

MINUTES OF FALMER PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday August 8th 2018 7.00pm

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

APOLOGIES None.

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.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Stadium Issues

- The fixture list had come out in June and every household had received a copy along with their car passes. However fixtures were already being changed by Sky TV before the season had started.
- Traffic orders were being changed to make sure stewarding could legally continue for 2 hours after the event had finished.
- **MC had attending the Transport Management group meeting at the stadium on May 22nd the following issues had been discussed.**
- **A.**The Health club and Brighton university sports field car park were being used by fans to park for the match. This had been going on for a long time but there were so many cars now that they were blocking Village Way so that park and ride buses were unable to exit the stadium. BHCC were investigating to see whether any licence agreements/planning permissions were being broken. The traffic would now be held back to allow buses to get out. Keep clear markings would also be put on Village way junctions.
- **b.**Police were now in attendance at matches purely for counter terrorism action and to keep public order. They no longer regulated traffic. This had to be done by accredited stewards.
- **c.**The review into fans using public transport was very positive. Record numbers had used trains/buses. It was discovered that more London fans were travelling down by train via Lewes station so the new season would see a police presence there.
- **d.** there were problems at the Bridge car park with fans becoming aggressive trying to get out. Police had been involved.
- **e.** Junction improvements were discussed by Mark Weston ESCC. The Falmer junctions as we know have no quick fix. Previous decisions to introduced traffic lights were not carried out as it was realised they would not make a difference in the long term. There will be government funding for more housing in Brighton and roads and junctions will have to be able to cope with this. So could be future improvements.

2. Changes to our parking scheme.

- The petition had been submitted to David Weeks at ESCC and had been acknowledged. It would be looked at in September/October.

3. Maintenance Issues.

- Dead fish in the pond had been reported by JB on July 26th to both the Environment Agency and BHCC. The fire brigade had come out and used a fire hydrant to put more water in the pond and aeriate it. The pond water was now gree which was blue green algae which was dangerous.
- Grass around the pond had only had one cut due to the heatwave and drought. MC had been informed that 10 cuts a year should happen.
- The remaining litter bin had been installed by MG. Since then Some people had lifted it and twisted its position so the door to empty the bin hit the bus shelter and could not fully open. MG and helpers would put the bin back to the correct position.
- Double yellow lines had been renewed on Ridge Rd.
- ESCC had also cleaned up the mud at the Middle St/ Ridge Rd junction.
- Pub notice board outside the Swan had had new pin board..

- University gardens at 78 and 80 Mill St and 72 East St had been reported. MC had asked when these properties would be improved and made available as homes.
- The flint wall from Court Farmyard to the graveyard extension had been repaired.
- ESCC had cut the roadside verges once. We should have 2 cuts in the summer nad had paid for a further four.
- Weed spray on July 23rd had not happened. MC to investigate.

4 .Sussex University

- Councillors had been for a look at the new student residences.
- Balfour Beatty had invited councillors to see their work on August 1st. HH JB and AP had attended.It had proved very interesting with high levels of health and safety..
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5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- SDNP/18/01273/FUL. Replacement windows, doors and bargeboard 1-4 East St. **Passed**
- SDNP/18/01587/FUL Sussex University 3 G pitch, **Decision pending..**
- SDNP/18/01869/LIS Falmer Court wooden gates and stone gateposts. **Passed.**
- SDNP/18/02051/FUL Housedean Farm barn conversion to a holiday let plus access road. **Passed.**
- SDNP/17/03509/FUL dated 23rd August 2017 had been approved. Conversion of the Old Granary and adjacent modern barn into a house. **Passed.**

6.FINANCE

- The accounts were presented.
- Our audit was posted on our website.

7. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD.

- LDC town and parish conference to be held on Thursday October 11th. MC, HH, AP could all attend.
- A cross country event would be running through Falmer the last Sunday in. September. The contact person was Mike Bannister 07931566008.
- It was decided to renew our membership of the CPRE .

NEXT MEETING Tuesday October 16th 7pm