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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FARNHAM ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 26 JULY 2021 AT 7.30 P.M. AT FARNHAM COMMON VILLAGE HALL

Present

Marilyn Rolfe (Chair)
Bob Milne
Jennifer Quilter
Judith Hall (Clerk)

Seven members of the public, Judy Tipping, David Moore and County Cllr. Dev Dhillon

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

21/67/PC Apologies for absence

Paul Rowley, Richard Thomas and Clive Robinson

21/68/PC Declarations of Interest

None

21/69/PC To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 28 June 2021

Bob Milne advised that there was a typographic error on page four and page five. The minutes were **approved** and **it was agreed** that they would be signed by the Chair.

21/70/PC Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere on the agenda - for information only)

70.1 The Clerk advised that the village signs in Farnham Common and Farnham Royal had been repaired and installed on Kingsway Green and by the pump in Farnham Royal.

70.2 The Clerk advised that the commemorative bench kindly donated by the relatives of Ray Clements had now been ordered.

70.3 The Clerk advised that she had emailed all parish councillors with details of their parish council email addresses and brief instructions to assist them in accessing the accounts.

21/71/PC To consider co-option of new parish councillors

The Chair advised that the required vacancy notices were issued and Buckinghamshire Council had confirmed that the required notice period had expired so the Parish Council is able to consider the co-option of David Moore, Judy Tipping and Jigar Trivedi. Those present voted unanimously to co-opt these individuals so their appointment as parish councillors **was agreed**.

Jigar Trivedi had sent his apologies but David Moore and Judy Tipping then joined the other parish councillors at the front of the meeting.

21/72/PC To receive an update on the Buckinghamshire Council Informal Parking Review

Jenny Quilter advised that she and Paul Rowley had attended a virtual meeting with a Buckinghamshire Council Parking Officer and Cllr. Dhillon to discuss the results of the initial online consultation and determine what Buckinghamshire Council would now take to a formal consultation. It was reported that the proposals for new resident parking permits in several roads had been scrapped and would not be taken forward. The proposals for freeways around Burnham Beeches SAC and double yellow lines in Beeches Road, Kingsway and a section of Blackpond Lane would be included in the formal consultation but as a result of the responses received no action would be taken forward in respect of Green Lane. It had been agreed at the meeting with the Parking Officer that Cllr. Dhillon and the Parish Council would canvas residents of Green Lane for possible solutions to the issues experienced in that road. Following a discussion, the Chair thanked residents for taking the time to engage with the review.

21/73/PC To receive an update on the Beeches Community Board

73.1 The Clerk advised that the latest meeting of the Beeches Community Board was held on 30 June 2021 at which it was discussed that the total budget for 2021/22 was £277,000. It was also advised that the Board would have four action groups being, Improving the Environment, Supporting Economic Recovery, and Wellbeing each with a budget of £41,000 and Infrastructure & Highways with a budget of £49,000.

73.2 The Clerk advised that she had attended the first meeting of the Improving the Environment Action Group and various ideas had been discussed including, wildflower verges, water fountains to refill bottles, cycle racks, litter picking and living roofs on bus shelters and that the Rotary Club were putting together a programme to educate school children about micro plastics in our waterways.

73.3 The Clerk advised that the first meeting of the Supporting Economic Recovery Action Group had been cancelled due to poor numbers.

73.4 Bob Milne advised that he had also attended the latest Beeches Community Board meeting and that it would be a good idea for the residents of Fairfield Lane to attend and raise their issue at the next meeting in front of councillors and officers of Buckinghamshire Council. He advised that a number of issues were raised by councillors and residents at the latest meeting including poor broadband, the poor condition of footpaths and noise and air pollution from HGVs on the A355. It was discussed that the Community Board and Action Group meetings were likely to remain on MS Teams so the most amount of people can attend and that the agenda and link could be found on the Buckinghamshire Council website.

21/74/PC Finance:

74.1 To approve payments and note receipts, as per the cashbook
The payments and receipts, as per the cashbook, **were agreed.**

74.2 To consider amended Finance Regulations
The amended Finance Regulations **were agreed.**

74.3 To consider the Management Accounts to 30 June 2021

The Management Accounts and accompanying notes circulated prior to the meeting were discussed. Following the discussion, the management accounts **were agreed.**

21/75/PC Planning:

75.1 To ratify comments submitted on recent applications
The planning comments **were ratified.**

75.2 To note recent planning decisions
The planning decisions **were noted.**

75.3 The Chair reported that an appeal concerning a controversial planning application that had been refused for a site in Templewood Lane, Stoke Poges had been dismissed.

21/76/PC Any Other Business (for information only)

76.1 David Moore advised that the deadline for the Parish Patch article for the Farnhams Magazine was Thursday 29 July 2021. The Clerk confirmed she would prepare the article.

76.2 Judy Tipping expressed that the wild flowers in the flowerbeds on Kingsway Green looked pretty.

76.3 Judy Tipping advised that there was currently a lot of noise in Farnham Common as a result of building work. She had heard someone using a chainsaw on Saturday afternoon cutting down trees in Brockhurst Wood and suggested that the Clerk ask Richard Thomas to have a look at what had been done. The Clerk advised she would do this.

76.4 Judy Tipping advised that on Green Man Hill the pavement slopes towards the road which is dangerous for the lady who rides a motorised wheelchair between the villages.

21/77/PC Next meeting

The meeting closed at 8.40pm. The next meeting will be held on 27 September 2021 at 7.30pm at Farnham Royal Village Hall

OPEN FORUM

The Chairman invited issues from the public.

Philip Norvill, a resident, advised that the vast majority of the public present at the meeting were residents of Fairfield Lane, Farnham Royal. They wished to raise the proliferation of houses in multiple occupation in Fairfield Lane, which were all occupied by vulnerable adults and the issues now being faced. He advised that the residents present had approached various departments in Buckinghamshire Council for assistance without a satisfactory conclusion. He appreciated that the Parish Council has limited powers but he

appealed to the Parish Council for help and support. He noted that Joy Morrissey MP had been contacted. Following a discussion, Cllr. Dhillon advised that Joy Morrissey would be in Farnham Common for an unrelated meeting on 19 August 2021 and he would schedule an opportunity for residents to meet her to discuss the issue.

Patricia Keane, a resident, asked whether when a planning application is made the Parish Council receives a copy and submits standard comments. The Chair explained that the Parish Council has a planning working group and detailed the process the Group goes through for any application. Patricia Keane advised that she had been waiting six months for a decision and thanked Cllr. Dhillon for being very proactive and helping to push towards achieving a decision. Cllr. Dhillon advised that there are about 14 or 15 applications from the end of 2020 that are still outstanding and he has been advised that they will shortly be determined.

The Chairman asked County Cllr. Dhillon if he had any information or issues to share.

Cllr. Dhillon advised that the issues with payment to Buckinghamshire Council for garden waste bins had been resolved.

Cllr. Dhillon advised that extra funding had been made available to repaint lines on the road surface so if any needed repainting he asked to be made aware.

Cllr. Dhillon advised that funding was available from the Beeches Community Board for environmental projects such as additional litter bins, additional cycle racks and water fountains to refill bottles.

Cllr. Dhillon apologised that the meeting with Thames Water to discuss the flooding in Ingleglen and Beeches Road had been postponed from 28 July 2021 to 19 August 2021. He asked whether residents could provide photographs, preferably in colour, for the meeting.