

**Members of the Parish Council - Full Council Meeting**

**Cllr Horton – Chair Cllr Cushing Cllr Doherty**

**Cllr Craig – Vice Chair Cllr de Ledesma Cllr Clegg**

**Cllr Ahearn Cllr Bosley Cllr Williams**

**Minutes for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 held remotely via Zoom**

**98/20 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

**No absences**

**99/20 To receive and approve disclosable pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests from the clerk. Local government act 1972 S117**

**No Pecuniary or non- pecuniary interests**

**100/20 To receive and approve dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests from councillors. (s33 of the Localism Act 2011).**

**Councillor Rob Ahearn had an expenses form for authorisation pending in the agenda.**

**101/20 to receive resolution to resume standing orders to allow public question time.**

**Seconded and approved.**

**The Chair welcomed**

**Mark Westcott – Architectural Consultant and advisor to Chair**

**Peter and Kathy Barber- Resident**

**Cally Horton- Resident**

**Debbie Newton- Resident**

**Robert Stevens- Resident**

**Ongoing issues and concerns were given in regard to the Folly, and discussed with the public. The Chair outlined what the PC had done in regard to complaints and concerns about the new build houses and the neglect of the Folly and also health and safety issues.**

**Mark Westcott gave a detailed account of the handling of complaints and breaches of planning, and the process for the authorities to be in a position to take any action. He also explained that the developer would probably appeal any decision and may well reapply for planning to accommodate the changes he has made. The authorities will want to ensure that any notices served are “cast iron” to mitigate the developer’s chance to successfully appeal.**

**The Chair and Mark both urged residents to complain in writing themselves to the local district councillor's who are David Ashcroft and Ken Carter this would put more pressure on the authorities. David Williams had already contacted English Heritage who showed no interest in getting involved.**

**Mark on answering questions from the public stated that the Conservation Officer had failed in their duty to monitor the build and only acted late last year when pressure was applied.**

**Penny Cushing asked if a “stop notice” could be applied. Mark answered stating that could happen immediately if the the building control officer dealing with the construction on site (IRO structure, foundations, building stability etc) believed there to be a threat to public safety. He reiterated that this was a separate issue from the section 106 or the planning breaches.**

**Bob Stevens asked if we come under two planning authorities. Mark stated that the regularity authority was SDNP (using the services of EHDC) and they should be complained to.**

**Penny asked that all councillors thanked Father Christmas (Peter?) Debbie and Wayne for their help.**

**Mark Westcott left the meeting and was thanked for all his advice and help.**

**102/20 To receive resolution to resume standing orders.**

**Seconded and approved.**

**103/20 To approve the minutes of the full council meeting from 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

**Seconded and approved.**

**104/20 Matters arising from previous meetings, for information only, including but not limited to.**

**\*Speed awareness and CANS**

**Andy Clegg provided statistics that measured vehicles that had been speeding on the A32 and in the village. Cameras are now being relocated at intervals in line with legislation. Restrictions on the A31 were driving more traffic through the village. A CANS meeting scheduled with our local MP has been cancelled due to CV19 lockdown. It will be rescheduled in the future. The police speed van has been visiting regularly and sometimes an officer with a hand-held gun.**

**\*Bank Mandate**

**HSBC will be contacting both new signatories for ID checks next week. A second mandate form will need to be signed due to an address error. The clerk will arrange for this to be signed.**

**\*Parsonage Close replacement fencing**

**The contractor has confirmed that the work will be completed before March 2021.**

**\*New village mapping project update**

**Penny Cushing confirmed what work was still required to complete the project. She gave each councillor a section of the map to verify the information was correct and there were no omissions. It was important to ensure that local history and names were included on the final map. It was agreed that the final version of the map would be discussed with all councillors before printing. Final costs would then be discussed and confirmed by the parish council. It was agreed that the new maps would have a new separate page on the Farringdon Parish Council website. Tim Charrington has given his support and invaluable information towards the project and the council would like to thank him for his help. Andy Clegg asked if the intellectual property rights would be held by the council. Penny Cushing stated that she would confirm this. Tami Doherty agreed that footpaths and bridleways should be included in the map and this was confirmed.**

**\*CIL payments**

**The Clerk confirmed that a payment had now been received for the Crows Lane road improvement project. The clerk will discuss the type of product to be used for the project with David Craig and approach suitable companies to get three quotes to present to the council at the next full meeting. Start date of March 2021.**

**The Clerk confirmed that another CIL payment was authorised to be used for the Lych Gate track.**

**A further request for an infrastructure grant has been formally sent to HCC for further funds for this project using David Craig's plans and the section 278 costs.**

