

MINUTES OF FALMER PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday December 5th 2017 7.00pm

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

APOLOGIES Helen had informed the meeting she would be a little late..

1 villagers attended. ill Burt, and David Marsh from St Ann Without parish meeting.

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

- MC told the meeting that the issue over football parking at the auction room had been stopped by Eric Huxham as landlord of the premises. Also the stewarding in Falmer South which had changed position due to the parking at Falmer Auctions was beneficial and less confrontational so would
- MC had complained to BHA that the village was not a drop off and pick up spot and this problem had been stopped by the barriers being moved to the traffic lights 15 mins before the final whistle.
- Match times and days continued to be changed. Also Crystal palace had been drawn to play at Brighton on Monday 8th Jan in the FA cup. MG said that There had been problems with their fans after the previous recent match at the Amex and 2 stewards had been hospitalised. Plus fighting at stations.
- Parking on match days in Falmer North had got worse for the match v Liverpool. There was only one steward on duty and only one barrier. MC had asked BHA to make sure there were 2 stewards and a second barrier across the road.
- The hotel had been put on the back burner.

2. A27 Bus Stop

- Had reopened on Monday Dec 5th after nearly 2 years of being closed. Some drivers didn't seem to have been told and the bus announcement system was still saying the stop was closed. MC would take these issues up with the bus company.
- MG told the meeting that one driver had refused to stop. MC would take this up as well.
- MC had asked for the glass bus shelter to be tidied up of overgrowing vegetation by the Highways Agency in recompense for the 2 year wait
- The wooden bus shelter had been vandalised after the Crystal Place game with some low panels being kicked out. MG said he would try to fix.

3. Maintenance Issues.

- ESCC had taken responsibility for the east street fence but had said it didn't need immediate repair. JB had asked Balfour Beatty voluntary scheme to look into it but they turned it down as a repair job due to concern over cables etc. Darren Little would also quote for a repair job.
- Falmer Court had cut back their vegetation which was growing into the road by the church.
- The 3 litter bins had been delivered to the Swan pub and MG would install them at the 2 bus stops and opposite the Swan pub .
- An issue had been raised by Hugo Davis as to the state of the wall from the graveyard extension to Court Farm. MC had reported it to Eric Huxham. .
- Also the graveyard wall which is disrepair which JB said that there were not church funds available for repairs. MG said he would get his brother Mickey to quote. JB would get in touch with Mickey.
- Balfour Beatty had been asked to help with the graveyard tress and a planning application to cut them back had been submitted but had not yet heard back.
- Pot holes around the pond and on Ridge Rd had been repaired.
- There had been no response to requests to BHCC parks and gardens for a tidy up and cut back of vegetation around the pond. A working party could be a possibility led by Mickey Gapper.

- HH said that Middle St also needed a clean up at the junction with Ridge Rd. Lots of mud in the corner obscuring double yellow lines.
- Falmer north had smart new street name signs . MC had asked LDC if the same would be supplied to Falmer South.
- MC had asked for Keep Dogs on leads signs but had no response.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- Old Mill House tree reduction passed .
- University of Sussex temporary car park passed
- University of Sussex 2014 application for an access road within the campus . Passed
- Falmer Court farm farmyard . Conversion of the old derelict granary building into a house with modern extension. No news.

FINANCE

- The accounts were presented.
- The new transparency Code had been complied with and everything necessary was already put on the village website. .

ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD.

- At the last PC meeting Camper vans parking around Falmer pond in the summer months of June July and August had been an issue. The months when there were no parking controls. Questions were asked about waste from these vans and dogs being let out to roam free. MC now raised the new problem of overflow parking from Sussex and Brighton University parking in the village and taking up all 4 hr waiting bays around the Swan pub and on Ridge rd. Many of these cars stayed all day. Some parked on double yellow lines and some parked in resident bays. The cars were coming from Stanmer Park where there had been a parking clamp down.

MG pointed out that Balfour Beatty staff were parking in the village and many drivers were trying to park in his car park. He was having to keep a careful watch out for these offenders. After a brief discussion it was decided to liaise with ESCC highways to look at all year round parking Monday to Friday with only 2 hr waiting bays throughout the village. This would combat the potential summer problem when university staff unable to park in Stanmer for free could park in residents bays unless our scheme was changed. MC had discussed this already with a number of villagers.....all of whom thought it would be best to go ahead and change.

- New parish councillor needs to be considered. HH to approach Andy Pearce.
- Town and Parish conference Oct 11th 5.30pm Lewes Pelham hotel. Main information was that LDC and Eastbourne borough council were now sharing services to save money. New CEO was Robert Cottril. More savings to be made by 2020 and so by 2020 the government grant of £5million would have completely gone since austerity started in 2010. A new recycling scheme would be introduced in 2018 with just one large wheelie bin for all waste. LDC's recycling rate had dropped to one of the lowest in the country only 25% so this was an attempt to improve it. Household could opt out or have smaller bins. Flats could have waste bags. New recycling items would be able to be put in like yoghurt pots. Also a new neighbourhood scheme **called Neighbourhood First** would be rolled out in January to help keep the environment safe , clean and green. Would tackle issues like dog fouling and fly tipping and would be out in the community in uniform.it will be a face to face delivery service.
- Sussex University students Union would like to hold their summer ball 2018 at the sports pavilion playing fields from noon to 10.30pm. 2,00-4,000 students. MG and HH both thought this was not a good idea. We would ask for someone to come and speak to the PC

- **NEXT MEETING Tuesday January 23rd. 7pm**