

Farrington Gurney Parish Council
Minutes for 19th June 2017

Present	M Hedges (Chair)	T Marston (Clerk)
	Sally Bown	Sally Griffiths
	Deirdre Davis	Dave Deakin
	Andy Jeffery	Dave Teal
	Cllr Kew	

- 1. Apologies** S King / I McLennan
- 2. Police** Not present
- 3. Public** Not Present
- 4. Public participation** Clive Bowen Church Warden
- 5. Declaration of Interest - None**
- 6. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 15th May 2017 agreed as correct**
- 7. Matters arising**

Declaration of Acceptance of Office (C&VC) -C/F from May meeting signed by M Hedges and D Deakin

New lap top C/F to next meeting

Good Councillors Course 20th June 2017 at 7.00 pm in the High Littleton Church Hall – A Jeffery attending. Will brief other Cllrs on content at next meeting

Highways – update.

Sunnyside survey extended to the end of June. Results at 17th June circulated to Cllrs. 548 replies. Only 5% of replies agreed the scheme should remain unchanged and over 90% supported the removal of the build outs and 344 comments were received in addition. D Teal has already conducted some analysis re trends in comments made. Will formalise this and bring to next meeting and with a brief report to be prepared by M Hedges and Clerk, Cllr Kew will present the findings to BaNES. Results will also be included in the FG Journal and on the website

Paulton Road work completed / Signage Flashing speed sign at The Crescent) reported to BaNES.

Speed count ordered and to be installed on the By Pass. Concerns re speed on A37 post the new speed limits were reported by D Davis which echoed comments made at the Annual meeting. Clerk will pick up with Stuart Peard

Other Speed concerns reported to Serg Peard for review / action. Contact awaited.

Grass cutting St Johns – Clive Bowen gave an overview of how things are going. Cut due in the next two weeks but generally pleased. Improvement in service being provided. Ian Piff deals with finance so clerk to contact re grant payment.

Lighting Unit replacement for Ruett Lane – order made and replacement awaited

Street Lighting cost information circulated to Cllrs. BaNES programme of replacement LED lighting units underway. These will improve energy efficiency by 60%. Potential to dim as well at night. Total blackout would need to be considered carefully and not undertaken without public consultation following recent incidents / health and safety etc

BMX damaged fence post – inspected and will be repaired by A Jeffery post harvest (August)

Stile repair reported to BaNES and with S Petherbridge

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

Back Lane Road Sign replacement / repair – agreed. Clerk to contact local carpenter for quote

M Hedges asked about the provision of a £300 grant for the FG Football Team. Cllr Kew has funds for this. Also he has been approached by 2 parishioners for funds for planting, £250. Village always looks lovely with their efforts and agreed should be supported. Clerk to contact Cllr Kew to arrange payment

Phone has been removed. Planning Officer Julie ORourke has left BaNES. Clerk making enquiries to see what happened over consultation as no further contact made with FGPC following submission

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

Village Day update 30th June – 1st July. All going well. Full programme of activities planned for all age groups. A lot of effort has gone into arranging this so public support needed. Will be an excellent few days to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Hall.

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

11 Planning

New Application:- None

Applications Pending: The Garden House. 17/02317/FUL & 17/20318/LBA – circulated and comments submitted. M Hedges gave some background to this application and Cllr Kew had also been involved. M Hedges read out an email from the Legal Service Manager at BaNES who confirmed that the PC had properly managed the process around this application

Approved Applications: 17/01776/FUL Sunnyside – permit

17/02068/FUL Station House – permit

Other Planning Items: None

12.Reports

District Councillor – nothing to report

Liaison Meetings- see below

Parish Liaison Meeting should be postponed from Thursday 22 June to Wednesday 12 July. The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, Bath and commence at 18.30.

West of England Rural network – AGM 17TH July 4.00 – 6.00 pm Baptist Hall Chew Magna

Footpaths - reported at May meeting

Memorial Hall & Playing Field - nothing to report

Play Area & BMX Track - nothing to report

Allotments - Clerk requested permission to buy 2 more signs and possible notice boards £60 Signs approved and notice boards may be available in the village – enquiries to be made

School Governor - M Hedges resigned as already heavily involved in many local groups. Will be writing to the Head Teacher. Possible Cllr successor to be discussed next meeting and in the meantime clerk to enquire if a PC Cllr is necessary.

ALCA – nothing further

Highways – nothing further

Parish Plans- nothing

Web Site - nothing

Telephone Box & Bus Shelter – nothing further

Church Yard – nothing further

Other issues

179 bus service being with drawn – Cllr Kew will make enquiries and report back

Street repairs underway in village – unsure what is going on but presume some planned work

Meadow close – reports of “fly tipping” of vegetation. Thought this had been removed but clerk will check

Overhanging vegetation blocking pavement alongside the bypass – M Hedges will make enquiries

Bonfires are causing a nuisance – clerk to look at some appropriate being put in the Journal as a reminder to residents

Chew Valley gazette – could the Parish report be longer. Clerk reported minutes provided and Gazette publish an extract

13 Financial Matters

Balances - Current account – £22,105.28

Cheques for payment :- Clerks salary and Tax, Bus Shelter cleaning, Insurance, Admin (stamps, new toner and Survey Monkey monthly charge) Footpath maintenance.

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

15.Dates of the next meetings

17th July

August – No Meeting

18th September