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**Minutes of the Parish Council- Annual Parish Council Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Cllr Horton- Chair, Cllr Craig-Vice Chair, Cllr de Ledesma, Cllr Doherty,  
Cllr Cushing, Cllr Clegg, Cllr Williams, Cllr Ahearn Cllr Bosley**

**The Public that attended: Gary Tabner, Bob Stevens, Caroline Casuala, Sarah Farquhar and Mark Williams.**

**7/21 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

No apologies or absences

**8/21 To receive and approve disclosable pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests from the Clerk. Local government act 1972 s117.**

None

**9/21 To receive and approve dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests from councillors.**

**(S33 of the Localism Act 2011).**

None

**10/21 To receive resolution to suspend standing orders to allow public question time.**

Approved and resolved.

Public question time.

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Cllr David Horton explained that the Village Hall trust had secured an option to purchase land known as Marelands for a period of 3 years and the cost for that purchase would be £100,000.00 if the project went ahead. He also stated that a planning application was required to be submitted within 12 months. Therefore, a lot of work was needed. The next step in the plan was to formulate some draft plans and call a village meeting for ideas and discussion.

Cllr David Williams asked if councillors would be able to receive a copy of the agreement to study. Cllr Penny Cushing said an executive summary would be easier for all to read as the contract would be long and complicated.

Cllr David Horton agreed that this would be available to all trustees and would be discussed further at a Village Hall Trust meeting.

Cllr David Horton then asked if the public had any questions.

Gary Tabner stated that it was good that progress had been made and was positive about the site. The issue that he had was the cost. He thought it would be sensible to draw up a basic plan and a budget to present to the village and ensure that affordability was the first priority. He thought that this should be done before involving architects.

Cllr David Craig stated that now we had the option in place the next step was to determine what the village wanted from a village hall. These demands need to be collected. He stated that the chosen architects would be given a brief to come up with some plans that were balanced by affordability. The budget would be determined and we would only pay in line with RIBA STAGES 1 and 2 only until a decision was made by the village about needs, costs and budgets. STAGES 3-6 would only be implemented if the decision was taken to proceed with an agreed plan and budget.

Gary Tabner thought this may end up with the project going around in circles if the village asked for so much. He thought that a budget based on build costs received from a quantity surveyor as a starting point was more practical. We could then go to the village with a budget that would impose more control on the choices made.

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Cllr David Craig agreed that it was a matter of debate and that if we involved an architect at this stage to draw up plans and associated costs this could be presented to the villagers for debate and they would be able to ask the architect detailed questions.

Gary Tabner reiterated that some parameters were required.

Cllr Tami Doherty asked if there was a specific email address for villagers' questions.

Cllr Andy Clegg said he had set this up – [villagehall@farringdonpc.org](mailto:villagehall@farringdonpc.org) and that we were receiving emails on the subject.

Mark Williams stated that he too had concerns on the design and cost of the project. He thought that a budget and some parameters should be put in place immediately. He also asked what effect the new hall would have on traffic flow on the A32 and asked that this was looked into and discussed with the village. He requested that noise and safety aspects were also debated. Mark also asked if the build was subject to a particular and therefore more expensive minimum requirement making it more expensive.

Cllr David Horton thanked him and stated that this would be incorporated and all villagers would be kept informed of all aspects of the project.

Cllr David Williams stated that the village hall project was run by the Trust a charity and not the Parish Council.

Cllr David Horton stated that the trust would choose which architect was chosen.

Cllr David Craig confirmed that all architects approached had experience of village hall projects.

**Public question time ended.**

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**11/21 To receive resolution to resume standing orders.**

Resolved and approved.

**12/21 Proposal by Councillor Penny Cushing that the Chair, Councillor David Horton and the Vice Chair, David Craig are re-elected in their roles for a further year.**

For - David Horton, David Craig, David Williams, Alison De Ledesma, Andy Clegg, Penny Cushing, Rob Ahearn, Peter Bosely.

Against – Tami Doherty

Cllr David Horton and Cllr David Craig were therefore re-elected.

**13/21 To approve the minutes of the full council meeting from 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 a copy of which has been circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting.**

Resolved and approved

**14/21 Matters arising from previous meetings, for information only, including but not limited to.**

### **Speed awareness and CANS update.**

Cllr Andy Clegg reported that the latest data download showed the following:

The average speed on the A32 was 31.3mph

15% of vehicles speeds were in excess of 39mph

17 vehicles were in excess of 70mph

6 vehicles were in excess of 80mph

The data was shared with Hampshire Police.

