

Members of the Parish Council – Parish Council Full Meeting

Cllr Clegg-Vice Chair, Cllr Maughan, Cllr Williams

Cllr Bosley, Cllr Causton, Cllr Gilchrist, Cllr Prynne and Cllr Doherty.

The meeting was also attended by the following members of the public

Penny Cushing, Sue McGrory and Leo Buckley

Minutes for the meeting held on

Tuesday 9th January 2024 commencing at 7:00pm

All Saints Church, Church Rd, Upper Farringdon, GU34 3EG

Agenda

117/23 To nominate and then elect a new chair for the parish council.

If there is more than one nominee, the councillors will vote for a preferred candidate

Denise Maughan was nominated by Peter Bosley and seconded by Andy Clegg.

Denise was elected unanimously by the Parish Council.

118/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

No apologies

119/23 To receive and approve disclosable pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests from the Clerk. Local government act 1972 s117

None

120/23 To receive and approve dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests from councillors. (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)

None

121/23 To receive resolution to suspend standing orders to allow public question time.
Resolved.

Public questions: Sue McGrory commented on the planned expansion of Farnborough Airport and the effect of increased air traffic on the village and surrounding areas.

The PC posted information on this before Christmas.

The Chair supported by all councillors agreed to contact Rushmoor Council to confirm that the Parish Council were against the expansion. The PC also encouraged all residents objecting to the expansion to write to Rushmoor Council.

Andy Clegg asked for any public opinions for the A32 proposals 126/23 and 127/23.

Penny Cushing commented that the proposals were a waste of money, and she was not happy about them.

Sue McGrory also asked if the refuse collection problems experienced by residents in Gaston and Hall Lane had been addressed. Denise Maughan confirmed that complaints had been made and that this should not happen again.

Leo Buckley asked about updates on the Village Hall, and Andy Clegg confirmed that the latest news was available on the VHT and Parish Council websites, and there was no news to add.

122/23 To receive resolution to resume standing orders.

Resumed.

123/23 To approve the minutes of the of 15th November 2023 (copy circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting).

Approved unanimously

124/23 Matters Arising for discussion including information from previous meetings, but not limited to:

* Sweeping the village/road clearing in general

Marianne Prynne commented that she was not aware of any road sweeping in the village being carried out. David Williams confirmed that the A32 and some roads leading from it were being swept. The Clerk confirmed that due to budgets only main roads were being swept. The PC would encourage residents to log complaints on the subject with HCC.

* Update on Shirnall Hill entrance flooding

The main drain had now been cleared and once David Williams has cleared leaves over drains, they had drained away. The Clerk has asked that a maintenance plan is put in place to clear them regularly and is waiting for confirmation from HCC that they have been added to the schedule.

* Update for new speed device licence for Shirnall Hill

The HCC department have confirmed that a new licence is not required but they will have to approve the location before amending the licence for 3 devices. The Clerk has sent photographs of the proposed site and exact location. Once approval is given a new device will be purchased and installed.

* Update on new speed recording devices and new licence requirements

A new licence has been signed and the units will be installed as soon as the posts are ready. The devices will then be monitored by the Police.

* Update on Farrington Playground Charity

The Charity are experiencing problems with changes to bank mandates that are now required but hopefully this will be resolved shortly.

* Update on Shirnall playground repairs and maintenance

The equipment repairs and surface repairs are now completed the next step is to re-paint some of the equipment in the spring. Pricing for this is being requested. The surface will also be cleaned in the spring.

* Review of the village signage alterations and additions in Farrington

David Williams and Marianne Prynne update for the existing village signs as per proposal 129/23.

* Identify & contact with farmer in Newton Valence re managing the hedge for visibility of left-hand bend sign east of Ivy Cottage on Hall Lane

David Williams has cleared the obstruction to the sign and the farmer has now cut the hedge.

Thanks to David Williams.

