

Farrington Gurney Parish Council Meeting  
Minutes  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Present M. Hedges (Chair)  
T. Marston (Clerk)  
S Bown  
I McLennan  
Cllr Kew

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1. **Apologies from Cllrs Deakin, Griffiths , Teal and King**
2. **Cllrs Jeffery and Davis not present**
3. **Police – not present and no report submitted**
4. **Public – 3 present**
5. **Public participation from Mr and Mrs Kingman on proposed development at Boxbury and Abbotts Hill**
6. **Declaration of Interest - none**
7. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – agreed by Cllr McLennan and seconded by Cllr Bown**

Update on Finger post signs- site visit with Mr & Mrs Nash 29<sup>th</sup> Feb – 1<sup>st</sup> March. Cllrs McLennan and Bown will take this forward and contact Mr and Mrs Nash

The Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Beacon- not site available in the village so will not be supporting the Beacon initiative

8. **Correspondence requiring a decision, action or for special note**  
Dial a Ride grant request £70 - agreed  
Church Yard Grant £400 - agreed
9. **Correspondence for information only (available to view before or after meeting)**  
BaNES – Tender for supported bus service – circulated prior to meeting for to PC for comment  
Annual Civic reception 8<sup>th</sup> March RSVP 26<sup>TH</sup> February- invitation brought to the attention of PC

**10. New business (Items presented to Clerk for inclusion on Agenda)**

Correspondence from MR & Mrs Nash re “Traffic problems at Ruett Lane – circulated to PC prior to the meeting for information. PC reviewed the documents and were sympathetic as traffic volumes and speed are an increasing issue for all in the village. Cllr Kew agreed to make a site visit with BanES Highways dept and the PC would also approach BaNES as well to see if anything can be done. Clerk to update Mr and Mrs Nash of response to their issue

Comments from Cllr Griffiths re new village signage shared with BaNES Highways

Email from Sue Kingman resident at Sunnyside re development at Boxbury Hill and Abbotts Hill and resulting impact on traffic in and around the village. Cllr Kew provided some background to this. There

were many objections to the development and the application has been refused but developers have appealed. A decision is awaited.

## **11. Planning**

Current Applications:

None

Applications dealt with by BANES:

15/05327/FUL Narnia House – permit

Other Planning Items:

15/03632/LBA 15/03574/FUL The Old Parsonage – withdrawn

## **12. Reports**

District Councillor – nothing to report

Liaison Meeting- Somer Valley 25<sup>th</sup> February Victoria Hall Radstock 6pm-8pm. Cllr Kew attending and Cllr McLennan may also attend for PC

Footpaths - nothing to report

Memorial Hall & Playing Field – nothing to report

Play Area & BMX Track – GB Sport have quoted £70 to do inspection to identify any current concerns and plan for future care and upkeep of facility. This will replace the BaNES inspection. Will also get a quote for playground quality bark – various grades available when they visit. Agreed by Cllr Hedges and McLennan

Clerk raised possibility of New signage for allotments, playground to display current clerks contact details. PC agreed for her to get some quotes.

Allotments – Rent to be increased by £2.50 per 5 pole so average £5.00 per allotment. Rent request to go out shortly. All let and 2 on the waiting list.

School Governor – next meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March when future plans for the school will be discussed.

Partnership / Academy status all up for discussion.

ALCA- Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Clerk provided a briefing on Quality Council status, internet availability in the area. +Various info received and circulated including Cllr Training and funding opportunities

Highways- already covered

Parish Plans

Web Site- bid pending

Telephone Box & Bus Shelter

Church Yard - grant for 15-16 to be paid and increase from 2016 to £800 pa

## **13. Financial Matters**

Balances - Current account @ 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016 15537.18

Cheques for Payment – Playing field, GB Sport and grants for Churchyard and Dial a ride

Account signatories – Cllr Jeffery and Deakin to be added – Cllr Deakins paperwork awaited

Precept form £11500 submitted to BaNES and receipt acknowledged. Article included in the Journal so residents are aware of decision making process leading to increase. Also include on village website

## **14. Other Reports (Includes Items for inclusion on agenda for next meeting)**

Date set for Annual Parish Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Guest speaker Nick Mould from Duchy of Cornwall at Newton St Loe to be invited together with other representatives of bodies in the village.

Clerk to organise. Meeting of PC will follow this meeting

**15. Dates of the next meetings**

21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 – Cllr Hedges offered apologies as he will be away. Cllr Deakin to Chair the meeting

Annual Parish Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016