They have plans to install average speed cameras on the whole of the A32.

Cllr Andy Clegg also discussed noise levels with the police.

CANS are now more active especially since the Loomies Planning application was submitted.

Cllr Alison De Ledesma asked if the sensors will be recording on the local motorcycle open day.

Cllr Andy Clegg confirmed that they will and he will report back of the statistics.

Cllr David Williams suggested that the PC look at new sensors that show actual speeds.

Cllr Andy Clegg stated that he would investigate the costs and add this to the next agenda.

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### **Village Hall Update**

This was brought forward to be discussed with the public during question time.

### **Parsonage Close Garden project update**

Cllr Alison De Ledesma confirmed that the new garden was now officially called  
“The Farringdon Village Garden”

She stated that there were 6 committed volunteers.

She stated that the oncoming Saturday was publicised to be a donation of plants day.

All stage one projects were completed or on course to be completed shortly.

The next stage was to decide on the trees to be purchased and when they should be planted.

Cllr Alison De Ledesma thank ed everyone who had helped and showed amazing enthusiasm.

Cllr David Horton thanked Alison for her hard work on behalf of the council.

### **Road infrastructure projects**

The clerk confirmed that Hampshire County Council were now responding and that he had asked for a list of approved contractors that could be approached to obtain two more quotes for Crows Lane. He also confirmed that he had chased the council to confirm whether the CIF grant would be forthcoming for the Lych Gate track.

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### **CFI road markings and proposed sign for Woodside Lane.**

Cllr David Horton reported that he had received proposed road marking plans from Hampshire County Council which would be completed once agreed after the new road surface was laid in September. He also confirmed that the new sign at the end of Woodside Lane had been confirmed and that we may have to pay £200.00 towards this subject to grants.

Cllr David Williams stated that there was already a sign in place. Cllr David Horton said this had been put in place by the industrial estate manager and would have to be removed.

Cllr David Horton asked the clerk to ask Joe Folland of Hampshire County Council to update us on the proposed new sign for Parsonage Close.

### **Cycle way update**

Cllr Rob Ahearn has arranged for a meeting with Mark Kemp-Gee out rural district councillor (After the recent elections) to discuss the cycle way and find out if we could receive any help and funds to use for this scheme. Cllr Rob Ahearn will report back at the next PC meeting.

### **Parish Council visibility update**

Cllr Penny Cushing confirmed that final proposals will be made at the next PC meeting.

### **Environmental Report**

Councillor David Williams gave an update and overview of problems as follows:

Using Fix My Street problems have been reported as follows:

Asbestos being dumped at side area of A32.

Gaston Lane tree branches in road.

Brightstone Lane kerb problems and numerous pot holes.

A32 drainage ditches still blocked.

Cllr David Williams stated that Hampshire County Council were now beginning to engage more and work was starting to happen. He encouraged all councillors and the public to continue to log all problems via Fix My Street.

Cllr Andy Clegg stated that Shirnall Meadow would be partially closed for drain clearing as the flooding of the area continues.

Cllr David Williams stated that flooding is still causing problems for Cruck Cottage but that he had spoken to Andy Wood (HCC roads) and they were aware that they need to solve this problem. Cllr Tami Doherty asked if the actual house had been flooded but Cllr David Williams stated that the flooding was coming up to a door and had not entered the house at present.

### **Returning to face-to-face Meetings**

The clerk confirmed that he will monitor the legislation and advice and will give advice as to when face to face meetings can resume and what health and safety measures will be required and what technical infrastructure will be required to allow public access. Cllr Andy Clegg agreed to look into solutions for the IT infrastructure.



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### **Spring Litter pick-up campaign**

Dawn Perry had previously volunteered to lead efforts to complete a spring litter pick with help from Hampshire County Council before restrictions. Cllr David Horton will contact Dawn to ask her if she is still willing to manage this project and offer her support with equipment etc.

