

Farrington Gurney Parish Council
Minutes for 20th February 2017

Present	M Hedges Chair	D Teal
	T Marston Clerk	D Deakin
	S Bown	S Griffiths
	S King	A. Jeffery

1. **Apologies Cllr Kew, D Davis and I McLennan**
2. **Police – not present** . A Jeffery reported Beat Meeting at the Farm shop had been cancelled
3. **Public – one present**
4. **Public participation** – D Bury reported that bricks and stones from a wall / siding near Ruett Lane had fallen into the Highway and questioned when /how these would be removed. Cllr Kew has previously been involved with traffic concerns in the area. Clerk to report current obstructions to BaNES.
5. **Declaration of Interest - none**
6. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 16th January 2017** – Agreed as correct by S Griffiths and S King and signed by M Hedges Chair
7. **Matters arising**
 - Pitway Lane flooding. Mr Clothier has hired contractors to clear the area and awaiting an improvement in the weather.
 - Sunnyside – ongoing. Still awaiting an update from Cllr Kew. Cllrs are disappointed with Banes lack of response on this matter despite the PCs significant contact with the Highways Dept. Clerk has included an item in the forthcoming edition of the Journal to advise parishioners that the PC continue to act as a voice between Farrington Gurney and Bath and North East Somerset to make the villages views known on a range of issues, most recently on the Traffic calming in the village and the removal of the public phone
 - Grass cutting at St Johns – Clerk has been in communication with Ian Piff (PCC) and is advised that the matter is now with the Clive Bowen Church Warden for progression. There has been no contact from Mr Bowen. PC are finding this increasingly frustrating having raised the precept to be able to increase the grant to the church. Cllr Hedges noted that the PCC must be able to demonstrate to the PC that any contractor is providing good value as the grant comes from parishioner’s money.
Clerk to write to Mr Bowen with an automaton that should this not be resolved to the satisfaction of the PC by 1st June 2017, no further payments will be made
 - Precept requirements submitted to BaNES and receipt acknowledged

- Budget information 15/16 and 16 / 17 circulated to Cllrs following request made by Cllr Griffiths at January meeting. Cllrs had no questions concerning the financial information provided by the clerk

8. Correspondence requiring a decision, action or for special note.- DEADLINE 23RD FEBRUARY
A37 Whitchurch to Farrington Gurney Speed Limit Review – report from BaNES for PC s review.
Circulated to Cllrs before the meeting.

Some discussion took place and some disappointment and frustration that comments submitted by the PC in July 2016 had not been considered nor were referred to in the report.

Clerk asked to contact BaNES and copy in Cllr Kew expressing above concerns. PC represent parishioners and their views are not being taken into account by the Local Authority.

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

Annual Civic Reception - 7th March – invitation. Circulated to Cllrs. Cllr and Mrs Deakin to attend.
Clerk to RSVP

Thank you letter from Dial a Ride -Noted

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

Litter picking – Village tidy. Discussed and agreed a good idea. A Jeffery reported that Paulton Road is especially Littered. S Bown noted that now would be the time to do this before hedgerows start to grow. A Jeffery offered to let volunteers use the café to meet and S King will provide gloves and bags. Clerk to contact Probation Service and get this underway

Annual Parish Meeting Dennis Herbert – History of Farrington Gurney
10th April 8.00 Claudia Hickman – Forever Friends Appeal
And other speakers from the village. Clerk organising.

Clerk asked if Tea / coffee could be provided by WI and PC make a donation. Agreed. To Be followed up by Clerk and M Hedges

Clerk has published event in the parish Journal and has a banner which will be placed at the end of the bypass. Also to be advertised on the website to encourage attendance as this event can be poorly supported by the village.

11 Planning

New Application: None

Approved Applications:

16/06139/CLEU The Croft Subdivision of main dwelling into 2 no. dwellings (Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use). Permitted

16/05707/OUT Erection of a bungalow 1 Pitway Lane – Permitted

Other Planning Items: None

12 Reports

District Councillor- not present

Liaison Meetings

- Parish Liaison Meeting – Keynsham 15th February. Clerk attended and provided a briefing. Will circulate full minutes once received as several important issues discussed
- Somer Valley AGM The Centurion 22nd February. M Hedges attending. Clerk to provide backing paperwork

Footpaths- some new signage

Memorial Hall & Playing Field- Cleaning programme underway. New Cooking range in place – thank you S King and car park improvement underway – thank you Mike Weaver and Lee Francis
Play Area & BMX Track – all OK. M Hedges regularly inspecting. May need to conduct some maintenance of the trees in the playground at some point

Allotments – Rent requests to go out soon. Notices issued to 2 allotment holders. Reminders will follow. Some work may be necessary to bring them back into use. Clerk will monitor and advise

School Governor – Meeting due. Agreed that they will become part of the Nortin Hill Partnership from April 17

ALCA –

Highways – covered under item 7

Parish Plans

Web Site-

Telephone Box & Bus Shelter-

Church Yard- covered under item 7

13 Financial Matters

Balances - Current account @ 1st February 2017 £20,004.84

Cheques for Payment – Shiny and Bright, Duchy Allotments, Recreation Ground and Playing Field, Forever Friends RUH Appeal, FG Playing fields committee (grass cutting) BaNES (Grass cutting) and Signefex (Banner)

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

S Bown noted that she has a pot grown 7ft Christmas tree – discussed and agreed that it would be planted at the bottom of Marsh Lane. This area has been discussed as a possible site before and there are some Highways issues to be considered re visibility etc. Clerk to provide this to A Jeffery who will be coordinating this with S Bown and M Hedges

15. Dates of the next meetings

20th March 2017

Annual Parish Meeting- 10th April