

Farnham Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Farnham Parish Council Meeting

held in the Museum Inn on

Monday 5th December 2016 at 7:30pm

Present: Chair Penny Everard (PE), Vice Chair Gail Sadd (GS), Cllr Roy Bartlett (RB), Cllr Tracey Hartles (TH), Cllr Ned Miller (NM) and Parish Clerk Sara-Jane Newenham (SJN)

In Attendance: No members of the public were present.

Public Questions: None

16/12/01 Apologies for absence: : Cllr Vicky Forbes (VF)

16/12/02 Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensation: None

16/12/03 Minutes of Meeting held on the 3rd October 2016: signed by Chair PE, proposed by GS and seconded by TH.

16/12/04 To consider any matters arising from the minutes:

- PE met with Ruth Mason; it has been agreed that FPC continue to monitor the condition of the well to ensure it is safe; although the Rushmore Estate is ultimately responsible for the safety of the building.

16/12/05 DAPTC feedback from AGM: PE attended the AGM meeting on Saturday 5th November 2016 and reported back to the council.

16/12/06 Rushmore Estate Feedback: PE and SJN were invited for a tour of the Rushmore Estate and to hear of the plans the estate have for the future. We had an informative visit and viewed a number of outbuildings which are being rented out to small and very successful businesses. The Lamer Tree is frequently used as an idyllic wedding venue and one possible future development might be the addition of eco lodges in the walled garden. Rushmore hope that this meeting between the estate and the adjacent parishes will be an annual event.

16/12/07 Dog Fouling: NM requested a discussion regarding dog fouling as he has had complaints from several people in the village, who have been affected by the unacceptable behaviour of a few dog walkers who have dumped soiled bags in gateways, drives or next to a footpath. GS also added that some of the dogs fouling notices around the village have been removed. FPC discussed providing more dog waste bins but of course this has a cost implication and as most dog walkers in the village are considerate and do not behave in this way, it was decided instead to send a letter to all dog owners in the village and to the Museum Inn requesting everyone uses the waste bin by the playground or takes away their dog waste.

16/12/08 Adopting the village telephone kiosk: SJN reported that notice had been given for the removal of the telephone kiosk. GS suggested the village should adopt the kiosk and use it as a book exchange

for the benefit of everyone in the village. The cost of adopting the telephone box is surprisingly just £1. SJN has formally requested for FPC to adopt the kiosk and has applied to NDDC for permission for change of use.

16/12/09 Playground-Tenancy Agreement: PE contacted Jon Jones regarding the new tenancy agreement; ongoing.

16/12/010 Grounds maintenance: RB went through the three quotes he has received for the grounds maintenance contract. These were then discussed by FPC who decided to offer a one year contract to Langers and Sons. Proposed NM seconded TH.

16/12/011 Tree planning Applications: SJN thanked councillors for their views regarding these applications. FPC agreed to the crown lift requested by 'The Stables' and asked for the tree in 'The Beeches' to be reduced in size if at all possible, if not then we agreed for it to be removed.

16/12/012 Planning Application: PE reported the second planning application for 'Elham House' has been passed. Now waiting for the decision on the appeal for the first planning application.

16/12/013 Environmental Agency Ground Water Flood Warning Service: PE will send photographs as requested to this scheme.

16/12/014 Draft Budget for 2017-2018: FPC discussed the proposed budget expenditure for next year which had been prepared by the sub-committee and it was decided that it would be necessary to put up the precept to £4,000. Motion carried.

16/12/015 To consider any matters arising from recent correspondence:

- Tim Butchart wrote to FPC querying whether we knew of plans by Tollard Royal to apply for a height and width restriction on vehicles driving through their village. PE was aware and contacted Rolly Skeats (Dorset highways) who assured her that he would keep FPC informed of any developments.
- A villager fell on one of the footpaths because of protruding tree roots. FPC thanked GS who has cleared some of the roots and been in contact with the villager.
- FPC agreed that GS contact Royal Mail to request the repositioning of the village post box to a more convenient and accessible location: by the telephone kiosk in front of the playground.

The next meeting will be **Monday 13th February 2016**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:10pm.

Signed.....

Chairman.....

Date.....