

Members of the Parish Council – Full Parish Council Meeting

Cllr Horton- Chair, Cllr Clegg-Vice Chair, Cllr de Ledesma, Cllr Herman

Cllr Cushing, Cllr Farquhar, Cllr Williams, Cllr Bosley.

Public – Mark Wescott

Minutes of the Meeting of Farringdon Parish Council to be held on
Wednesday 16th November 2022 commencing at 7:00pm at Chawton Village Hall.

AGENDA

58/22 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

No apologies or absences.

59/22 To receive and approve disclosable pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests from the Clerk. Local government act 1972 s117

None.

60/22 To receive and approve dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests from councillors. (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)

None.

David Horton statement of condolence for the sad passing of Phyll Watts.

Phyll was a longstanding resident of the village, who made a huge contribution to not only horticulture as president of the Horticultural Society but also raising funds for charity by opening her beautiful garden to the public volunteering for the village garden project and being in general a prominent presence in village life.

She will be missed.

61/22 To receive resolution to suspend standing orders to allow public question time.

Resolved.

No Public questions

62/22 To **receive resolution** to resume standing orders

Resolved.

63/22 Proposal by David Horton that vacancy on the parish council is filled by the co-option of David Craig. No other candidates confirmed that they wished to stand at this time.

David Craig was duly co-opted on to the parish council.

64/22 To **approve** the minutes of the full council meeting from 28th September 2022 a copy of which has been circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting.

Proposed by Penny Cushing seconded by Andy Clegg and approved.

65/22 **Matters arising from previous meetings, for information only, including but not limited to.**

*** Speed awareness and CANS update.**

Andy Clegg gave an update on the performance of the devices and confirmed that there have been no further developments from C.A.N.S. at present.

*** Residents parking issues highlighted to the parish council.**

The Clerk outlined the complaints that have been made in regard to parking issues in the village and the councillors discussed these issues at length. The PC does not have any legal powers but they agreed that a statement should be issued by the clerk on behalf of the parish council appealing for residents to park on public roads with some thought for their Neighbours.

*** Bank mandate update.**

The bank required a change to the mandate and for the resolution to be altered, this has been done.

*** Update on New village mapping project.**

Due to unforeseen circumstances with other events in the village being cancelled that were due to include the official opening of the map it was agreed that it was now too late to have an official opening. The map project has been a great success and residents and visitors have benefited enormously from it.

*** Village garden project update.**

Nothing to report and everything that has been required has been actioned by the volunteers. The PC would like to thank all of them for their continued efforts.

*** Road infrastructure projects.**

Hampshire County Council have finally confirmed via their legal department that a Section 271 will not be required for the resurfacing of the Lych Gate track. The Church Diocese have now been approached to agree that any maintenance of the track will be funded wholly by the Diocese in future and once the PC receive written confirmation of this quotes will be sought for the work. Hopefully work can commence in the spring.

Hampshire County Council have also confirmed that a signage repair/clean and de-clutter will go ahead and should be grant funded. The Clerk is just waiting for a confirmation map confirming the changes requested by the PC which includes new signage for Parsonage Close requested by the residents.

*** Website.**

The new website is now active and we have had much positive feedback. There are some teething issues with viewing PDF files of agendas and minutes but Hugo Fox technical support are working on this.

*** Village Hall Update in regard to the parish council.**

The process of resolving the bank mandate for the Village Hall Trust is imminent. The funds will then be re-imbursed as per the clerk's audit figures. The clerk will continue to act temporarily as treasurer of the VHT until a new treasurer is appointed. All other issues will be discussed at the appropriate meeting of the Village Hall Trust on 6th December 2022.

*** Environment and Flooding.**

David Williams gave an overview of water levels and confirmed that there was no problem at present. His report was issued to all councillors prior to the meeting. He has continued to press HCC for information on ongoing flood alleviation works but at present has not received any definitive answers. Work on the Esso pipeline continues. The problem of blocked drains at the bottom of Shirnall Meadow continues and is dangerous. The PC will speak to HCC about any work that would alleviate this problem.

*** Annual playground inspection.**

The annual inspection report has been submitted to all councillors. Some minor concerns were raised but this was for maintenance rather than safety. This prompted a discussion and resulted in the budget funds being increased slightly and a plan of works will be drawn up for approval at the next PC meeting. The Clerk will instigate the plan of works.

*** Update on change of Parish Council as sole trustee of the Village Hall Trust.**

The process of setting up an independent Village Hall Trust is ongoing and a meeting of the VHT to discuss this and other matters will be held on 6th December.

66/22 To receive and approve payment of accounts.

Date	Chq reference	Payee	Amount
28/09/2022	Chq 100230	PKF Audit fee	£360.00
28/09/2022	Chq 100231	Scribe Accounts Software Fee	£345.60
28/09/2022	Chq 100232	Expenses for Bank Mandate	£40.00
12/10/2022	Chq 100233	Clerk Salary	£905.87
12/10/2022	Chq 100234	Poppy Appeal donation for Wreath	£50.00
10/11/2022	Chq 100235	Clerks Expenses	£73.14
10/11/2022	Chq 100236	Clerk Salary	£1196.80
10/11/2022	Chq 100237	Hugo Fox Annual Website Fees	£431.86
11/11/2022	Chq 100238	Community Heartbeat support	£120.00
11/11/2022	Chq 100239	Wettone Matthews payroll service	£174.00
11/11/2022	Chq 100240	AVA annual playground inspection	£187.50
11/11/2022	Chq 100241	PJ Grace Annual Cutting Fee	£4263.60
11/11/2022	Chq 100242	IdVerde Waste collection QTR	£334.15

Payments were approved unanimously.