* Village Flood Plan, with discussion to include the plan, the role of the PC within a flood event, sandbags, and communication to include a flood WhatsApp group.

Denise Maughan has issued a draft flood plan aimed at providing information for residents and contact information. The Parish council is required to approve the plan, but it cannot take responsibility for residents' safety. The plan is for guidance and support only. The draft plan was discussed, and the councillors were asked to comment before the next full parish meeting in order that it could be approved and published after this meeting.

Due to recent flash flooding of properties in Upper Farringdon it was imperative that all types of flooding were included in the final plan.

Different communication needs and funding of any aid were also discussed.

* Lych Gate planning

The Clerk confirmed that the PCC were now applying for planning and that this application would be supported by our local councillors.

* Wi-fi update

Steve Doherty confirmed that the PCC were now making a decision on whether infrastructure would be installed in the church for Wi-fi use.

* Speed checks by Hampshire Police on A32

The PC have no control on when or where the Police carry out speed checks. The Clerk liaises with them and they do carry out checks. The new monitoring devices will provide clearer evidence of problems.

* Community Infrastructure Levy – clawback of funds

The PC confirmed to the Clerk that they would like to ask for an extension period to use the CIL money as Hampshire County Council had delayed work on the Lych Gate by altering the permission required i.e. Planning application.

125/23 To Receive the bank statements to 20th December 2023.

Main Account #806

| Date | Detail | Debit | Credit | Balance |
|------------|---|----------|--------|------------|
| 20/10/2023 | Opening Balance | | | £127653.81 |
| 27/10/2023 | Chq 100306 BDO Auditor fee | £378.00 | | |
| 02/11/2023 | Chq 100305 Wettone Matthews payroll | £174.00 | | |
| 08/11/2023 | Chq 100304 Clerks Salary | £944.77 | | |
| 08/11/2023 | Chq100309 HCC kerb licence | £175.00 | | |
| 09/11/2023 | Chq 100307 W Collingborn Painting | £155.00 | | |
| 10/11/2023 | Bank Charges | £9.40 | | |
| 16/11/2023 | Chq 100308 All Saints PCC | £30.00 | | |
| 20/11/2023 | NEST pension | £136.56 | | |
| 21/11/223 | Chq 100302 Poppy Appeal Wreath | £50.00 | | |
| 04/12/2023 | Chq 100314 D Maughan Expenses wood for rose beds | £44.58 | | |
| 05/12/2023 | Chq 100315 Clerks Salary inc. Pay award back date | £1552.72 | | |
| 06/12/2023 | Chq 100311 PJ Grace Annual Cutting Fee | £4593.60 | | |
| 06/12/2023 | Chq 100316 All Saints PCC | £60.00 | | |
| 11/12/2023 | Bank Charges | £7.40 | | |
| 12/12/2023 | Chq 100312 | £367.90 | | |

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| | Id Verde Waste | | | |
| 14/12/2023 | Chq 100313 AVA playground inspection | £187.50 | | |
| 18/12/2023 | Chq 100310 Community Heartbeat annual fee. | £120.00 | | |
| 20/12/2023 | Closing Balance | | | £118667.38 |

Sub Account #822

| Date | Detail | Debit | Credit | Balance |
|------------|-----------------|-------|--------|-----------|
| 20/10/2023 | Opening balance | | | £25403.87 |
| 20/11/2023 | Interest | | £41.86 | |
| 20/12/2023 | Interest | | £40.57 | |
| 20/12/2023 | Closing Balance | | | £25486.30 |

Sub Account #814

| Date | Detail | Debit | Credit | Balance |
|------------|-----------------|-------|--------|-----------|
| 20/10/2023 | Opening Balance | | | £28954.30 |
| 20/11/2023 | Interest | | £47.71 | |
| 20/12/2023 | Interest | | £46.24 | |
| 20/12/2023 | Closing Balance | | | £29048.25 |

Approved unanimously

126/23 Proposal by Denise Maughan that a maximum budget amount of £22,000.00 is agreed for expenditure to improve the safety of the A32 and minimize speeding issues. This would cover entrance gates and signage for both ends of the A32, road markings and signage as per the A32 CFI document (from Joe Folland HCC and circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting). This would exclude the S.I.D (smiley speed devices).

