

Members of the Parish Council – Full Parish Council Meeting  
Cllr Williams, Cllr Bosley, Cllr Farquhar, Cllr Doherty, Cllr Prynne, Cllr Gilchrist,  
Cllr D Maughan, Cllr Clegg and Cllr Causton.

Draft minutes of the meeting of Farringdon Parish Council held on  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 commencing at 7:00pm at  
All Saints Church Upper Farringdon GU34 3EG

### Agenda

- 71/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence.  
Apologies received from Anthony Causton.
- 72/23 To receive and approve disclosable pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests from the Clerk.  
Local government act 1972 s117  
**None.**
- 73/23 To receive and approve dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests from the councillors. (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)  
Delia Gilchrist and Steve Doherty planning item 83/23 - as they are residents affected by this planning application.
- 74/23 To receive resolution to suspend standing orders to allow public question time.  
Resolved.

### Public question time

Many residents expressed concerns over the planning application for the flood alleviation scheme.

Sarah Farquhar gave an overview of the planning application for the flood alleviation scheme. 83/23.

Sarah confirmed that a meeting had been held with Katherine Pang from SDNP and some of the residents to communicate the concerns of the residents who are most affected by the planning application. The PC has requested that the cut-off date for objections is extended.

An online meeting has also been arranged with Hampshire County Council's representative Paul Prowting to include the whole project team which includes the designer plus Mark Kemp-Gee, our local councillor. This will take place at 1pm 14<sup>th</sup> September via a Teams Link. All parish councillors are invited to take part.

Residents then discussed the affect they have experienced from past flooding events and their concerns about the new plan these include:

Higher water levels on their land and inside their houses if the new plan goes ahead.

Pollution of the flood water from local livestock farms with effluent.

Pollution from A32 road chemicals.

The effect this may have on their livestock.

The PC confirmed that they would ask the HCC team at the meeting that a new alternative plan should be submitted to the residents to resolve their concerns.

Councillor David Williams, who has been a member of the Flood Action Group for many years explained the details of the current plan and how in theory the new system is supposed to work. He stated that Covid and huge changes in staff working for the County Council had delayed any work and that the present proposed scheme had a limited budget.

This includes a sluice gate being installed that in theory will be used to stop excess water going through residents' properties if the water level becomes too high.

The residents also asked how the system was to be maintained and who was responsible for clearing ditches in the village.

The Parish Council confirmed that the PC will maintain the MUGA/Playground works and that Hampshire County Council have stated that landowners are responsible for ditches and any pipework installed on their properties.

This will be discussed further at the meeting.

The Parish Council will also ask for a public meeting to be held so that residents can ask questions directly to Hampshire County Council.

#### Farringdon Horticultural Society presentation.

The presentation was made by Chrysteel Browne, Antonia Nichols and Mark Loxton.

Chrys gave an overview of the history of the garden club in the village and Antonia gave an overview of her gardening history and her involvement with the club and village garden. The garden was a great success and was now being utilized not just by residents but walkers and now local school children taking part in projects. Mark then made a presentation which included the current use of the garden, and previous involvement in creating the garden. In future the club would like to develop the garden and extend its use to primary schools and come up with innovative ideas to further utilise the space.

The club and the councillors then discussed the organisational structure of the club and the parish council:

The following was agreed:

The PC will remain responsible for the garden in terms of insurance and public liability.

The PC will continue to fund and organize the grass cutting and maintenance of the fences and gates and any garden furniture.

The Club will develop plans for the garden in consultation with residents which will be presented to the PC for approval.

The Club may require assistance or more funds for some projects and the PC will fund these projects based on budgets and suitability

The PC will nominate a sitting councillor to liaise with the Club and this councillor will report on any updates at each Full Parish Council meeting.

The total of any allocated funds towards the project remaining from the original £5000.00 budget will be confirmed to the club. The Club are free to allocate this money as they see fit.

A new budget amount will need to be agreed with the PC for each financial year and will need to be accompanied by an annual plan.

The need to replace fencing and plant whips was also discussed with the GC asked to get quotes.

The Chair thanked the club for the presentation and reiterated that the Village Garden was an asset for Farringdon and the PC were grateful for the commitment shown by the club and would be happy to support its efforts going forward.

75/23 To receive resolution to resume standing orders

Approved.

77/23 Matters arising from previous meetings, for information only, including but not limited to:

- Speed awareness and CANS update

Two new batteries have been purchased for the devices and are being fitted. The devices on the A32 will be working but the Shirnall Hill device has resulted in cameras being installed further along the A32. CANS were no longer active in the area. There will therefore be no more CANS updates.

- Lych Gate.

The work is due to commence on 30<sup>th</sup> October after being halted by the PCC.

- A32 update.

Meetings have been held with HCC to discuss plans in reference to signs and road markings etc.

Once a final plan has been received it will be presented to the PC and residents for comment or agreement.

The PC would like to thank Paul Andersen and his staff for filling in all the potholes on the BOAT that runs through Manor Farm.

- Operation resilience.

As discussed in public question time a Teams meeting is to be held on the 14th of September @1pm with the Design team from HCC. All councillors are asked to attend if possible.

- Parish Council website update and central postcode designation.

The post code used on the website is required for maps and planning applications. It was agreed to change this to the village church post code. Denise Maughan will take action on this.

- TSB bank mandate.

A new mandate and associated paperwork are in the post and will be signed by the Chair.

- Village Hall Trust archive and Parish Council archive.

The Clerk has gone through the archive and now has two large boxes of PC files and one VHT file. Delia Gilchrist has kindly agreed to hold the PC archive and the Clerk will contact the VHT treasurer to store its archive.

- Memorial Rose Gardens maintenance.

