

Farrington Gurney Parish Council Meeting Minutes Monday 17th October 2016

Present	M. Hedges (Chair)	A Jeffery
	T. Marston (Clerk)	Cllr Kew
	D Davis	S Bown
	S King	

1. To receive any apologies for absence.

Cllr Teal and Cllr McLennan ,Serg Peard

Not present Cllr Griffiths and Cllr Deakin

2. Police

Report submitted –suspicious car at the Farm Shop. Cllr Jeffery added some further details

3. Public

Dave Bury

4. Public participation

None

5. Declaration of Interest

None declared

6. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 19th September 2016

Agreed and signed as correct by Cllr Hedges. Proposed by Cllr Bown and seconded by Cllr King.

7. Matters arising

Sunnyside / A37 – Clerk reported no contact with Banes since June despite numerous emails except for one reply from Mr Packers assistant which didn't address points raised. Cllr Kew has similar frustrations in getting a response and reported that BaNES have taken a view that with no reported accidents, the scheme was a success. Cllr Kew is arranging to visit Sunnyside and other sites with the Executive Member for Highways. The PC have made numerous representations to Banes on behalf of the village and the matter now rests with Cllr Kew to progress.

Clerk reported poor condition of the pavement between FG and Whitecross. Highway Inspector will “walk” the section in question next month and any areas meeting the criteria for repair will be dealt with

Phone box consultation

Clerk circulated a submission for Cllr review and comment. Agreed the PC would object to Phone box removal and submission will be sent to BaNES. A piece will also be put into the Journal. Clerk to progress

Rent increase at Recreation Ground-proposed to be effective from 29/9/16 and from £485 to £670. Discussed and agreed to accept the increase. Clerk to notify the Duchy

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

Tree Planting Marsh Lane - Val Parfitt

Proposal to plant a Christmas tree or flowering cherry at the bottom of Marsh Lane. Adjoining households consulted and happy with idea.

PC supported the initiative. Clerk to contact BaNES and establish who owns the land. Need to be aware of traffic visibility in any planting. To note £500 still in budget for Christmas tree and solar lighting may be an area to explore

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

Clerk circulated leaflets from BaNES Comms Team / CPRE AGM and reminded Cllrs about Airport invite

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

10. Planning

New Application: 16/04890/FUL 2 Farrington Way- alteration to boundary wall – for PC consideration
Current Applications: Status Pending- PC discussed. No objections. Clerk to submit to BaNES

16/03813/FUL Ruett Farmhouse, Ruett Lane, Farrington Gurney

Erection of a double garage with store area. Existing garage to be removed. Circulated to PC 9/8. No comments received so No Objection submitted

16/04198/FUL Lankard View, 15 Rush Hill, Farrington Gurney

Provision of new vehicular access with dropped kerb and driveway. Circulated to PC 31/8. No comments received so No Objection submitted

Applications dealt with by BANES: 16/01179/LBA & 16/01178/FUL The Manor House –permit

Other Planning Items: None

11. Reports

District Councilor –Cllr Kew reported that the Devolution debate continues and provided some further information for Cllrs. Cllr Kew reported works to commence in Hallatrow on new roundabout. Some disruption to be expected

Liaison Meeting- Recent meetings not attended

Footpaths- Cllr Bown reported some work with BaNES to progress which she will follow up

Memorial Hall & Playing Field- AGMs coming up. 20th Hall anniversary next year with a celebration weekend planned 30/6 & 1/7. Any help welcome. Resurfacing of the tennis court planned and to be done

Play Area & BMX Track – 6 monthly report submitted. Some Low and med risk issues identified by Inspector. Report shared with PC. Clerk and Chair to review. BMX track being well used. Mike makes a weekly inspection

Allotments – 1.5 available to rent. Association and Lottery bid on hold.

School Governor – Good OFSTED. Will be progressing with Norton Hill Partnership.

Cllr Hedges reported he may sometimes struggle to attend meetings with his other voluntary commitments. No other Parish Cllr came forward to take on this role. Cllr Davis is St Johns Church rep and not able to take on the PC role as well. Cllr Hedges to continue and balance with his other duties.

ALCA – Nothing to report

Highways – Already discussed

Parish Plans

Web Site- No photos of Cllr Griffiths, Teal and King. Request from The Journal for contacts for Cllrs. Cllrs requested that any contact be via the clerk at farringtonclerk at outlook.com

Telephone Box & Bus Shelter- already discussed

Church Yard- No further information forthcoming. Recent reports of poor grass cutting are of concern and at this time, PC reluctant to pay grant as need to be sure value for money is being obtained. Clerk to contact Rev Edwards to establish current position.

John Cowgill will provide Cllr Davis with several potential contractors who may be suitable alternatives if a replacement is sought.

12. Financial Matters

Balances - Current account @ 1st October 2016 £15467.39

Cheques for Payment – EON, SSE, GB Sport, Shiny and Bright and J Parker Dutch Bulbs (Fundraisers) £250 Donation to School c/f from April 2016. Cllr Hedges explained background. All in favour to pay grant and cheque issued. PC would like to be advised how this was spent.

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

14. Dates of the next meetings

21st November

19th December