

Members of the Parish Council – Annual Parish Council Meeting

Cllr Williams, Cllr Bosley, Cllr Farquhar, Cllr Doherty, Cllr Prynne, Cllr Gilchrist,

Cllr D Maughan, Cllr Clegg and Cllr Causton.

Minutes of the meeting of Farringdon Parish Council held on

Thursday 13th July 2023 commencing at 7:00pm at
All Saints Church Upper Farringdon GU34 3EG

Public Attending: David Horton, Cally Horton, Penny Cushing,

Rob Ahearn, John Barnes, Bob Stevens, Chris Perry, and Louise Lawton.

Agenda

- 48/23 Following the election of the new council members would any councillor like to propose a new Chair.
- If two or more are proposed the councillors will vote in line with standing orders.
- Sarah Farquhar was proposed by Marianne Prynne and seconded by Denise Maughan and was voted to the position unanimously.
- 49/23 Following the election of the new council members would any councillor like to propose a new Vice Chair.
- If two or more are proposed the councillors will vote in line with standing orders.
- Andy Clegg was proposed by Peter Bosley and seconded by Delia Gilchrist and was voted to the position unanimously.
- 50/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence.
- None.
- 51/23 To receive and approve disclosable pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests from the Clerk.
- Local government act 1972 s117
- None.
- 52/23 To receive and approve dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests from the councillors. (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)

Councillor Marianne Prynne as her property is suffering from flooding due to poor road structure to be discussed in agenda item 56/23.

53/23 To receive resolution to suspend standing orders to allow public question time.

Public question time

Chris Perry enquired why so many signs and cones etc. were left all around the village.

David Williams explained that they were to be used imminently for the flood alleviation work commencing in July and diversions would be in place.

Penny Cushing stated that she had copies of the village map stored in her home and was happy for a new parish councillor to collect and store them. They must be stored flat.

David Horton stated that he was storing Parish Council documents and Village Hall documents and would like them to be collected.

The Clerk said he would chase EHDC about storage and arrange for the PC documents to be collected. He would also ask John Constable to arrange for the collection of the Village Hall Trust documents.

She also said she would be happy to continue to store them but a process was required to ensure that new residents received a map. Penny also pointed out that they should not be delivered in the rain as this would damage them.

John Barnes asked for an update on the Village Hall Trust.

Andy Clegg stated that the new charitable status was being sought and that would mean new trustees separate from the Parish council would be elected.

Regarding planning a door mice survey is happening now as per a stipulation by SDNP. Discussions are ongoing about different sizes and types of halls based on a modular design are being held. Objections that have been made are also being discussed. More resident consultation will be required.

John Barnes asked for an update on the latest Folly plans.

The Clerk explained that the latest change of condition application by the new developers were objected to by the PC as the plans still did not address the faults i.e. Height of new buildings, level changes which could cause flooding to nearby listed buildings, access and incorrectly marked boundaries.

Penny Cushing made the point that the acoustics in the church made hearing very difficult.

Steven Doherty stated that the church had given the PC permission to install a Broadband link and a digital communication system to allow online access and increase communication levels.

54/23 To receive resolution to resume standing orders.

Resolved.

55/23 To approve the minutes of the council meeting from the 28th of June 2023 a copy of which has been circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting.

Approved unanimously.

56/23 Matters arising from previous meetings, for information only, including but not limited to.

- Speed awareness and CANS update
Andy Clegg stated that the cameras have not been in use due to A32 road works. The councillors will form a team to install batteries and move the speeding devices.
- Village Garden
The Clerk confirmed that the Village Garden Club would be making a presentation at the September Parish Council Meeting to discuss future development.
- Road infrastructure projects
Lych Gate work will now commence in October.
The Clerk will contact Hampshire Highways to discuss the camber on Church Road, that means water runs and overflows toward Cruck Cottage and brings stones and mud from the Lych gate and the B.O.A.T.
- Environment and flooding to include A32 update
Sarah Farquhar is speaking to Richard Peach about the replacement kerb that is required outside Boundary House.
A meeting is also being arranged about the A32 Signage and lines.
- Bank Mandate
The Clerk had received an updated request from HSBC and details and specimen signatures would be completed tonight and taken to the bank.
- Village cycle way
The Clerk will speak to Mark Kemp-Gee about possible funding and access to land. No Councillor came forward to lead this project.
- Village broadband upgrade
At present not enough households have come forward to use government vouchers and the scheme was too expensive. The PC will keep monitoring the situation.
- Keeping residents informed with parish council initiatives and minutes of meetings

