

Information for the Parish Council Meeting on 26 May 2020

3 Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere on the agenda - for information only)

3.1 Update on the flower verge pilot

Our contractor has confirmed that the seeds have been sown with the exception of yellow rattle.

3.2 Update of Kingsway Green flowerbeds

Our contractor topped up the flowerbeds with top soil and as agreed over email, has sown their recommended wild flower mix which will require minimal maintenance and watering.

3.3 Update on Covid19 community efforts

A verbal report will be given at the meeting.

3.4 Update from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group ("SG")

The Chairman of the SG has provided the following update:

The SG was in the process of preparing a survey of all parish residents, to help determine the issues to be dealt with in the Neighbourhood Plan and guide the development of suitable policies, when the Coronavirus lockdown was announced, and indeed members of the SG suffered from the virus. The uncertainty caused has meant that a date could not be set for the survey to be carried out, and the lockdown itself has hindered completion of the design and planning of the survey content.

In the meantime the Chiltern and South Bucks Local Plan Examination opened on 17 March, and hearings were then immediately postponed, with the only submissions being placed before the Inspectors, being in relation to Matter no 1...the issue of whether, in preparing the draft plan, proper attention and action had been taken in respect of the legal Duty to Cooperate (DTC) with neighbouring authorities. Having received written submissions and rebuttals from the various affected Authorities and interested third parties, the Inspectors have indicated in letters to the South Bucks and Chiltern Authorities, now of course subsumed into the new Buckinghamshire Council, that they consider that duty has not been met in respect of the relationship with the future housing requirements of Slough BC. They consider it highly likely that this defect cannot be rectified after publication of the draft Plan, and that it may have to be withdrawn. The promoting Councils have been asked to respond to the Inspectors' letter.

The development of the Neighbourhood Plan has a very direct relationship to the content of the draft Local Plan, which the SG had expected to be substantively approved in the coming year. As this issue only became evident in early May, it is not yet known how and to what extent it will affect future progress, but the impact could be very substantial. The SG will consider the matter further when it is able to meet next, and more is known of the Buckinghamshire Council's response to the Inspectors.

4 To review Chairman and Vice Chairman roles and memberships of the Finance Committee and Working Groups and appointments to Outside Bodies

Usually these matters are considered at the annual meeting. Due to Covid19, however, this year's annual meeting was cancelled. Guidance states that appointments continue until the next annual meeting or until such time as a parish council may determine. Details of current roles, memberships and appointments are provided below:

Roles

Chairman – Mr. Rowley

Vice Chairman – Mr. Milne

Committees

Finance Committee – Mr. Hodges, Mr. Milne, Mr. Rowley and Mrs. Rolfe.

Working Groups

Open Spaces - Mr. Milne, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Home, Mr. P Rowley and Mr. Frater

Kingsway Green, The Broadway and Village Flowers – Mrs. Rolfe, Mrs. Tipping, Mr. Rowley and Mr. Milne

Planning – Mrs. Rolfe, Mrs. Tipping, Mr. Rowley and Mr. Milne

Playgrounds – Mr. Rowley, Mr. Milne, Mr. Home, Mrs. Rolfe, Mrs. Tipping, Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Reid

Steering Groups

Neighbourhood Plan - Mr. Rudd, Mr. Houdret, Mr. Norvill, Mr. Banks, Mrs. Simms, Mr. Stagg and Mr Harrison

Outside Bodies

Farnham Royal Charities - Mr. Hodges and Mrs. Rolfe

Local Area Forum – Mrs. Rolfe and Ms. Jebson

Farnham Common Sports Club – Mr. Rowley and Mrs. Tipping

Farnhams Magazine - Mr. Home and Mr. Rowley

Burnham Beeches Consultative Group – Mrs. Tipping and Ms. Jebson

Rights of Way Liaison Group – Mr. Milne and Mr. Home

South Bucks Association of Local Councils – Mr. Rowley, Mr. Milne and Ms. Jebson

East Burnham Gravel Liaison Group – Mrs. Tipping

Bank Signatories

Mr. Hodges, Mr. Rowley, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Milne

Signage Manager

Vacancy

5 To appoint Peter Cathcart and John Hodges as Nominative Trustees of the Farnham Royal Relief in Sickness Charities and the Farnham Royal Relief in Need Charity

According to the constitution of the Charities, the appointment of the Nominative Trustees is a

matter for the Parish Council to decide. Mr. Cathcart and Mr. Hodges have held these roles for a number of years and their terms have come to an end. They have both confirmed that they would like to remain as Trustees and are therefore seeking re-appointment.

6 To agree meeting dates and times for parish council meetings and committee meetings for 2021

The following dates are proposed:

13 January Finance Committee	Parish Council Office	10.00am
25 January Full Council	Farnham Common Village Hall	7.30pm
22 February Full Council	Farnham Royal Village Hall	7.30pm
29 March Full Council	Farnham Common Village Hall	7.30pm
21 April Finance Committee	Parish Council Office	10.00am
26 April Full Council	Farnham Royal Village Hall	7.30pm
17 May Annual Meeting	Farnham Common Village Hall	6.30pm
17 May Annual Parish Meeting	Farnham Common Village Hall	8.00pm
16 June Finance Committee	Parish Council Office	10.00am
28 June Full Council	Farnham Royal Village Hall	7.30pm
14 July Finance Committee	Parish Council Office	10.00am
26 July Full Council	Farnham Common Village Hall	7.30pm
27 September Full Council	Farnham Royal Village Hall	7.30pm
20 October Finance Committee	Parish Council Office	10.00am
25 October Full Council	Farnham Common Village Hall	7.30pm
29 November Full Council	Farnham Royal Village Hall	7.30pm

7 Open Spaces:

7.1 To consider request for a memorial bench

As previously advised by email, the Clerk received a request from the family of Ray Clements for a memorial bench. It is suggested that a bench in Temple Dell should be considered.

7.2 To consider email received from resident regarding heavy goods vehicles using the A355

The email received from a resident will be forwarded to councillors separately.

8 Finance:

8.1 To approve payments and note receipts, as per the cashbook

The cashbook has been reviewed and approved by the Chairman of the Finance Committee and will be forwarded to councillors separately.

8.2 To consider the draft 2019/20 annual accounts

The draft accounts will be forwarded to councillors separately.

8.3 To review the asset register

The asset register will be forwarded to councillors separately.

8.4 To consider deferred payment arrangements if community groups and/or businesses are unable to settle parish council invoices due to the impact of Covid19.

This is a follow up discussion to a point raised at the last parish council meeting.

9 Planning:

9.1 To consider appeal for Gypsy site on Templewood Lane, Stoke Poges

An appeal has been lodged in respect of the refusal of the planning application submitted in respect of the above. The Parish Council's comment in respect of the initial application was:

PL/18/3787/OA - Land On The North Side Of Templewood Lane, Stoke Poges

The location is not identified on the Draft Chiltern and South Bucks Joint Local Plan 2036 as a potential site of this nature. It is also considered that the road is not suitable as it is not wide enough for turning large vehicles and trailers and access is almost on a bend and is opposite the junction with Duffield Lane. In addition, the location is in the green belt and is close to residential housing so the development would be detrimental to the privacy and amenity of neighbours.

9.2 To ratify comments submitted on recent applications

The schedule of comments submitted to the planning authority will be forwarded to councillors separately.

9.3 To note recent planning decisions

The schedule of planning authority decisions will be forwarded to councillors separately.