

MINUTES OF FALMER PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday September 7th 2021 7.30pm

PRESENT. Chair Melanie Cutress (MC) Helen Herbert (HH) Martin Gapper (MG) Annie Davies (AD)

APOLOGIES Andy Pearce.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING. were signed as a true record of that meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR. No members of the public attended.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Stadium Issues

- Football matches are now being played in front of full capacity crowds.
- Car passes have been issued by MC for match days.

2. Village Maintenance

- The bus shelter renovation had been completed. Vegetation was overhanging from the nearby trees onto the roof and MC had asked ESCC to cut back.
- The two remaining grass cuts from ESCC are October 15th, November 8th.
- Following the meeting at Falmer pond on April 26th Balfour Beatty had confirmed that they would still cut back the self seeded vegetation growing on the pond banks and obscuring views. They hoped to do this in September. Nick Lane from BHCC park rangers had informed the PC that there would be removal of fish from the pond on Monday September 27th using sonar stunning. Plumpton College was also involved in this project.
- BHCC have submitted a bid to the Green recovery fund which is part of the heritage fund. They would like to try to improve water levels in Falmer pond. The pond needs to be water tight.
- The footpath /cycle path to Woodingdean had been resurfaced. Work completed at the end of August.
- Pot holes around Falmer pond had been reported by someone who had stumbled and ESCC had repaired four pot holes.
- The Rights of Way officer from the SDNP had reported to Savills the land agent for BHCC that the path through Court farmyard could be acknowledged as a right of way if Jackie Whitford could prove the path had been in continuous use for 20 years.

3 .Sussex University

Renovation work continued.

- 71 Park St vacated Sept 2017.
- Old Forge Nursery on Ridge Road had been completed.
- 76. Park Street

4. Stanmer Park and church.

- MG informed councillors that there was no news on Stanmer church and its future.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- New garage with office in the roof. Rose Cottage East St. SDNP/21/00655/HOUS. No decision yet.
- Renovation of medieval Barn plus new build 3 associated buildings at Falmer Court. SDNP/21/01191/FUL and SDNP/21/01192/LIS. Revised plans and information had been submitted and the time extended to October 12th.
- SDNP/21/03393/LIS 65 Park Street. Proposed single storey rear extension , heating systems upgrade includes solar panels, old clock face reinstated ,removal of rear concrete hard stand. The conservation officer was recommending refusal unless plans were amended. Varied issues had arisen.

FINANCE

The accounts were submitted and accepted.

ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD.

- Derek Chapman of St Mary farm had resurfaced Ridge Rd from Moon corner to the farm.
- MG reported that this had led to a lot more traffic going to St Marys including joy riders and there was now a lot of traffic on the road. Residents were getting fed up with the new levels of noise. Also one resident had complained to Derek Chapman about the shooting parties... many of which were stag dos. Some of the attendees had been unpleasant and abusive. Derek Chapman had said it was a working farm.

NEXT MEETING November 9th 2021. 7.30pm