

Farrington Gurney Parish Council AGM
Minutes for 15th May 2017

M. Hedges Chair
Cllr Kew
D Deakin
S Griffiths

T Marston Clerk
A Jeffery
I McLennan
D Teal

1. **Apologies** S Bown / S King / C Bowen
D Davis not present

2. **Police** – not present

3. **Public** – not present

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Chairman M Hedges elected
Vice Chairman D Deakin elected
Declaration of Acceptance of Office (C&VC) Paperwork to be completed June Meeting
Parish / BaNES Liaison Cttee M Hedges and I McLennan
Footpath Liaison Officer S Bown
School Governor M Hedges
Memorial Hall & Playing Field Committee M Hedges and I Mc Lennan
Play Area Overseer M Hedges and Clerk
BMX Track M Hedges
Allotments D Deakin
Web Master Clerk

5. Public participation

Mr C Bowen – update on Grass Cutting at St Johns . Unable to attend but some favourable reports have been received. Invited to the June Meeting

6. Declaration of Interest - none

7. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10th April 2017** Agreed as accurate and correct with a note that Cllr Griffiths didn't offer to co ordinate a litter pick only participate. Initiative abandoned until next year

8. Matters arising

New lap top C/F to next meeting

Post Office – email of support . Nothing further

Silent Hero nomination. 8 submissions received and outcome awaited

High Littleton training opportunity. A Jeffery and S Bown attending. M Hedges not available. Clerk to email one last time for any other expressions of interest

Highways – update. Paulton Road / Signage (Road Narrowing at Sunnyside, Dead end at Main Street, Flashing speed sign at The Crescent) all reported to BaNES. Speed concerns on By Pass and A37 reported to Serg Peard for review / action.

Lack of village participation in Community Speed Watch reported in the Journal. Volunteers sought.

Grass cutting St Johns – Clive Bowen Invited to provide an update on 15th

Litter picking – information circulated to S Griffiths but noted she did not offer to coordinate only take part. Possibly to be revisited next year

Lighting Unit replacement for Ruett Lane – order for work placed on 13th April. Acknowledged and to be progressed by SSE locally

BaNES Presentation – Local Plan April 24th - cancelled

9. **Correspondence requiring a decision, action or for special note.**

- (i) Sunnyside Survey results – 320 comments so far. Letter also received from a Parishioner Agreed to extend survey until the end of June. Note of extension to be placed on Parish Website and A Jeffery to promote with customers in the café and shop. Results will be reviewed and submitted to BanES and reported in the Journal. Further discussions on other options took place but funding not available
- (ii) Traffic data / speed count £125.00 + vat. 3 sites for consideration. Discussed and agreed that the By Pass would be the chosen site. Clerk to contact High ways to arrange

Account information circulated before the meeting for Cllrs review and questions

- (iii) Accounts submitted to Internal Auditor for assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls – Approved by internal auditor
- (iv) Approval sought by the PC of the Annual Governance Statement 16/17 and to be certified by Chair and Clerk. Approved.
Question raised re Lighting costs. Clerk to follow up and bring to next meeting
- (v) Approval sought by the PC of Accounting Statement 16/17 and to be confirmed by the Chair and the Clerk. Approved

- (vi) Exercise of Public Rights to be published on the Parish Website between 5th June – 14th July
- (vii) Annual Return to be submitted to Grant Thornton for Audit

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

Notice of forth coming meeting and events – details available from Clerk should someone wish to attend

BaNES Council's Standards Committee for a parish member/representative - vacancy

Neighbourhood Planning Workshop 31 May 2017, Keynsham

Inter Agency Meeting Wednesday 19th July, 12pm - 2pm Council Chamber, The Hollies, Midsomer Norton

Clerk and Council Direct Magazine available

Clerk shared news of MSN Community Space / Park plans.

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

11 Planning

New Application: 17/01776/FUL Sunnyside – comments submitted 5/5/17

New Application 17/02068/FUL Station House – discussed and supported . Clerk to comment

Applications Pending: None

Approved Applications: Hayboro Barn 17/00291/FUL - agreed

Other Planning Items: None

12 Reports

District Councillor - no report

Liaison Meetings

Footpaths - Cllr Bown report read. A Jeffery raised an issue re a Stile through which Cattle are escaping. Clerk to follow up

Memorial Hall & Playing Field -Anniversary celebrations well under way. Guest invited to opening. Banners to go up in and around the area to publicise. Note to go on Website

Play Area & BMX Track – M Hedges and Clerk to inspect. Issue with fencing supports with A Jeffery for review / comment

Allotments -several available for rent. Clerk to order some filler for the lane. May be worth conducting an inspection on both sites

School Governor – busy with new academy relationship. Recent social event was a chance to meet the staff

ALCA -no report

Highways -discussed

Parish Plans – no report

Web Site -no report

Telephone Box & Bus Shelter -no report

Church Yard -no report

13 Financial Matters

Balances - Current account – £22,396.78 (1/2 year precept, Allotments revenue and VAT payment.

Cheques for payment Survey Monkey, Duchy hall rent and donation to RUH in lieu of auditor fees

17 – 18 Insurance quotations and cover . Circulated prior to the meeting for information and decision . Agreed to go with AXA. M Hedges queried Public Liability and this is included in cover

BaNES Ground maintenance contract 17 -18 received. 3382.07 BMX and £448.84 for the Allotment verge. Cllr agreed to accept and progress with the contract again this year. Clerk to rtn paperwork

Closing balance 16 – 17 £15,538.73

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

15. Dates of the next meetings

19th June

17th July