**\*Parsonage Close garden update.**

**David Horton gave an overview of the plan to build a new garden area. He stated that we needed someone to take on this project and to get a team of talented and interested people onboard. Alison de Ledesma stated that we have two different issues. The site needs to be developed as a garden and a referendum would be required to develop as a memorial garden. It was debated and decided that a leader and team could develop the garden first and tackle a memorial plaque at a later date. Alison agreed to push this forward and report back.**

**\*Road infrastructure update (see above)**

**\*Cycle way update.**

**Rob Ahearn gave an overview of the project and thanked people who had helped. Trying to get an agreement with farmer to use underpass to use old railway line to access Chawton and then Alton. It was thought that the old railway track belonged to a local farmer. Rob will investigate. Rob will also contact ( after ascertaining which one controls this land) to discuss available funds for the project. Andy Clegg asked if private landowners could be given funds for allowing public use. Rob will clarify this.**

**\*Recycling project update.**

**Tami Doherty gave an update and thought it best to push the project forward in the spring/summer months.**

**\*Parish Council visibility update**

**Tami Doherty gave an update, which included the help leaflet arranged by Rob Ahearn which was a great success. Dr Hugh Bethell now adding monthly health page and we would like a page for this to added to site. Tami will get this finalised. Farringdon Net will continue to update site with CV19 help information.**

**The WI have anniversary cook book and we could add a page to promote WI and recipes. Tami asked if we could change the front page. The clerk stated that the mapping project would be a good front page with details about the village. Penny will finish map project and write something for a new front page with Tami. Clerk happy to help when information is ready. One idea was for the front page was a map with walks to the pubs.**

**\*Update on Grass and Hedge Cutting Contractor.**

**The Clerk confirmed that he had received confirmation that PJ Grace had confirmed that they would continue with the contract for 3 years at a fixed annual price with no price increases at the 2020 rate.**

**\*Farringdon Community Response update.**

**The councillors discussed help that was available and being offered in the village and agreed that much was being done. The Parish Council will continue to update the website liaise with Farringdon. Net to put forward any information received from Hampshire County Council, East Hampshire District Council or the Government.**

**\*Farringdon. Net**

**The council would like to formally thank Nessie for her work and enthusiasm running the website which gives so much information to the village.**

**\*Potential for Flooding**

**David Williams updated the councillors with water level (7m below the surface at present) information and drainage area problems that he had reported to HCC. He thought levels were low enough that flooding would probably be avoided this year, but that ground water levels would continue to be monitored. He discussed the work of Prof. David Matthey who has designed a very informative website showing rainfall, water table and weather information.**

**The clerk will look for the emergency flood plan and distribute to see if it needs to be updated. Any ditches blocked have been reported to HCC. Tami Doherty asked to be included in any emails to HCC, about flooding.**

**\*Gate at footpath 12 and repairs.**

**David Williams reported that this was no longer an immediate problem. Broken parts have been removed with gates still intact. It will require future work and he suggested that the upper playground fencing be completed first.**

**\*Drains at Chase View and Shirnall Meadow road junction blocked.**

**David Williams stated that this was a reoccurring problem. Andy Clegg and David Williams had cleared the drains themselves but the problem returns with heavy downfalls. An image was sent to the clerk who agreed to formally complain to HCC. The problem has been logged with HCC but not action work has taken place. David Williams will draft the letter and pass to the clerk.**

**105/20 To receive and approve payments of accounts.**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Chq reference</b> | <b>Payee</b>                | <b>Amount</b> |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 17/11/20    | 100079               | Lych Gate PCC               | £500.00       |
| 17/11/20    | 100080               | Clerk Expenses              | £59.06        |
| 18/11/20    | 100081               | P J Grace                   | £4407.60      |
| 04/12/20    | 100082               | Community Heart             | £120.00       |
| 04/12/20    | 100083               | IVerde waste                | £77.11        |
| 04/12/20    | 100085               | Clerk Salary                | £1026.05      |
| 04/12/20    | 100086               | Clerk Expenses              | £46.35        |
| 24/12/20    | 100087               | Clerks Salary               | £876.45       |
| 24/12/20    | 100088               | HMRC                        | £131.77       |
| 07/01/21    | 100089               | Expenses R<br>Ahearn Flyers | £29.65        |

**Seconded and approved.**

**106/20 To receive the bank statements to 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**

**Main Account #806**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Detail</b> | <b>Debit</b> | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Balance</b> |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 20/11/20    | Opening Bal   |              |               | 110874.41      |
| 23/11/20    | Chq 100080    | 59.06        |               |                |
| 02/12/20    | Chq 100081    | 4407.60      |               |                |
| 03/12/20    | Chq 100079    | 500.00       |               |                |

