

Farrington Gurney Parish Council
Minutes for 16th January 2017

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

- 1. Apologies Cllr Kew, A Jeffery, D Davis, I McLennan and Serg Peard.**
- 2. Police – not present but report provided and read by Clerk**
- 3. Public – one present**
- 4. Public participation – no items**
- 5. Declaration of Interest - none**
- 6. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 19th December 2016 – Agreed as correct and signed by M Hedges Chair**
- 7. Matters arising**
 - Letter sent to Mr Clothier re flooding in Pitway Lane and owner responsibilities
 - Cheques for grass cutting acknowledge and Parish concerns to be raised at next PCC – Some further discussion needed over VAT and payment
 - Rural Survey completed and rtn to BanES – receipt acknowledged

Precept and Budget 17-18

Clerk provided a summary of finance, including payments and receipts. Core expenditure covered by current receipts (grant, precept, allotment revenue) with an amount over which can be used for donations, playground and BMX maintenance and the church yard grant and any other eventualities. Some finance does need to be held for contingency too.

A question was taken from Mr Bury regarding the precept and villagers opinion on an increase. Some Cllrs have discussed this with residents and taken their views.

Agreed unanimously by Cllrs that no increase is need in the precept at this point and that grant reduction can be maintained. Clerk to provide the written notification to BaNES confirming precept request of £11500

Cllr Griffiths requested that the Clerk provide a more detailed financial statement for the next meeting

RUH Fundraising for new cancer centre.

Discussed and agreed that a £500 donation could be made. Clerk to arrange

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

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

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Plan / News Letter and Awards

Clerks and Council Direct

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

Application from Dial a ride for a £75 donation – agreed by the PC. Service is used by some. Offer to advertise poster on village notice board

11. Planning

New Application:

16/06139/CLEU The Croft Subdivision of main dwelling into 2 no. dwellings (Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use). Discussed – and agreed to support. Clerk to submit view

Current Applications:

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

Other Planning Items: None

12. Reports

District Councillor- no report as not present

Liaison Meeting- none recently

Footpaths- nothing to report

Memorial Hall & Playing Field- Finance meeting held-all well

Play Area & BMX Track – Cllr Hedges carried out an inspection. Little use of BMX but playground regularly used. Some discussion over the tress and whether they need pruning. Agreed to leave for the moment

Allotments – All let now. Waiting list for plots. Clerk reported some in poor condition and may be necessary to give notice to plot holders. Could be some issues in bringing them back into use

School Governor – meeting on 17th January. Still pursuing Academy status

ALCA – meeting on 18/1 in Saltford and 16/3 in Taunton

Highways – Cllr Griffiths has submitted her comments to BanES on A37 scheme. Cllr Griffiths also asked for an update on Sunnyside. Still no response from BanES. She suggested that an update be placed in The Journal so Parishioners know the latest position. Clerk to follow up

Parish Plans- nothing to report

Web Site- nothing to report

Telephone Box & Bus Shelter-nothing to report

Church Yard- discussed under item 7

13. Financial Matters

Balances - Current account @ 1st January 2017 £19357.44

Cheques for Payment – Clerk admin, SSE, EON and Dial a ride

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

None

15. Dates of the next meetings

20th February 2017

20th March 2017

Annual Parish Meeting- date agreed as 10th April as normal 3rd Monday will fall on bank holiday. Ideas for a speaker requested. Any ideas to the Parish Clerk