

MINUTES OF FALMER PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday July 6th 2021 7.30pm

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

APOLOGIES None.

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR. 2 members of the public attended.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Stadium Issues

- ⌚ Football matches will be played in front of full capacity crowds in the new season due to relaxation of coronavirus rules. BHA remain in the premier league.
- ⌚ Car passes will be issued by MC for match days.

2. Village Maintenance

- ⌚ The bus shelter renovation had been completed.
- ⌚ The four remaining grass cuts from ESCC are July 22nd, August 19th, October 15th, November 8th.
- ⌚ Fiona Gush from Balfour Beatty, who continue to work at Sussex University, building student accommodation, had contacted MC. She was asking for suggestions for community work. They were obliged to offer 2 days per employee community volunteer work. This resulted in a meeting at Falmer Pond on April 26th between Balfour Beatty, Nick Lane from BHCC park rangers and MC representing the parish council. Balfour Beatty agreed to remove the self seeded vegetation around the pond to restore views. This would be done when they had the manpower. Fiona Gush was leaving.
- ⌚ 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.
- ⌚ Nick Lane was hoping that the fish might be removed and he was working with Plumpton College to achieve this.
- ⌚ Derek Chapman of St Mary farm who owned Adenstar building company had resurfaced Ridge Rd from Moon corner to the farm.
- ⌚ The footpath /cycle path to Woodingdean was being resurfaced over 14 weeks. Work had started in March.
- ⌚ Pot holes around Falmer pond had been reported again on June 24th. ESCC had said that they were not bad enough to repair.
- ⌚ The Rights of Way officer from the SDNP had visited the circular walk around the south side of the village incorporating the Woodingdean footpath. The report back was that Eric Huxham will not allow anyone access to the path via Court Farmyard. Jackie Whitford who was attending this meeting as a member of the public stated that there was a map which

showed the farmyard was a right of way. MC would take this up with Savills the land agents for BHCC farmland..

3 .Sussex University

More Sussex university empty properties were being renovated as they had received a grant..

- ⌚ 71 Park St vacated Sept 2017 work was underway.
- ⌚ Old Forge Nursery on Ridge Road
- ⌚ 76. Park Street at Knights gate.

4. Stanmer Park and church.

- ⌚ MG informed councillors that BHCC had granted an extension to find a purpose for the church which had been closed for 12 years. There were several proposals. It was possible that repairs could cost £2 million.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- ⌚ Park Farm coffee Shop. Matthew Lenihan SDNP/20/04259/PA3R.
Application granted. MC had found out that due to new government regulations the PC was not required to be consulted.
- ⌚ New garage with office in the roof. Rose Cottage East St. SDNP/21/00655/HOUS. The parish council found no grounds to object. It was an attractive design built using traditional materials.
- ⌚ Renovation of medieval Barn plus new build 3 associated buildings at Falmer Court. SDNP/21/01191/FUL and SDNP/21/01192/LIS. Site visit on Friday April 16th 6pm. This application had been called in by the SDNP. The PC had objected.
- ⌚ 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. No objections.

FINANCE

- ⌚ All agreed that the bus shelter renovation should come out of the CIL award.
- ⌚ AD suggested donate to citizens advice who do such valuable community work. All agreed to donate £200.
- ⌚ Donation of £100 to the Air ambulance service.
- ⌚ Membership of CPRE £36 to be renewed

ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD.

None.

NEXT MEETING September 7th 2021. 7.30pm