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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNHAM ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.30 P.M. IN FARNHAM ROYAL VILLAGE HALL

Present

Mr. Trevor Clapp (Chairman)	Mr. Bob Milne
Mr. Paul Rowley	Mrs. Judy Tipping
Mr. Richard Thomas	Mrs. Vicky Thompson
Mr. Roger Home	Mrs. Marilyn Rolfe
Mrs. Hilda Holder – Clerk	

Fifteen members of the public including County Councillor Ralph Bagge and District Councillors Dev Dhillon and Marlene Lewis.

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.30pm. The meeting was adjourned for OPEN FORUM noted at the end of these minutes. The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

17/110/PC Apologies for absence

Mr. John Hodges, Mr. Bill Baker, Mr. Clive Robinson, County Councillor Lin Hazell and District Councillor David Anthony.

17/111/PC Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October 2017

These were **approved** and signed by the Chairman.

17/112/PC Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

There were none.

17/113/PC To approve planting poppies in the Parish

Mrs. Leicester – Crow reported she had met with our contractor and agreed a scheme of sowing the poppies. She noted that the planting ceremony would take place on 9th December. She was asked to move that date to a later date so as not to clash with the Carols on the Green event.

17/114/PC To agree extra annual cut backs on footpath 19 (from Home Meadow to Park Road) and Bridleway 9 (Park Road to Church Road)

The Clerk reported that complaints were regularly received at the start and end of the growing season about the overgrowing vegetation and nettles along these key paths leading to the school in Farnham Royal. Our contractor had advised that two extra cuts per path per year would keep the vegetation at bay. He quoted a total of £200pa to undertake the extra cuts. **It was agreed** to approve two further cuts per path per annum on these two footpaths going forward.

17/115/PC To consider next steps in the re-design of Kingsway Green

It was agreed that Mr. Bill Baker would lead this project going forward. The Chairman noted that quotes needed to be obtained from local landscape artists and perhaps Mr. Whiting could be involved in finalizing the design brief. He mentioned that the poppies should be factored in as well.

17/116/PC To consider and approve the draft Parish Plan and next steps

The Chairman noted that a final version of the Parish Plan had been circulated and the next step was how to present it to the Parish. He felt the best way forward was to ask Lucid for a proposal to bring back to Council. He felt a stand alone document was best for insertion into the parish magazine with spare copies for wider use. Mrs. Tipping wished to have it noted she did not think the correct questions had been asked in the questionnaire. The Chairman said every stage of the process had involved parishioners and the Council and there was no going back to the beginning now. The aim would be to launch the document at the Annual Parish Meeting in early March 2018. **It was agreed** to ask Lucid for a proposal for designing and producing the Parish Plan final document.

17/117/PC To agree steps to help resolve parking issues in the Broadway

117.1 Mr. Milne said by way of background that the Parish Council had agreed match funding with BCC to remove the double yellow lines outside Sainsburys but BCC's surveyors had then said they would only support removing half (about 10 metres) of the double yellow lines and would require two areas of dropped kerbs to be raised.

117.2 Mr. Milne recommended and, following debate as to safety, **it was agreed** that the Parish Council would agree to fund one half of the following works. Namely the removal of 10 metres of lines and for one of the dropped kerbs – being the one nearest the removed lines - to be raised or fitted with bollards, and railings be placed along the remaining 10 metres which was still subject to having the lines. Bollard along this latter bit would serve no purpose.

17/118/PC To support the need for a tarmac footway to be installed between Scotlands Drive and Southmead surgery on Blackpond Lane

This item was requested by Mr. Baker and was deferred in his absence to the next meeting.

17/119/PC Finance

119.1 Payments as per the cashbook circulated prior to the meeting were **approved** for payment. Receipts were noted as per the cashbook.

119.2 **It was agreed** that should any of the 26 trees identified by the arboriculturalist as being of value to the community come under threat, the Clerk would be authorized to apply for TPO/s on them without further approval by Council being required. The Clerk was asked to write annually to SBDC to remind them about the importance of these trees.

119.3 The Chairman reported that further work on forecasting was necessary and so setting the precept would be deferred to the January meeting. He asked all councillors

to give thought to and flag up any items of potential expenditure they would like considered in the foreseeable future.

17/120/PC Planning

120.1 Planning comments submitted since the last meeting were **approved**.

120.2 Planning decisions were noted.

120.3 The Chairman reported that - on behalf of the Council - he and the Clerk had met with a developer who wanted to start talking to us about their proposals to substantially develop green belt land south of Elm Close opposite Old Beaconsfield Road. This would have a significant impact on the parish. Given that the Green Belt review is about to be restarted and having regard to central government building targets he believed that something might 'give' and he would prefer to see the Parish Council being more in the driving seat if that happened. He recommended that a parish meeting to inform residents of the proposals might be the best way forward to get a clear steer from parishioners and avoid criticism that we are not being active. Mrs. Thompson found it hard to reconcile that approach with the mandate to protect the Green Belt which the Council seemed to have received in the Parish Plan process. **It was agreed** to proceed to try and arrange a parish meeting with the developers present and to cover the cost of the hall and promotion of the meeting.

120.4 The Chairman noted that a volunteer had come forward to be on a team to progress this and Mrs. Rolfe confirmed her wish to be on the team to consider progressing with a neighbourhood plan.

17/121/PC Any Other Business

121.1 Mr. Milne requested that our policy on signage be on the next agenda for review.

121.2 The Clerk noted that the Christmas get together would be on 20th December at 12pm. All councillors welcome.

121.3 Mrs. Tipping was concerned that some of the yellow lines in Victoria Road needed re-marking. The Clerk would write to BCC about this.

121.4 Mrs. Rolfe said she, Mrs. Tipping and Mr. Robinson had met on the issue of traffic problems around Beeches Road Green lane and the Kingsway. Mr. Robinson would be drafting a document when he is better.

121.5 Mrs. Thompson noted that a lamppost in Langtons Meadow was still out and the old stump was still there. The Clerk said she was waiting for SSE to re-connect the new post but wasn't sure why the stump hadn't been removed – she would follow up.

121.6 The Chairman asked if the Clerk could arrange for the removal of the fallen tree near FCSC entrance and try and clarify ownership of that land.

17/122/PC Next meeting

The meeting closed at 9pm. The next meeting would be on Monday 22nd January 2018 at 7.30pm at Farnham Common Village Hall.

NOTES from the public open forum of the meeting

Cllr. Dev Dhillon reported that he had attended a meeting with the Chief Constable of police at SBDC who admitted that in respect of dealing with travellers there had been big communication problems. To remedy this he intended to set up a group with specific responsibility for travellers to overcome these issues.

Cllr. Dhillon added that in his opinion the best solution for preventing travellers getting on to the field in Blackpond Lane again was for the owners to dig a ditch on their land.

Cllr. Marlene Lewis reported that SBDC had successfully pursued a fly tipping case in Hedgerley and were allowing free parking on 9th and 16th December.

Mr. Ron Whiting said he had asked for an agenda item relating to an earth bund in Blackpond Lane to prevent travellers gaining access to the adjoining field again but he now wished to withdraw the item. He and his neighbours had met with the field owner's agent who was taking steps to better secure the gate. The field owner was against having an earth bund.

He added that he remained willing to help with the project to improve Kingsway Green.

Charles Mitchell said he lived near Elm Close and would be willing to lead a campaign against any development of land south of Elm Close.

This concludes the meeting.