

Farrington Gurney Parish Council Meeting  
Minutes  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016

Present            D Deakin ( Chair)  
                      T. Marston (Clerk)  
                      S Bown  
                      I McLennan  
                      D Davis  
                      D Teal  
                      S King

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**1. To receive any apologies for absence.**

Cllrs Kew, Hedges, Griffiths and Jeffery  
Serg Peard

**2. Police**

Report from Serg Peard read by Clerk. No issues in the village. Full report will be provided for April village meeting

**3. Public**

None

**4. Public participation**

None

**5. Declaration of Interest**

None

**6. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

Cllr Davis was away for February meeting and understood her apologies had been submitted  
Minutes agreed by Cllr McLennan and seconded by Cllr Bown. Cllr Deakin signed a copy as accurate.

**7. Correspondence requiring a decision, action or for special note**

Quote from Signflex ( Frome Signs) for Allotment and Playground – quote £62.40 inc VAT agreed by the PC. Clerk to arrange

Invitation from Cllr Gilchrist 20<sup>th</sup> April between 6-7 at Keynsham Community Space RSVP. Cllrs Hedges, McLennan and Davis would like to attend. Clerk to RSVP

Commemorative Medal for HM Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday produced by Tower Mint. Unit cost £1.99+carriage £7.50 + VAT. Clerk asked if PC would like to present a medal to the children at the village school. Cllr Teal said similar had been done in the past and felt this would be a nice gesture to commemorate the event. Funds available and agreed by the PC. Clerk will contact the Head master and then order the medals.

Rotary Club award – email circulated to Cllrs and also on the Website. Discussed and no name put forward. Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> March

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

Letter of thanks from Dial A Ride – read out by Clerk

Letter of thanks from Jen Spring Church Warden – read out by clerk

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

**10. Planning**

Current Applications:

16/00889/HPD 15 Manor Close – Circulated and No comment response submitted

Applications dealt with by BANES: Cllr McLennan said that English Heritage had visited the Old Parsonage and now held a new view on proposed changes. Possible a new application will be made

Other Planning Items: Clerk circulated Consultation Document on proposed changed to planning system and implications for PCs. Cllr McLennan offered to review the document, note any issues which may impact the PC / Farrington Gurney and bring to the next meeting.

**11. Reports**

District Councillor – Cllr Kew not present at meeting

Liaison Meeting- Somer Valley 25<sup>th</sup> February Update Cllr McLennan- useful meeting covering Police, plans, Somer Valley Enterprise zone etc

Footpaths- Cllr Bown will be “walking” these in the next 6 weeks

Memorial Hall & Playing Field - no update

BMX Track – some issues resolved by Cllr McLennan

Playground-Update from Clerk re Playground inspection by GB Sport. Some work to do. GB will provide quote but suggested a local person may be better placed and cheaper. GB also pointed out benefit of regular documented inspection by nominated person. Likely Dave Bury may not wish to take on this responsibility by Cllr Bown did put herself forward. Clerk to follow up. Need to provide bird repellent strips too for swing as these have been paid for and not yet fitted together with quote for bark. Clerk to follow up

Allotments –Cllr Deakin gave an update on progress with FG allotment Assoc. Also reported an issue with Rabbits at Sunnyside. Clerk now has signage quote for Allotment and Play Area and has been invited to attend inaugural meeting or MSN group 20/4/16 MSN 7.00PM May be useful. Rent requests to be issued

School Governor – no report

ALCA – Membership 16-17 £145.01 – agreed by PC to continue with membership.

Highways – Ruett Lane Reported to BANES but no budget to make any changes. Clerk to contact Cllr Kew for his findings and will then contact Mr & Mrs Nash. Cllr Deakin asked for Sunnyside to be discussed at the next meeting as 6 month review period now due and still concerns with this. Clerk reported she has some correspondence to bring to this discussion and will put onto the agenda for April Parish Plans –nothing to report

Web Site- Bid agreed and payment paid to Alex Marston for development. Cllr Deakin and McLennan asked for info on “hits” Clerk to provide for next meeting

Telephone Box & Bus Shelter- nothing to report

Church Yard – Cllr Davis asked for contact details of Payback Volunteers to coordinate clearance work.

Clerk to provide. Still issues with tipping which is under review. Cllr McLennans family are going to fund a bench at the church

Finger post signs – post at Ruett lane is rotten and not suitable to move. Reported to BanES . No further action

**12. Financial Matters**

Balances - Current account @29<sup>th</sup> feb 2016 14578.96

Cheques for Payment –Alex Marston ( Website) Paid Allotments, Hall and Recreation ground rent, Shiny and Bright and ALCA membership. Clerks salary, admin and HMRC

Account signatories – Cllr Jeffery to be added

Clerk will be preparing annual 15-16 accounts

VAT to be submitted

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

**14. Dates of the next meetings**

Annual Parish Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 8.00 pm Invites circulated

Parish Council meeting will follow

16<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00 pm

20<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00 pm

18<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00 pm

No meeting in August