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| 07/12/20 | Chq 100086  | 46.35   |  |           |
| 07/12/20 | Chq 100085  | 1026.05 |  |           |
| 15/12/20 | Chq 100082  | 120.00  |  |           |
| 16/12/20 | Chq 100084  | 258.00  |  |           |
| 20/12/20 | Forward Bal |         |  | 104457.35 |

**Sub Account #822**

| Date     | Detail      | Debit | Credit | Balance  |
|----------|-------------|-------|--------|----------|
| 20/11/20 | Opening Bal |       |        | 25052.47 |
| 20/12/20 | Interest    |       | 0.21   |          |
| 20/12/20 | Forward Bal |       |        | 25052.68 |

**Sub Account #814**

| Date     | Detail      | Debit | Credit | Balance  |
|----------|-------------|-------|--------|----------|
| 20/11/20 | Opening Bal |       |        | 28553.82 |
| 20/12/20 | Interest    |       | 0.23   |          |
| 20/12/20 | Forward Bal |       |        | 28554.05 |

Verified by David Horton prior to the meeting.

Seconded and approved.

107/20 Planning applications

**Ref. No: SDNP/20/05783/LDP**

**The Councillors had no objection but did wish to highlight that they were aware that the SDNP dark skies policy regulations included Farringdon and they were unsure if skylights were permitted.**

**108/20 Proposal by David Horton that the parish council take action in respect of ongoing concerns of villagers about the development of Masseys Folly.**

**It was agreed that the PC would write to our local councillors confirming that no action had been taken by SDNP and also that the Health & Safety concerns especially for the gas supply needed to be highlighted. The PC agreed that all residents should complain individually to the authorities as this would have more effect.**

**109/20 Proposal by David Horton that the parish council become more involved with helping with CV19 and its effect on the village, and if so, agree what action should be taken.**

**A general discussion confirmed that the government and local councils had grants and schemes to help and that the parish council should highlight information that it receives on village notice boards and the parish website.**

**Drivers for CV19 immunisations were available to assist for residents travelling to Chineham. Any councillors were able to volunteer to help.**

**Andy Clegg said that parents were having problems trying to entertain their children. Various ideas were discussed and councillors agreed to look into putting some of these ideas in place immediately. Penny Cushing volunteered to co-ordinate these ideas.**

**110/20 Proposal by David Horton that the parish council offer financial assistance to the village support group.**

**A general discussion confirmed that this was being run well and the support group leaders should be made aware that the parish council were happy to help both financially or practically if requested. A link should be added to the FPC website.**

**111/20 Proposal by David Horton that the parish council offer residents in financial hardship due to the pandemic financial grants.**

**This was discussed at length but the councillors agreed that this was not the function of the council but they should all they can to publicise government and local council grants and funds that are available. (as per 109/20).**

**112/20 Proposal by Alison de Ledesma that should the parish council either instigate some rules to control the use of fireworks in the village and or develop a warning system to notify residents in advance.**

**Alison de Ledesma gave an overview of the problems.**

**The proposal was discussed and the clerk confirmed that the PC do not have the powers to set rules for the use of fireworks.**

**It was decided that the PC should encourage residents to have displays at certain dates and times (to begin and end the display). This could include “quiet fireworks “information. Penny Cushing agreed to look into this. Andy Clegg suggested that a system was forwarded to notify residents of displays and times to enable them to plan for this.**

**113/20 Reports and issues.**

**None**

**114/20 Environmental report – Cllr David Williams**

**David Williams updated the councillors as follows:**

**\*Ditches with problems all reported.**

**\*Fix my street was still being used to register repairs.**

**\*Feedback from HCC Highways was still poor due to CV19.**

**\*Flooding discussed in ongoing matters.**

**\*Maplecombe metal gates still a problem. The clerk will formally write to owner to ask for their removal. David Williams will forward address details.**

**Key decisions to be published were as follows:**

- 1. Fencing renewal at Parsonage Close.**
- 2. Proposed new village map project**
- 3. Parsonage Close community garden project to go ahead and we are seeking volunteers.**
- 4. Resurfacing the side of Crows Lane to stop damage occurring.**
- 5. Highlighting the village support groups work and contact details.**

**115/20 Future meeting dates:**

| <b>Date</b>                  | <b>Time</b>   | <b>Venue</b> | <b>Primary Purpose</b>      |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>7:00pm</b> | <b>TBA</b>   | <b>Full Council Meeting</b> |

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| <b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b>       | <b>7:00pm</b> | <b>TBA</b> | <b>Full Council Meeting</b> |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b>      | <b>7:00pm</b> | <b>TBA</b> | <b>Full Council Meeting</b> |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> September</b> | <b>7:00pm</b> | <b>TBA</b> | <b>Full Council Meeting</b> |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b>  | <b>7:00pm</b> | <b>TBA</b> | <b>Full Council Meeting</b> |