

Farrington Gurney Parish Council Meeting
Minutes
Monday 18th January 2016

Present: I. McLennan
M. Hedges (Chair)
T. Marston (Clerk)
S King
D Teal
Cllr Kew

1. **Apologies from Cllrs Davis, Bown, Deakin, Griffith and Jeffery**
2. **Police- not present and no report submitted**
3. **Public** – 5 present, 4 of which attended to make representation on a Planning issue for Narnia House and they were invited to address the PC under the planning section of the meeting
4. **Public participation** – as above
5. **Declaration of Interest** - none
6. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 21st December 2015**

Update on Finger post signs- LA funding bid not successful but information provided by the Clerk indicates that Steven Simmons, Highways inspector may be able to help. Clerk to contact the owners of Homelea re boundary hedge and whether they would be agreeable to having this cut back with view to BanES moving the posts. PC still keen to pursue this

Keep clear signage at Sunnyside - cleared

7. **Correspondence requiring a decision, action or for special note**
The Queens 90th Birthday Beacon – clerk circulated information. Date 21st April 16. To be discussed next time
8. **Correspondence for information only (available to view before or after meeting)**
Correspondence from John Witchell re A362- presented by clerk and to be kept on record
9. **New business (Items presented to Clerk for inclusion on Agenda)**
10. **Planning**

Current Applications:

15/05327/FUL Narnia House – pending consideration

Chairman invited the Public to address the Parish Council. The 4 public attending live in the vicinity of Narnia House and explained to the PC their reasons for objecting to the application. A detailed submission was made and objections included concerns over safety, parking, noise / nuisance in a

residential area and constraints under a covenants. Cllr Kew agreed to take their concerns to Banes planning and the PC agreed to amend their original view from that of “No Comment” to one of “Object” on similar grounds as before. Representation would be made to BaNES Planning Dept

Applications dealt with by BANES:

14/05091/FUL 7A Rush Hill – permit

15/03534/FUL The Garden House Rush Hill – permit

Other Planning Items:

15/03632/LBA 15/03574/FUL The Old Parsonage – withdrawn but ongoing discussions with English Heritage. Cllr Kew involved

11. Reports

District Councillor – Cllr Kew gave an update on forthcoming Referendum 10th March 16 on how residents would like to see BaNES run including the election of a Mayor

Liaison Meeting- no update but ALCA meeting on 27th January in Timsbury. Clerk attending

Footpaths – report provided by Cllr Bown and presented by Clerk

Memorial Hall & Playing Field – Cllr Hedges provided a brief report. Bookings up and some improvements planned . Drainage work in field completed

Play Area & BMX Track - Swings has been repaired. Replacement bark is needed. Clerk to source.

Further discussions under Finance later in meeting re costs and inspections.

Allotments – all let. Rent requests will go out soon

School Governor – meeting on 19th January. New head is proving a strong leader and bringing new ideas.

ALCA- see above

Highways – some discussion took place

Parish Plans

Web Site- bid pending

Telephone Box & Bus Shelter

Church Yard – Request for help from Jen Spring Warden. Cllr King offered to provide and lay gravel in the church car park

12. Financial Matters

Balances - Current account @31st December 2015 16,177.48

Cheques for Payment – SSE EON BaNES (grass cutting at Allotment / BMX)

Invoices to be issued for Hall rent, Playing field rent 15 - 16

Order raised for Grass cutting at Recreation Ground 15 - 16

Account signatories – Cllr Jeffery and Deakin to be added

The Pension Regulator – update. No impact until Jan 17 for FGPC . Clerk provided an update on changes

Funding 2016-17 – Cllr Hedges gave a briefing on the financial situation for the PC from April 16.

Reductions in funding from Banes, the introduction of charges for playground inspections and maintenance, requests for help from St Johns re grass cutting in the churchyard are amongst some of the challenges to be met. Discussion took place and it was agreed that the Precept would be increased, together with increases for the Hall rent and the allotments to help meet the reductions in funding and additional expenses. This was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council.

Additional Revenue

Precept increase to 11500	1240
Allotment increase 145x2.50	362.50
Hall rent increase	100
Total	£1702.50

New expenditure	
Grant reduction 16 17	150
Playground inspection	325
Playground maintenance	500
Additional grant to church	400
Bmx maintenance	100
Allotments maintenance	100
Dial a ride	70
Total	£1645

Clerk to submit Precept- form to Banes by 4th February

13. Other Reports (Includes Items for inclusion on agenda for next meeting)

Date for Annual Parish Meeting April 2016 - not discussed

14. Dates of the next meetings

21st March 2016