Local Elections – *District Cllr Bob Peachey will be standing down . The two candidates for the position are Mike Howe (Con) of Clyst St Mary and Marion Gammell (Lib Dem) Whimble. No new persons have come forward wishing to join the Parish Council so an election would not be triggered.*
- b.** Recycling- *the PC discussed with concern new charges being implemented at Recycling centres. Fly tipping will inevitably increase. Parishioners should be encouraged to contact StreetScene directly should they become aware of any.*
- c.** Insurance- *the clerk advised that Came and Company had sent a competitive quote in for the PC insurance. It came with high testimonials from several other Parish Councils. In light of the poor service recently received from Community First and Zurich the PC agreed to change insurance companies for the forthcoming year.*

10. Finance

- a.** HSBC Statements for both accounts

The following receipts were received in April 2011-

HSBC Money Manager Account	
Precept 1 st instalment	£1812.50
Interest	0.21

HSBC had transferred £115 to Business Current Account to cover any shortfall as per letter 15/03/11.

The following payments were approved by the PC

<u>payee</u>		<u>cheque no</u>
The Village Hall Committee (extra donation for cooker)	£100.00p	469
Clerk –salary (April)	£166.20p	470
Clerk – expenses	£ 50.82p	471
Annual sub to DALC	£ 70.06p	472
Came & Company (insurance)	£265.00p	474

HSBC Bank statements balances

2/03/11 – 1/04/11 Business Money Manager	£5525.00p
3/03/11 – 2/04/11 Business Current Account	£ 0.43p

Clerk advised that she had transferred £1200 from the Money Manager to the Business Current Account to cover any cheque payments. The clerk advised that when the new precept is requested it would be preferable to close the money manager account and only utilize the cheque account. Clerk also advised that she had written to HSBC asking for confirmation of signatories to the Business Current Account. PC agreed that the Clerk should submit invoice L1155 to PC for unpaid letter from EDDC

b. PAYE Clerk – Clerk advised that she had registered with HMRC
Clerk advised that she had cancelled the standing order for her salary set up for £195.00p with immediate effect 8/04/11 in view of new PAYE arrangements..

c) Annual Return – Clerk advised that she will be contacting the internal auditor D Hinchliffe within the next few weeks to audit the accounts.

11. Correspondence to Be Circulated – none

12. Matters Arising- PC agreed that a letter should be sent to K L at EDDC requesting confirmation that EDDC have now fulfilled their quota for Gypsy sites and pitches. Clerk to action.

Cllr A Pearce advised that the legal arrangements for the new footpath were now complete and that there was to be a formal opening of the footpath on May 7th. He also advised that he had organized for proper Parish Notices to be made for the red BT phone box so that the community was aware it was a Parish notice board

13. Items at Chairman's Discretion – none

14. To confirm that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 10th (AGM confirmation) PC confirmed AGM & Annual Parish Meeting combined would be held at 7.30pm prior to Parish Council Meeting at 8.00m
Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Alana Sayers Clerk to the Council