

THE MINUTES OF THE FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING 04/01/17 Held at 8pm at Farringdon Church of St Barnaby and St Petroc *(due to village hall undergoing refurbishment)*

1. Attendees - Chair A Pearce, Cllr J Bird Cllr J Hutchings Cllr A Whitehead Cllr A Fletcher Parish Clerk A Sayers.

One member of the public present

2. Apologies of absence *District Cllr M Howe sent apologies*

3. Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda - none

4. Questions from the Public - *The impact of high speeds along the A3052 and yet another bad accident was raised by the public. The parish council totally agreed with the parishioner that efforts to get the speed down must continue. (The matter was discussed further under parishioner concerns)*

5. Report – Police Report *Chair AP read out police report from Justin Willis “there were three logs for the last period, none of which created a crime or were of a worrying nature, they included a missing person who was found and mud on the road”*

6. Report from Chair *Chair AP advised that Shaun Davey had done a good job clearing the ditches at Princes Cross and that he was booked to undertake the Chapter 8 training so that he is fully certified to work on the public roads as required.*

7. To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 23/11/16

PC confirmed minutes and Chair A P signed off

8. Planning

a) 16/2922/PDQ Proposal: *Prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to form 1no dwelling (use Class C3) and associated operational development. Location: Agricultural building adjacent to road from Denbow Cross to Wares Farm Farringdon. Applicant: Mr C Emmett Homer Farm Buckler Lane Aylesbeare EX5 2FG. The PC had no concerns regarding this application on the proviso that it fulfills all the requirements necessary for an “agricultural building” to be converted to a dwelling.*

9. Parish Council Matters

a. Parishioner Concerns – *Several parishioners had raised concerns regarding the car parked for sale on the grass verge abutting the A3052 at the lay by at the entrance to Farringdon. It has made visibility dangerous for those wishing to turn into the busy Sidmouth road. Concern was also raised regarding the dip for wheelchair access on the pavement outside the houses along the A3052 - this exacerbates the flooding considerably. The PC discussed the possible remit of work for Shaun Davey over the coming year. The issue of grass growing long in the bus shelters was mentioned. Possibly Shaun could be employed to cut the grass in the shelters along with other work. Clerk is also to email the other parish councils nearby once Shaun has acquired his Chapter 8 training. The issue of yet another bad accident on the A3052 outside the Cat & Fiddle just prior to Christmas was raised. A local resident had written a lengthy detailed letter to Alison Hernandez Police Commissioner asking for research on the hazards of this road. Cllr Jerry Bird agreed to send a copy of the letter to Highways for*

comment hopefully before the next PC meeting. The PC thanked the resident for submitting the detailed letter.

b. Neighbourhood Plan update- The Clerk advised that she had been in contact with David Timms from Aylesbeare who had outlined our main objective of the day should be to:

- have a large map of the parish showing the designated area
- Describe the process and the need to produce evidence
- Promote an interest in the steering group to encourage people to come forward to put their names down for it
- produce flyers for the board- engage the community

. Cllr J Bird is to email the survey draft by the weekend for all pc to review. Clerk is to contact Tim Spurway to discuss. It would be useful to find out from David Timms what percentages Aylesbeare were working to and also what did they do to collect forms back. It is the collection of the survey forms that is critical

c. Parish Council Matters – Insurance Clerk advised that she had contacted the insurance company Came & Co. regarding the newly purchased equipment for paperless planning applications. The company had advised “The Property Away From The Premises section of the Hiscox policy includes automatic cover for office equipment including laptops printers anywhere in the UK up to a limit of £5000 for any one claim. A £250 excess applies to any one claim . This will therefore cover the laptop, mouse and memory stick. However, the projector , screen and cupboard will need to be added to the General Contents category under the Property-Buildings section. The clerk was requested to advise value of these items for replacement which she has duly done. The insurance company responded that they could confirm “ the annual additional premium to add a new category for General Contents with a sum insured £446.88 under the Property-Contents section of the Hiscox Policy will be £2.05 including Insurance Premium Tax. This will increase the pc’s annual premium to £357.96 including IPT. If the pc did not need a new schedule to be issued at this time there could defer charging it until the next renewal date on 1st June 2017 provided a new schedule did not need to be issued (in which case a minimum £25 would be needed to cover the cost of additional documents)/ The parish council agreed that a new schedule was not needed and to accept the offer to defer till 1st June thereby incurring a £2.05p charge only.

10. Finance

a. HSBC Statements for both accounts, receipts received & payments made.(2 statements presented)

Statement 03/11/16 – 02/12/06 (Sheet no. 337) reviewed by PC

Balance brought forward £4958.05

28/11/16 SO Sayers S A 206.02

30/11/16 cheque 100513 120.00

02/12/16 Bookkeepers 4 Business 10.00

02/12/16 Balance Carried Forward £4622.03

Statement 03/12/16 – 02/01/17 (Sheet no. 338) reviewed by PC

Balance brought forward £4622.03

02/12/16	SO Sayers S A	206.02	
07/01/17	Balance Carried Forward		<u>£4416.01</u>

b. Cheques to be drawn –against invoices received

Cheque 100518 Shaun Davey Services	40.00
Cheque 100517 Mrs S A Sayers Invoice L1175	161.50
Cheque 100516 Dunkeswell PC	3.18
Cheque 100515 Farringdon PCC	12.00
Cheque 100514 Farringdon Village Hall	60.00

c. Precept to be agreed for 2017/2018

The Parish Council discussed in depth the forthcoming precept. Concern was raised regarding the cut backs by DCC which impacted Farringdon in regard to us no longer having any lengthsman visiting quarterly to clear the ditches. This is critical work as there is still much flooding particularly at Farringdon Cross. EDDC had also advised that they were reducing the council tax grant for Farringdon. In lieu of these cut backs the pc agreed that for the first time in over 10 years regrettably the council had no option but to request a small increase in the precept. This was unanimously agreed by all councilors. Therefore the agreed precept for the coming year is :

<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Insurance	358.00
Village Hall Costs	150.00
Clerk's salary and exps	2500.00
Audit Commission	120.00
Internal Audit	100.00
DAPC Subs	75.00
Other subs	30.00
PC courses/training /special projects	110.00
Lengthsman	160.00
PCC Church Donation	200.00
SUB TOTAL	<u>3803.00</u>
Council Tax support Grant	22.00

TOTAL 3825.00p

11. Correspondence to Be Circulated - none

12. Matters Arising- none

13. Items at Chairman's Discretion - none

14. Confirmation of next PC meeting- Possibly Tuesday 8 February if the village hall is available Clerk to confirm with D Cowler. Cllr J Hutchings has commitments on Wednesday evenings and asked if another week night could be organized

Chair closed meeting at 10.00 pm

Alana Sayers Clerk