The WI and the Gardening Club have declined to maintain the memorial garden beds. PJ Grace do not maintain plants.

A decision has been made to enquire about the cost of an independent gardener. The Clerk will ask for some quotes and present them at the next PC meeting.

78/23 To receive and approve payment of accounts.

Date	Chq reference	Payee	Amount
10/08/2023	Chq 100275	HALC fee council support	£204.00
10/08/2023	Chq 100276	Expenses Coronation Party	£48.36
10/08/2023	Chq 100277	IdVerde waste collection	£334.15
10/08/2023	Chq 100278	Clerk Salary June	£944.77
10/08/2023	Chq 100279	Clerk Salary July	£944.77

10/08/2023	Chq 100280	HMRC Paye	£77.31
10/08/2023	Chq 100281	All Saints Church meeting fee	£30.00
10/08/2023	Chq 100282	Scribe accounts software	£414.72
10/08/2023	Chq 100283	Gallagher annual insurance	£1161.33
10/08/2023	Chq 100284	All Saints Church meeting fee	£30.00
10/08/2023	Chq 100285	Clerk Expenses	£960.50
10/08/2023	Chq 100286	S. Farquhar expenses (coronation tree) - Void re-issued	£477.82
10/08/2023	Chq 100287	Void coronation expenses	£0.00
10/08/2023	Chq 100288	Expenses Coronation Party	£82.98
10/08/2023	Chq 100289	Void coronation expenses	£0.00
10/08/2023	Chq 100290	IdVerde waste collection	£367.90
22/08/2023	Chq 100291	Fair Account internal auditor	£535.00
22/08/2023	Chq 100292	S.Farquhar expenses see Chq 100286	£477.82
22/08/2023	Chq 100293	Clerk Salary August	£944.77

**Approved.**

79/23 To Receive the bank statements to 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Main Account #806

Date	Detail	Debit	Credit	Balance
20/06/2023	Opening Balance			£123613.54
11/07/2023	Charges	£6.20		
28/07/2023	NEST pension	£79.57		
10/08/2023	Charges	£5.00		
14/08/2023	Chq 100286 Expenses	£477.82		
14/08/2023	Chq 100286 Expenses		£477.82	
16/08/2023	Chq 100281 Church	£30.00		
16/08/2023	Chq 100284 Church	£30.00		
20/08/2023	Closing Balance			£123462.77

**Sub Account #822**

Date	Detail	Debit	Credit	Balance
20/06/2023	Opening Balance			£25252.77
20/07/2023	Interest		£32.38	
20/08/2023	Interest		£38.00	
20/08/2023	Closing Balance			£25323.15

**Sub Account #814**

Date	Detail	Debit	Credit	Balance
20/06/2023	Opening Balance			£28782.08
20/07/2023	Interest		£36.90	
20/08/2023	Interest		£43.32	
20/08/2023	Closing Balance			£28862.30

**Approved and checked and signed off by Sarah Farquhar.**

80/23 Proposal by Sarah Farquhar that the parish council agree to the maintenance (sanding, painting and oiling) of the Defibrillators telephone boxes and village notice boards to include the residents notice board in the Centre of the village. Quotes have been circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting.

The Collingwood quote was chosen, and the Clerk will ask the contractor to start as soon as possible.

81/23 Proposal by Steve Doherty that an annual contract is taken out with Zen Internet Ltd. to install a broadband service into the village church. The Annual cost for the service is £420.00 per annum with a one off £75.00 installation charge. This would be paid for by

Direct Debit from the PC bank account. The proposed budget for the first year would therefore be £495.00 with a contingency amount added for the sum of £300.00 if an updated router is found to be required to boost signal strength. The total budget for the proposal will therefore be £795.00 (inc. VAT).

Approved unanimously.

82/23 Proposal by Sarah Farquhar that four older waste bins are replaced in the village. The projected cost to replace all four, based on a 110L black and gold heritage bin made of tough plastic, would be £600 per bin to include installation.

The maximum budget would therefore be £2400.00 (inc. VAT)

It was agreed unanimously to replace only the Stank Lane bin. The Clerk will order one unit. The Clerk will also confirm the quantity of bins that require weekly emptying and ensure that they are added to the current idVerde contract.

83/23 Planning applications

**The Proposed Scheme will comprise the installation of approximately 88m of 375mm-diameter High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Twinwall Pipe and associated chambers, vegetation clearance and reinstatement through a field and small portion of gardens associated with The Orchards and Malthouse Properties, as shown on drawing CJ009136-ECH-HGN-44301239-DR-D-SK3 submitted as part of this application.**

Planning Application

Land to The North of Shirnall Hill Lane Within Land of The Orchards and The Malthouse  
Ref. No: SDNP/23/O3358/FUL | Received: Fri 11 Aug 2023 | Validated: Mon 21 Aug 2023 | Status:  
Pending Consideration

No Comments or objections

**To replace old wooden picket style gate in wall opening with taller wooden gate and add small feather edge wall topper fence.**

Planning Application

3 Florrie Place Gosport Road Lower Farringdon Alton Hampshire GU34 3DL



Ref. No: SDNP/23/O3380/HOUS | Received: Tue 15 Aug 2023 | Validated: Mon 04 Sep 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

**No Comments or objections**

84/23 Reports and Issues (for information only, unless received under separate agenda items).

None.

85/23 Establish key messages to be circulated to the community via websites etc.

The Parish Council thought that this was no longer required as the website was now up to date with current information thanks to the work of Denise Maughan.

86/23 Future Meeting Dates:

Date	Time	Venue	Primary Purpose
15 <sup>th</sup> November	7:00pm	Village Church	Full Council Meeting