

Farrington Gurney Parish Council Meeting Minutes Monday 20th June 2016

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| Present | M Hedges (Chair) | S Griffiths |
| | T. Marston (Clerk) | D Teal |
| | D Deakin | A Jeffery |
| | A Jeffery | I McLennan |
| | S Bown | |

1. To receive any apologies for absence.

Cllrs Kew and Davis.
Serg Peard not present.

2. Police

No report

3. Public

None present

4. Public participation

5. Declaration of Interest

None

6. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 16th May 2016 – agreed as correct and signed by Cllr Hedges

7. Matters arising

Signage provided by Signfex. In notice boards and banner available for use to promote next years AVM
Letter sent from Cllr Hedges to Mr Packer BaNES Highways following discussion at last month's meeting. Response awaited
Insurance – requoted with reduction @ 472.82pa

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

None

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

Banes notice regarding resurfacing in Main Street. Prelim work has started with contractors on site

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

Allotments

Cllr Deakin provided an update on FG Assoc and plans for Lottery Bid. All allotment holders contacted and 6 interested. DD to arrange a meeting

Quotes obtained for carpark provision but dependant on certain allotments becoming available. DD to contact Frome Assoc who have already successfully made a bid. All improvement plans are to be paid for from any Lottery Funding and there will be no cost to the PC

Truspeed – To be considered again next year with possible invite to AVM to provide a presentation

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- no recent meetings

Footpaths- Cllr Bown said some needed attention and work to be done. All with BaNES for consideration. Cllr Griffiths reported an aggressive dog (with owner) encountered by her husband when recently walking the routes around the village. Cllr Jeffery has signs up to keep dogs on leads. Be aware.

Memorial Hall & Playing Field- Busy with bookings. Bikers event this weekend. General improvements in progress. Work needed on the Tennis Court

Play Area & BMX Track – BMX track needs some work. MH / IM to follow up. Fencing needs attention and some new planting at the rear. Grass has been cut

Work started on Playground being coordinated by Clerk and Cllr Hedges. Action plan drawn up. Cost will be considerably less dealt with this way rather than using GB Sport.

Allotments – Sunnyside Inspection has taken place and some allotment holders will receive letters from Clerk reminding them of need to keep in a clean and tidy state. Similar needs to happen at Ham Lane.

Clerk to take forward

School Governor – “Good” inspection shared with parents. Steady no of children on the role. OFSTED pleased with progress being made. Medal presented to the children.

ALCA – Devolution poll sent to PCs. Cllrs Griffiths and Deakin took part

Highways – Flooding issues in the village following storms on Friday. Cllr McLennan has taken up with BaNES. Concerns over drainage being investigated. Church Lane, Marsh Lane and Pitway Lane all flooded.

Cllr Griffiths raised concerns about the A37 improvements and asked for clarity on where the 40 mph scheme would start esp approaching village from Bristol and 30 mph take over. Clerk to approach BaNES

Cllr Teal raised query over Sunnyside parking and why Double yellow lines had not been considered to ease the traffic issue as many residents have parking at the rear of their properties. Cllr Hedges provided the history to the situation and will revisit when he reviews this overall with Kelvin Packer at site visit – see Item 7

Parish Plans – nothing to add

Web Site-218 views this month with ave. looking at 2-3 pages. Clerk sought approval from PC to submit a further bid to DCLG Fund. Agreed

Telephone Box & Bus Shelter- all ok

Church Yard- Cllr McLennan reported concerns over quality of grass cutting. As PC fund some of the cost felt need to look for value for money. Cllr Davis following up and will report back.

13. Financial Matters

Balances - Current account @ 1st June 19,021.87

Cheques for Payment –Internal Audit (donation to Little Fidgets) 50.00 Fountain Timber 145.66, Duchy 360.00, Clerk Salary 683.30, HMRC 170.80 and Expenses 22.36 bus shelter cleaning 18.00

Accounts with Grant Thornton & statutory financial notices in public domain.

Cllr Griffiths raised concerns that going forward there would be no audit of accounts. Clerk reported that new legislation sets out a big change in the audit framework for local public authorities which are currently covered by the Audit Commission regime (Grant Thornton) and parish councils with an annual

turnover not exceeding £25,000 (FGPC) will be exempt from routine external audit. In place of routine audit, these smaller authorities will be subject to the new transparency requirements laid out in the Transparency Code which includes having much of their information in the public domain which was the reason for the new website and availability of funding to provide this.

Going forward the PC will still be audited by their appointed Internal auditor who is also an independent auditor and all financial info, including invoices, receipts, bank statements and full PC minutes are available for public inspection as they were last year and are this year.

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

15. Dates of the next meetings

18th July 2016

August No Meeting

19th September

17th October