

Farrington Gurney Parish Council Meeting Minutes Monday 19th December 2016

Present	M. Hedges (Chair)	D Teal
	T. Marston (Clerk)	D Deakin
	S Bown	S Griffiths
	D Davis	Cllr Kew

Cllr Hedges presented an award to Cllr King in recognition for his community contribution and as runner up in Citizen of the year. Congratulations Steve!

1. To receive any apologies for absence.

Steve King and Ian McLennan

Andy Jeffery not present

2. Police

Not present

3. Public

None in attendance

4. Public participation

5. Declaration of Interest

None

6. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 21st November 2016

Agreed by Cllr Teal and seconded by Cllr Deakin

7. Matters arising

Flooding – Cllr Hedges briefed those present on background including reading his letter to BaNES and their response. Jim Collings Flood Manager has gone some way to addressing concerns with current measures and those planned for later.

Clerk to write to Mr Brain Clothier at Home Farm and request his assistance in keeping grounds in his ownership clear and keep avoid the flooding

Grass cutting at the Churchyard -discussed. Agreed immediate payment of donation of £800 for 16 -17 and going forward to have assurance from St Johns that a new contractor will be appointed following a selection process and that assurances are made to FGPC that any new contract is monitored ensuring value for money. Payment of 17-18 invoice will be manged with Ian Piff.

Sunnyside - Letter from Mr Witchard shared with Cllr Kew. Possible merits of Chew Stoke scheme. FG Scheme still being considered by BaNES. Cllr Kew to meet with Cabinet member at some point.

Cllr Griffiths noted that notices have been put up concerning the A37 scheme and up to the Public to feed back comments to BanES. Parish Council have already submitted views

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

Parish and Town Council Precept Requirements 17-18 – Clerk advised that now was the time for Cllrs to consider if there are any additional requirements/ services for 17-18 as BaNES will need to be advised by 3rd February. Precept was increased in 16-17 to account for a reduction in the Parish Grant and some additional costs. PC need to decide whether further reductions in the Parish Grant can be absorbed without further increases in the Precept. To be discussed at the January meeting

RUH Fundraising for new cancer centre. Advice taken and it is possible for the PC to consider a donation. Will be discussed again at January meeting in line with wider Budget discussion.

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

BaNES recycling information circulated
Cllr Griffiths raised 1.00 pm closing at Local Centre

Airport – publicity information / update available for review

ACV Workshop dates but FG covered by prior work done on protection of Green Space so attendance not necessary

Rural Facilities Survey – revisit – to be completed by Clerk and returned to BaNES

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

None

11. Planning

New Application:

16/05707/OUT Erection of a bungalow 1 Pitway Lane – Pending and circulated to PC for comment. Discussed. This is a resubmission. Agreed “No Comment” to be made

Current Applications: None. All dealt with

Other Planning Items: None

12. Reports

District Councillor- brief update on Metro Mayor and impact for BaNES

Liaison Meeting- nothing to report

Footpaths- nothing to report

Memorial Hall & Playing Field- AGM held. Cllr Hedges still the Chair. Football team disbanded

Play Area & BMX Track – inspected by Cllr Hedges and all in order

Allotments – Cllr Deakin reported no appetite for Car parking at Sunnyside. Also expressed some concern over poor condition of some allotments. Will visit with Clerk in New Year. May need to review agreements and tenancies.

School Governor – Recent meeting and progressing Academy Status and link with Norton Hill

ALCA –nothing to report

Highways – Discussed at item 7

Parish Plans – nothing to report

Web Site- nothing to report

Telephone Box & Bus Shelter- nothing to report
Church Yard- discussed at Item 7

13. Financial Matters

Balances - Current account @ 1st December 2016 £20,700.54

Cheques for Payment – Clerk salary and Tax, Grass Cutting donation St Johns and Shiny and Bright
Playing Field and Hall invoices issued

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

Budget / Precept and Charitable donations under Section 137

15. Dates of the next meetings

16th January 2017

20th February 2017

20th March 2017

Annual Parish Meeting- date to be agreed April