The proposal was not seconded and was therefore rejected.

127/23 Proposal by Andy Clegg (Public invited to give their comments on the proposal during public question time).

The council propose investing in the following enhancements to the A32. Each of the following improvements will be voted on (see separately shared costings and plans circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting).

The maximum total budget for all the items below would be £22 K.

- Replace Green "Farringdon" village entry signs with new simple white signs.
- Install new village entry gates
- Paint 5x "Slow" markings on the carriageway
- Paint 12x "30" markings on the carriageway
- Install a new 100m centre line between New Road and Marelands
- Install new signage along A32

Andy Clegg explained each line and cost of the proposal. The Councillors were then asked to give their individual views:

Anthony Causton- Suggested that the new speed monitoring devices are installed, and the information studied before any further decisions are taken. Anthony suggested that the pedestrian signs were installed as soon as possible.

Delia Gilchrist- Too many signs and road markings in the plans and proposed crossroad signs she thought were not needed. Delia suggested that the new devices were installed first before any decisions were made.

David Williams - Agreed that the new devices should be fitted first and in his opinion replacing the green village signs was not cost effective as they were not that old. David

also commented that if the village hall was built all the markings etc. May need to be replaced or altered again.

Marianne Prynne- Commented that she was not happy with the visual appearance of the current green village signs. Marianne agreed that the PC should wait to see the results of the new devices before proceeding with any changes and that she was not happy with the proposed signs etc. And felt they would be unwelcoming.

Steve Doherty- Steve agreed that the PC should wait for results. Steve had calculated that a driver under this proposal would see 8 speed signs in 12 seconds on the A32 and this would reduce any speed reduction response.

Denise Maughan- Denise asked that the pedestrian signs were required immediately along the A32 for safety reasons, and this would also allow the new speed devices to be installed.

Peter Bosley- Commented that it would make the A32 totally cluttered, and he wished to wait for the data before making any decisions.

Andy Clegg- Proposed that the pedestrian signs were installed immediately and that the new speed devices could also be installed.

This was seconded by Denise Maughan and agreed on unanimously.

128/23 Proposal by Anthony Causton that a maximum budget of £800.00 (ex. Vat) is agreed for the new hedging required for the Village Garden.

Seconded by Peter Bosley and agreed unanimously.

129/23 Proposal by David Williams to authorise a maximum budget of £2500.00 (ex.Vat) for the new village (this excludes the A32 signage proposal scope of works).

Details of the proposed new signs and changes were circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting.

David Williams gave a detailed report of the changes that he and Marianne had been working on. They both felt that the details received back from HCC were not adequate

and councillors asked them to clarify some information and also to investigate the use of some heritage signs in the village that would be more in keeping.

David and Marianne agreed to do this and bring an updated proposal to the next meeting.

130/23 Environmental Report – Cllr David Williams

David Williams reported on areas that required maintenance or repair in the village and confirmed that he had reported all the problems with HCC via the website and encouraged all residents to do the same.

Specific problems such as the roads works signs and items that have been left around the village have also been reported.

131/23 Future Meeting Dates:

| Date | Time | Venue | Primary Purpose |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 12 th March 2024 | 7:00pm | All Saints Church | Full Council Meeting |
| 14 th May 2024 | 7:00pm | All Saints Church | Annual Council Meeting |
| 9 th July 2024 | 7:00pm | All Saints Church | Full Council Meeting |
| 10 th September 2024 | 7:00pm | All Saints Church | Full Council Meeting |
| 12 th November 2024 | 7:00pm | All Saints Church | Full Council Meeting |