67/22 To Receive the bank statements to 20th October 2022.

Main Account #806

Date	Detail	Debit	Credit	Balance
20/08/2022	Opening Bal			81013.80
10/09/2022	Bank Charges	8.20		
12/09/2022	Chq 100224	30.00		
16/09/2022	NEST	76.29		
16/09/2022	Chq 100227	905.87		
20/09/2022	EHDC precept		17500.0	
29/09/2022	HMRC Vat		5792.86	
29/09/2022	Chq 100226	302.40		
03/10/2022	Chq 100228	66.75		
05/10/2022	Chq 100225	45.00		
11/10/2022	Bank Charges	5.80		
17/10/2022	Nest	76.29		
17/10/2022	Chq 100233	905.87		
20/10/2022	Forward Bal			101884.19

Sub Account #822

Date	Detail	Debit	Credit	Balance
20/08/2022	Opening Bal			25063.70
20/09/2022			4.98	
20/10/2022			7.21	
20/10/2022	Forward Bal			25075.89

Sub Account #814

Date	Detail	Debit	Credit	Balance
20/08/2022	Opening Bal			28566.58
20/09/2022			5.67	
20/10/2022			8.22	
20/10/2022	Forward Bal			28580.47

Approved unanimously and signed off by the Chair.

68/22 Planning applications:

[Two silver birch trees - Fell middle of back garden, we planted ourselves 25 years ago, have become so large they shade the garden and are overbearing to the landscape and block light to the Neighbours houses to the east of our plot. - Tangley Hall The Street Upper Farringdon Alton Hampshire GU34 3DT](#)

Ref. No: SDNP/22/05134/TCA | Received date: Thu 03 Nov 2022 | Status: Pending Consideration | Case Type: Planning Application

No objections or comments.

[Single storey side, front and rear extension - High Wind Gaston Lane Farringdon Alton Hampshire GU34 3EE](#)

Ref. No: SDNP/22/04473/HOUS | Received date: Mon 26 Sep 2022 | Status: Pending Decision | Case Type: Planning Application

No objections or comments.

[Listed Building Consent - Demolition of existing 1970's extension and reinstate walls to match the approved planning and listed building consent as follows: Full Householder: SDNP2004228HOUS, Listed Building: SDNP2004229LIS \(Additional information received 25/10/2022\) - Old School Cottage The Street Upper Farringdon Alton Hampshire GU34 3DT](#)

Ref. No: SDNP/22/03672/LIS | Received date: Fri 05 Aug 2022 | Status: Approved | Case Type: Planning Application

No objections or comments.

69/22 Proposal by David Horton that the council debates and decides on the annual precept to be agreed for the financial year 2023 to 2024 so that EHDC can be informed before December 2022. The present precept is £35000.00 per year.

The new precept figure will be £25000.00 per annum.

Seconded by Peter Bosley agreed unanimously.

70/22 Proposal by Andy Clegg that the annual budget for all areas remains fixed for 2023 to 2024 with only a 4 percent increase in Salaries and Pensions added. This is to take into account latest Local Government mandatory increases in salaries and pensions. An

additional budget cost of £400.00 per annum will be added for the administration and support of the new website.

Seconded by Keith Herman agreed unanimously.

71/22 Proposal by Andy Clegg that the councils reserves for the following projects are either increased or increased in line with inflation or remain static these reserves are:

Lych Gate track - £20,000.00

Crows Lane Improvement - £20000.00

Safety work on A32 - £4000.00

Playground repairs - £15000.00

The PC discussed the reserves and due to inflation and increasing building costs decided to raise the reserves as follows:

Lych Gate track - £25000.00

Crows Lane Improvement- £25000.00

Safety works on A32 - £4500.00

Playground repairs - £25000.00

Seconded by David Williams approved unanimously.

72/22 Proposal by Sarah Farquhar that a budget of £900.00 is allocated immediately to the purchase and installation of a replacement dual use bin for the A32 Bus Stop area.

Seconded by Alison de Ledesma and approved unanimously.

73/22 Proposal by Andy Clegg that AVA recreation manages the work required to repair the zip wire and associated decking/wooden platforms as per their quoted cost of £900.00 (ex-vat). Quotation Reference ARI3665

Seconded by David Horton approved unanimously.

74/22 Reports and Issues (for information only, unless received under separate agenda items).

None

75/22 Establish key messages to be circulated to the community via FPC website and Farringdon.Net

Congratulations to David Craig our new parish councillor.

Following the overflow of rubbish that has blighted the bus stop and memorial garden along the A32 a new larger and more attractive bin will be installed.

A schedule of maintenance and repair work will be started on the playground equipment and fencing repaired along the playing field.

The annual precept will be lowered from £35,000.00 per annum to £25,000.00 per annum.

A statement will be issued asking residents to park vehicles with thought and sensitivity in regard to their Neighbours when parking on village roads.

76/22 Future Meeting Dates:

Date	Time	Venue	Primary Purpose
18 th January 2023	7:00pm	Chawton Village Hall	Full Council Meeting
15 th March 2023	7:00pm	Chawton Village Hall	Full Council Meeting

Agreed.