Minutes of Farringdon Parish Council Meeting 16th March 2022

In attendance:

Chairman David Horton
Alison de Ledesma
David Williams
Andy Clegg
Peter Bosley
Rob Ahearn

Keith Herman

Penny Cushing

Apologies:

David Craig Gary Lyle (clerk)

Members of the public attending by Zoom link

1. Appointment of Clerk for this Meeting

Penny Cushing proposed DH, seconded A de L

PC confirmed no pecuniary interest. Penny Cushing was duly appointed deputy Clerk of the parish council for this meeting.

- 2. Standing orders suspended
- 3. Public Questions

There were no public questions

4. Standing orders resumed

5. Minutes of Last Meeting

Approved

6. Police and Crime Commissioner

Announcement that average speed cameras will be installed on A32 and A272 Details of location to be announced.

Parish council would like the cameras to run up to the Chawton roundabout AC intends to move the camera

7. CPR Course

20 attenders booked are able to confirm attendance

8. Bank Mandate

HSBC has reluctantly agreed to open a charity account for the parish council. Currently bills are being paid

9. Village Map Board

It was agreed that the Map Board is looking very nice, and that when the weather improves and the bulbs are up a ceremony would be arranged to "open" the village maps, local press to be invited etc.

Antonia Baileys to be asked to help in case of children.

The old board is to be re-used in the village garden.

10. Village Garden

Alison de Ledesma said she was pleased that residents plan to take over management of the garden. £2300 approx left in funds.

Meeting at the garden this coming Saturday to plant snowdrops

Summer sunflower competition

Raised bed seating area to be constructed

Willow wigwam

Children's workshops again in the summer

Broken down fence belonging to the Aclands next door will be repaired by them in due course.

11. Road Infrastructure

Joe Folland has confirmed the lines will be repainted when all works including drainage works. Re-surfacing September if weather permits.

A32 layby – surfacing of same, the problem is ownership. If it cannot be resurfaced, should the Parking sign be removed? DW said he had heard that the grain store, the land Gary to write to Charlton to ask him what his plans are in relation to this.

White picket-style fencing is available at cost of £10k for which there is a grant; insurance cost to be borne by the parish council. When DW installed them 15 or 20 years ago they were broken down, ended up in the ditch.

It was agreed the parish council would not apply for a grant for the purpose of white picket fencing

Sign de-clutter: needs volunteers to go round and identify the signs that are redundant eg the one that says School located by the village pond

Heritage signs – original ones have now been cleaned

Broken down post by the stile from Berry Hill into the first field owned by Chawton House will be the responsibility of Chawton House.

Parsonage Close and other signs

Grants will come to an end with the new financial year.

Formal plan of what the village would like from the fund Jo Folland has asked for details. Parsonage Close is one.

Woodside Lane identification by street name is missing.

Peter Bosley volunteered to walk round and identify redundant or dirty signs, or other street furniture that needs attention.

12. Cycle Way (safe cycle route)

Nothing to report

Rob will try and speak to Cllr Kemp-Gee

13. Website

Need to get recent items migrated over to the new website Aim to go live as soon as Gary contacts the provider in the next few weeks.

14. Payments from Accounts

Main item is the speed cameras (purchase) £3480 VAT to be reclaimed Clerk's salary DH to check whether counter-signatory is required on the bank statement

15. Planning Applications

Rose and Crown

Messy look, too many signs

Only two floodlights both pointing down near the door.

Hanging sign has been reduced in size

It was felt that if the lights were turned off at a reasonable time every day the new plan was acceptable and no objections were made.

19 Parsonage Close

Cladding, porch etc has been agreed by SDNP

Bella Vista

Single storey extension – SDNP has told the applicants permission is not required.

16. Memorial Garden

The rose being put in is Lilli Marlene
Parkers supply small bare root.
It was agreed at last meeting to do this.
Now too late to put in 2 year bare root plants
Peter Beales supply three year old bare root
Feed this year with Vitax Q4
Budget of £500 for replacement
Approved, one abstention (DW)

HCC Signage de-clutter (done)

17. Asset Register

Addition was the map board for the junction Camera

18. Reports and Issues

Ownership of land footpaths and access. Letter to be written to EHDC and HCC to ask them what information they have about ownership as the PC wants to discuss management of old trees and shrubbery with the owners.

19. Flood Action Group

Work is going to be going on to improve flood water dispersal. A lot of properties on Gosport Road are affected. Chawton Park's responsibility

20. Key Messages

Success of speed awareness camera
CPR course
New Map Board at crossroads
Survey of signs with a view to decluttering and cleaning
A32 planned roadworks commencing May 2022

21. Date of Next and Following Meetings

Annual Meeting of Parish Council 11th May 2022 Annual Village Meeting in the church a date in May or later.

Covid support was promoted by Laura (sorry, minute taker missed the significance of this)

22. Any Other Business

£20 donation to the Church to be organised by DH for use of the church for the exhibition (Query, should this be out of VH accounts rather than parish council?)

DW to look at the Zipwire as PB is concerned that the tripods are out of true.

Webcam with microphones on each side worked much better

Parish council agreed that if villagers wanted to offer support to Ukrainian refugees whether accommodation, transport or general help, a meeting should be arranged in the church to gauge interest. Penny C to speak to Chris Perry/Anne Charrington or others.