

MINUTES OF FALMER PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday November 9th 2021 7.30pm

PRESENT. Chair Melanie Cutress (MC) Helen Herbert (HH) Andy Pearce (AP0 Annie Davies (AD)

APOLOGIES Martin Gapper

One villager Rosemarie Warton attended.

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Stadium Issues

There were no issues except for rubbish on Village way which MC will report.

2. Village Maintenance

⌚ ESCC had cut back the vegetation overhanging the wooden bus shelter.

⌚ It was agreed to pay for 4 extra grass cuts to roadside verges next year cost £171.

⌚ MC would ask for a grass cut round the pond.

⌚ Balfour Beatty had confirmed in September that they would still cut back the self seeded vegetation growing on the pond banks and obscuring views but had offered no date. PLUMPTON College students had removed fish from the pond on Monday September 27th using sonar stunning. However Park Ranger Nick Land had reported that it had not been successful due to the amount of mud at the bottom of the pond. Therefore a new licence would be applied for so the fishing could happen any time when the conditions were right.

⌚ BHCC bid to the Green recovery fund hadn't been successful. They were seeking other funding options to improve the pond. The pond needs to be water tight.

⌚ Church clock had stopped working in October.

⌚ Smiths of Derby had been in August to give the clock its annual service. The clock was 21 years old having been installed on the tower in 2000. Following this service e Smiths had suggested new electronics to improve and update the clock and this would cost £1,100 plus VAT. Breakdown ...parts £500 the remainder £600 labour and travel. MC to try to find a cheaper option.

3. Sussex University

Renovation work continued.

⌚ 71& 72 Park St now occupied

⌚ 76 park street occupied

4. Stanmer Park

The Boundary festival had created problems for Martin at the Swan pub and generally through out Falmer North. Martin had been in touch with the organisers to complain and ask for stewarding next year to keep out cars and noisy drunk, aggressive people.

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. Might be decided at a SDNP planning committee hearing on December 9th.
- ⌚ 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.

Precept would remain at £500 for the next financial year.

ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD.

None.

NEXT MEETING January 18th 2022. 7.30pm