FARRINGTON GURNEY

PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutesof an **ordinary meeting of the Parish Council** held at **7.30pm on** **Monday 16th May 2022** at the **Methodist Church, Farrington Gurney.**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Clint Dando, Mike Hedges (Chairman), Phil Wade, James Wellman, Sally Bown, Andy Jeffery, Margaret Heffernan

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk, 1 member of public

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Parish Council Minutes**

22/23-05:016 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOME

Cllr Smith

22/23-05:017 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Jeffery made a declaration of interest reference the Somer Valley Enterprise Zone. A standing dispensation has been agreed & granted.

22/23-05:018 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: Minutes of April 2022 meeting agreed & signed by chairman

22/23-05:019 REPORTS

1. To RECEIVE the District Councillor’s report.

The business case is being prepared for improvements to the A37/A362. WECA will be consulting in October.

1. To RECEIVE a report/update from the Chairman.

Report on items as they appear on the agenda.

1. To RECEIVE the Clerk’s report.

Clerk updated councillors on difficulty with contacting Volker for repairs to street lights, Discussions with B&NES & Radco about the pavement outside the Coop, also the overtaking point at the A367 & Farrington Way junction.

22/23-05:020 PLAY AREA

Bark chip has been spread, the matting needs some minor repairs, also repairs to the border of one of the bark pits.

22/23-05:021 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

# 8 Hill View – Single storey extension – no objection.

There were some comments about work taking place at 2 Marsh Lane – working is taking place outside permitted hours, the fence appears to be higher than permitted. Clerk to report to B&NES Planning enforcement.

22/23-05:022 SOMER VALLEY ENTERPRISE ZONE

There has been a recent stakeholder meeting. Cllr Jeffery reported that there are 3 main areas of concern

1. Usage of buildings

While there are promises of no retail, warehousing can be easily converted to retail by overturning the planning permission. However, Project Leader Richard Samuel said the Council had no intention of doing this. As soon as the road improvement are in place, Flower and Hayes are likely to apply for, and receive, permission to build an additional 80+ small workshop spaces on a site to the rear of Old Mills Industrial Estate.

1. Road improvements

The Steering Group are still committed to widening the road to create 2 way traffic. Councillor Jeffery had had a private meeting with Richard Holden (Project Manager) to re-state that the existing road is wide enough for walkers and 2-way traffic, with no build-outs, and that parking on the highway should be prohibited and speed cameras implemented, with parking placed at other strategic spots. This would save considerable funds which could be used, for example, to help build the cyclepath.

1. Cyclepath location

This now appears to be following the route of the old railway line, rather than alongside the A362, but will not be part of the SVEZ project as it does not meet the financial criteria. Instead they are hoping to source separate WECA funding for this.

22/23-05:023 HIGHWAYS

# There is still a problem with missing drain covers – B&NES to be contacted

# There was a commitment from B&NES to prioritise re-painting road markings in the new financial year – B&NES to be contacted

22/23-05:024 FINANCE

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| Cheque number | Payee | Details | Amount |  |
| 001270 | Penny’s | BMX track | £3788.40 |  |
| 001269 | NPower | Lighting supply | £344.97 |  |
|  | Fountain Timber | Playground - Bark chip  | £497.02 |  |
|  | Gallagher | Insurance | £934.01 |  |
|  | Sue Kingman | Grass cutting | £1400.00 |  |

There are ongoing problems with NatWest bank – so we currently do not have a chequebook. Payment to be agreed, subject to cheques being signed as soon as possible - AGREED

22/23-05:025 MEETINGS

Enterprise Zone stakeholders – as reported above

22/23-05:026 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

# There has been a report to the village hall, to lower CO2 emissions as well as energy costs.

# There will be some information sessions on insulation & saving energy

# There is a group that is looking at food & food waste in the village.

22/23-05:027 UPDATES/ INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIAL INTERESTS

**Village Hall** – Mike Hedges reported that the hall is looking at investment in heating, as well as fundraising for solar panels. Plans are well underway for a range of activities to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

**BMX track** – The work has been completed & the track is being used. There will be a need for a maintenance budget in future.

**Other items –** It was suggested that a plan of the village would be useful, Cllr Dando said he may have one to share.

22/23-05:028 INFORMATION/ ITEMS TO RAISE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

# How to publicise the SVEZ to local residents

22/23-05:029 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Mon 20th June, 7.30pm at Methodist Hall.

Signed

16.5.2022