

Farrington Gurney Parish Council Meeting Minutes Monday 18th July 2016

Present	S Griffiths (Chair)	I McLennan
	T. Marston (Clerk)	S King
	D Davis	S Bown
	A Jeffery	

1. To receive any apologies for absence.

Cllrs Kew and Hedges
Serg Peard

Cllr Teal and Deakin not present

2. Police

Report submitted and read by Clerk. Theft from a van in Hillview – 4 other incidents in the area

3. Public

One

4. Public participation

None

5. Declaration of Interest

Clerk has received an email from BaNES regarding the need for Cllr Registers of Interest to be publicised on the website in order to comply with Section 29 (6) of Localism Act 2011. Last completed in 2015. Any changes should be reported to the Clerk as and when they occur otherwise current Declarations will be uploaded after 1st August

6. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 20th June 2016 – agreed as correct by Cllr McLennan and Cllr Bown and signed by Cllr Griffiths

7. Matters arising

No response yet from BaNES re Cllr Hedges letter concerning Sunnyside. Cllrs expressed much disappointment and asked Clerk to follow this up as a matter of urgency

8. Correspondence requiring a decision, action or for special note.

None

9. Correspondence for information only (available to view before or after meeting)

Copies of Airport News and Clerks Direct available for review

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

A37 Whitchurch to Farrington Gurney Speed Limit revisions – BaNES proposals circulated to Cllrs. Discussion took place and agreed that a letter would be submitted to BaNES recommending a 30MPH limit from White Cross to Mendip Boundary.

Clerk to draft a response asap for Cllr Griffiths review which will be forwarded to BaNEs by email and as a hard copy

11. Planning

Current Applications:

16/01179/LBA & 16/01178/FUL The Manor House – pending

Applications dealt with by BANES: None

Other Planning Items: None

12 Reports

District Councillor – not present

Liaison Meeting- Cllr McLennan attended the recent Somer Valley meeting on 6th July and topics covered included Policing, Devolution, Walking Festival and a presentation by BaNES Clinical Commissioning Group. Cllr McLennan gave an account of what was discussed

Footpaths- Cllrs King and Bown dealt with a matter successfully in Pitway Lane recently – thanks both!

Cllr Griffiths reported some difficulties with footpath signage on Mendip boarder around the Golf Club. Clerk will raise with BaNES who will have a contact point in Mendip who should be able to clarify the position

Memorial Hall & Playing Field- 20th anniversary celebrations being planned for 2017. Meeting in the Hall on 28th. Dog fouling reported as taking place in field

Playground Area & BMX Track – Lots been done at Playground recently to account for some issues raised by March Inspection. Cllr Bown reported “spikes” on swing not effective so Cllr King will refit the old ones. Seat of swing in poor condition – Cllr King will replace. Other issues will be monitored including the fencing which is deteriorating. Discussed removing bark and replacing with other safer surface but this would be costly although in longer term there would be savings

Allotments – Scalping put down outside Ham Lane by Cllr King.

Cllr Deakin not present so further update next time on Lottery bid and planned allotment improvements

Expanding waiting list for plots – Cllr Jeffery suggested exploring “reallocation” of some current plots to those on list. Clerk will clarify

School Governor – Cllr Davis gave a report. Good Ofsted. Playground improvements and new pond underway funded by PTFA and Leavers Service held. Recent Academy meeting poorly attended by Parents

ALCA – nothing further

Highways – discussed items 7 & 10

Parish Plans – nothing further

Web Site- nothing further

Telephone Box & Bus Shelter- nothing further

Church Yard- Clerk checked with HMRC Dawn Woodend 03002003700 who confirmed that PC could settle grass cutting for the Church and claim VAT back. Matter to be left with Church to contact FGPC with proposal. Clerk to email Clive Bowen

Tidy up went well at the weekend and Cllr Jeffery will pick up some jobs re cutting and trimming.

13 Financial Matters

Balances - Current account @ 1st July 17,764.75

Cheques for Payment –SSE 115.90 EON 115.15 Fountain 188.21 Shiny and Bright 18.00

Accounts with Grant Thornton & statutory financial notices now removed from public domain

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

Cllr McLennan had been involved in some issues at Sunnyside with flooding. Site meeting to be arranged to investigate next action and who is responsible for taking forward.

Gully clearing underway

15 Dates of the next meetings

Please Note - August no meeting

19th September

17th October