It was agreed that the PC would set up a committee to investigate updating the content of the website and discuss ways of ensuring that information can be sent to multiple channels but predominantly drive users towards the website.

57/23 To receive and approve payment of accounts.

Date	Chq reference	Payee	Amount
03/05/2023	Chq 100274	Expenses S Acland Kings Coronation	£204.00

Approved.

58/23 To Receive the bank statements to 20th June 2023.

Main Account #806

Date	Detail	Debit	Credit	Balance
20/05/2023	Opening Balance			£122852.74
23/05/2023	Chq 100274 expenses CIII	£204.00		
17/03/2023	Chq 100271 expenses C	£391.06		
30/05/2023	Chq 100267 payroll	£180.00		
10/06/2023	Bank Charges	£9.00		
13/06/2023	DD NEST	£159.14		
16/06/2023	Re-pay PJ Grace		£1704.00	
20/06/2023	Closing Balance			£123613.54

Sub Account #822

Date	Detail	Debit	Credit	Balance
20/05/2023	Opening Balance			£25221.51
20/06/2023	Interest		£31.26	
20/06/2023	Closing Balance			£25252.77

Sub Account #814

Date	Detail	Debit	Credit	Balance
20/05/2023	Opening Balance			£28746.45
20/06/2023	Interest		£35.63	
20/06/2023	Closing Balance			£28782.08

Approved.

59/23 Proposal by Sarah Farquhar that the parish council agree to the maintenance of the Headwall and pipe work being installed at the MUGA.

This would be an annual inspection and periodic inspection if a flood warning were given.

(Copy of the contract from HCC distributed to all councillors prior to the meeting).

The Clerk stated that the average cost for an annual inspection of the pipe would be £250.00 (ex-vat).

The councillors voted as follows: Against – David Williams - For– Sarah Farquhar, Delia Gilchrist, Peter Bosley, Steve Doherty, Marianne Prynne, Anthony Causton, Andy Clegg, and Denise Maughan.

The majority therefore agreed to the proposal.

60/23 Proposal by Sarah Farquhar that funds with no signatories in the TSB bank account are moved to HSBC account.

The proposal will require a letter from the Chair authorizing this action and giving authority to the Responsible Financial Officer to complete the necessary paperwork.

Voted for unanimously.

61/23 Proposal by Sarah Farquhar that a budget amount of £20,000.00 is agreed for expenditure to improve the safety of the A32 and minimize speeding issues.

Key initiatives to be discussed:

1. Village entry gates for both ends of the A32
2. Re-introduction of central white road lines
3. Other additional road marking e.g., 30MPH circles on road and SLOW markings.
4. Two additional electronic speed limit reminder signs if license permits.
5. Addition of informal crossing points.
6. Traffic Survey.

Any agreed ideas to be discussed at a meeting with Hampshire County Council and local councillors before proceeding.

Approved unanimously

The council will ensure that any proposed changes are discussed with residents prior to any approval.

62/23 Reports and Issues (for information only, unless received under separate agenda items).

The memorial garden rose bed requires a volunteer to water it. Denise Maughan will investigate this and try to find volunteers.

63/23 Establish key messages to be circulated to the community via FPC website and Farringdon.Net etc.

1. New councillors announced.
2. A32 speed and safety changes to be discussed with Hampshire County Council and any new plans to be issued and discussed with residents.

64/23 Future Meeting Dates:

Date	Time	Venue	Primary Purpose
13 th September	7:00pm	Village Church	Full Council Meeting
15 th November	7:00pm	Village Church	Full Council Meeting