### **15/21 To receive and approve payments of accounts.**

Date	Chq reference	Payee	Amount
23/04/2021	100101	Rural Design	£838.32
23/04/2021	100102	PJ Grace	£1296.00
25/04/2021	100103	Clerk Salary	£877.05
25/04/2021	100104	HMRC Paye	£99.09
26/04/2021	100105	Clerk Expenses	£73.14
27/04/2021	100106	Id Verde	£77.11
29/04/2021	100107	David Williams exp	£86.22
30/04/2021	100108	P Herman exp	£152.41
30/04/2021	100109	A de Ledesma exp	£92.16

**Approved and passed**

**16/21 To receive the bank statements to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

**Main Account #806**

Date	Detail	Debit	Credit	Balance
20/02/2021			Op/Bal	£120,313.24
03/03/2021	Chq 100094	£876.45		
15/03/2021	Chq 100095	£150.00		
22/03/2021	Chq 100097	£62.97		
26/03/2021	Chq 100100	£838.32		
30/03/2021	Chq 100096	£2362.00		
01/04/2021	Chq 100098	£1434.00		
06/04/2021	Chq 100099	£302.40		
13/04/2021	Ehdc		£17500.00	
20/04/2021			Cl/Bal	£131787.10

**Sub Account #822**

Date	Detail	Debit	Credit	Balance
20/02/2021			Op/Bal	£25053.10
20/03/2021	Interest		£0.19	
20/04/2021	Interest		£0.21	
20/04/2021			Cl/Bal	£25053.50

**Sub Account #814**

Date	Detail	Debit	Credit	Balance
20/02/2021			Op/Bal	£28554.53
20/03/2021	Interest		£0.22	
20/04/2021	Interest		£0.24	
20/02/2021			Cl/Bal	£28554.99

CLlr David Horton had verified bank statements prior to the meeting.

Approved and passed

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**17/21 Proposal by Councillor Tami Doherty that the parish council fund a new dual waste bin on the lay by of the A32.**

The proposal was debated and the principal agreed. Cllr Tami Doherty asked the clerk to obtain the cost to supply and fit a dual-purpose bin with a lid, and add the monthly emptying of the waste to the parish Councils idVerde account.

Cllr David Horton asked the clerk to contact the owner to obtain permission to install the bin.

A formal proposal can then be added to the next parish council agenda.

**18/21 Proposal by Councillor Andy Clegg that the parish council fund two new batteries for the speed sensors.**

The battery is the Strident GP12-34 battery which is about £90 inc. vat. Therefore, the agreed funding of £200.00 would be required.

Cllr Andy Clegg withdrew this proposal as previous discussions had brought up the idea of upgrading a device to a more advanced unit. Cllr Andy Clegg will therefore investigate this option and report back to the Parish Council.

19/21 Proposal by Councillor David Horton that the PC review the grant application forwarded by Farringdon Horticultural Society and decide whether to grant funding of up to £500.00 (grant application forwarded to all councillors prior to this meeting).

The Parish Councillors hotly debated whether the council should make a grant to the society.

There were strong views from each side of the debate.

A vote was taken and the result was as follows:

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Cllr David Horton, Cllr David Williams, Cllr Alison De Ledesma , Cllr Andy Clegg and Cllr Tami Doherty voted in favour .

Cllr Peter Bosley, Cllr David Craig, Cllr Penny Cushing, Cllr Rob Ahearn voted against.

Therefore, the proposal was passed. The grant will be for the amount claimed £300.00

## **20/21 Planning Applications**

[Eucalyptus \(T1\) - Crown lift the eastern side of the canopy, up to approx 10 metres where the canopy overhangs the garden of Rose Cottage. \(As shown within the red box drawn on the submitted photo\). - Churchers Church Road Upper Farringdon Alton Hampshire GU34 3EG](#)  
Ref. No: SDNP/21/01496/TCA | Received date: Tue 16 Mar 2021 | Status: Pending Decision | Case Type: Planning Application

## **No Objections**

[Garden outbuilding and carport following demolition of existing garage - Angerton Church Road Upper Farringdon Alton GU34 3EG](#)  
Ref. No: SDNP/21/01983/HOUS | Received date: Fri 09 Apr 2021 | Status: Pending Consideration | Case Type: Planning Application

**No objections but the Parish Council would request that the lean two is in proportion to the size of the house.**

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[Listed building consent - Garden outbuilding and carport following demolition of existing garage - Angerton Church Road Upper Farringdon Alton GU34 3EG](#)

Ref. No: SDNP/21/01984/LIS | Received date: Fri 09 Apr 2021 | Status: Pending Consideration |  
Case Type: Planning Application

**As above**

SDNP/21/02090/TCA

Location: Cobbles the Street Upper Farringdon Alton GU34 3DT Proposal: Eucalyptus Tree - Fell.  
Cherry Tree - Fell. Cornus - Crown reduction from height of 10 metres to 5 metres and spread  
from 7 metres to 5 metres.

**No objections**

**Future meeting dates and how the meetings will be held to include providing public and  
press access will be published on the parish council website [www.farringdonpc.org](http://www.farringdonpc.org)**