

MINUTES OF FALMER PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday May 28th 2019 7.30pm

PRESENT. Chair Melanie Cutress (MC) Helen Herbert (HH) Martin Gapper (MG) Andy Pearce (AP).

APOLOGIES none.

2 villagers attended and our new LDC councillor William Meyer.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None

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

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR. To be dealt with as the meeting progresses.

ELECTIONS

ELECTION OF CHAIR . MC was willing to stand again. Proposed MG. Seconded AP.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR. HH proposed AP who accepted. Seconded MC.

MINUTES SECRETARY HH was willing to continue.

FINANCE OFFICER Veronica Lenihan.

INTERNAL AUDITOR. Angela Stannard.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Stadium Issues

- ⌚ BHA would remain in the premiership
- ⌚ The football club had agreed to do a litter pick around the village after matches. This would continue and they would liaise as to the effectiveness.
- ⌚ June 1st England ladies. 20,000 expected.
- ⌚ July 5th – 7th Jehovah's Witness conference.
- ⌚ Possible friendly on August 2nd.
- ⌚ New fixture list out on June 13th.
- ⌚ Villagers car passes would be pink this year.
- ⌚ June 11th Transport meeting. No one was able to attend.
- ⌚ Rosemary Warton brought up the issue of the stadium being lit up at night by the mobile lights machine that is used to grow the grass. As this is not a fixture it doesn't need planning permission. MC would investigate why the lights are on all night.

2. Changes to our parking scheme.

- ⌚ ESCC officer Dan Clarke had phoned MC to inform the PC that there would be no change to the scheme for the foreseeable future. Too many objections to their proposals to make money by installing parking meters. It would be revisited another time.
- ⌚ The PC discussed and agreed to ask ESCC if it was possible to impose uniformity across the village with 2 hr waiting in all bays. The PC could fund this if it was a reasonable amount. MC to investigate.

3. Maintenance Issues.

- ⌚ Highways England were continuing to work to install new lighting columns on the A27. No new finish date given.
- ⌚ pot holes had been repaired around falmer pond.
- ⌚ Litter at the Brighton bound bus stop was not a problem since the bin had been removed. MC would continue to monitor.
- ⌚ ESCC had done 2 highways cuts. And 4 more were to take place.

- ⌚ Rosemary Warton brought up the issue of Mill Street kerb stones being dangerous and the muddy footpath. This had already been reported to ESCC who refused to repair.
- ⌚ Rosemary also brought up the issue of the fence behind East Street where the path leads to the footbridge. The PC had paid for a repair a year ago as ESCC refused to repair it. MC would check the fence.
- ⌚ Jill Burt raised the issue of the garden at 4 East Street. Could the PC complain. William Meyer said there was a body at LDC who could look into this.

4. Sussex University

- ⌚ No more news on the potential notice board on Mill Street.
- ⌚ No update from Alan Hughes who had asked the university to take down a large sycamore tree that was overshadowing his and Sheila Winters gardens at Caxton Court. Stephanie Kirby was looking into it.
- ⌚ 3 university properties remained empty. Simon Neale had replied to MC's inquiries saying that they were hoping for funding in the new financial year. The PC decided to write to the Vice Chancellor with their concerns.
- ⌚ Jill Burt enquired as to whether Balfour Beatty were still offering to do volunteering community projects. MC would investigate.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- ⌚ **SDNP/19/02065/FUL from Mike Holland** Court Farm Conversion of former chicken shed to provide a 2 bed holiday let. No objections.
- ⌚ **SDNP/19/01888/FUL from Gorrings** Change of use of 2 redundant barns into an auction room storage and display area. For purposes ancillary to the existing auction room. PC were concerned about increased traffic but no other objections.

6. FINANCE

- ⌚ The end of year accounts for audit were presented to the council.
- ⌚ The PC accepted these accounts.
- ⌚ AP agreed to be a 3rd signatory on the cheque book.
- ⌚ The PC agreed to transfer £1, 423.59 into our current account.

7. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD.

- ⌚ A new councillor needed to be co opted. Potential names were put forward.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday August 13th 7.30pm