

# MINUTES OF FALMER PARISH COUNCIL

**Tuesday August 13th 2019 7.30pm**

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

**APOLOGIES** none.

**no villagers attended.**

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

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None

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

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

### **1. Stadium Issues**

- ⌚ A friendly had been played v Valencia on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ⌚ Villagers car passes had been issued.
- ⌚ Rosemary Warton brought up the issue of the stadium being lit up at night at our May meeting by the mobile lights machine that is used to grow the grass. MC had asked BHA why the lights are on all night. She had been told that they would investigate.

### **2. Changes to our parking scheme.**

At our May meeting 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 had contacted ESCC who had replied that this was not an effective use of kerb space and if there were spaces consistently left unused then they need to ensure the spaces are used. The PC discussed this and although Falmer North is consistently full of parked cars there are spaces for visitors at Falmer south. This was ideal for visitors but clearly not what ESCC want. They want the area to be parked fully the whole time.

### **3. Maintenance**

- ⌚ ESCC had done 3 highways cuts. And 3 more were to take place. MC to monitor.
- ⌚ 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. MC had checked the fence which basically had totally collapsed. She had reported it but as yet no action.
- ⌚ Highways England had appeared to have finished their work on the A27 lighting. A lot of Material had been left behind. MC to report this.
- ⌚ Jill Burt raised the issue of the garden at 4 East Street. The PC discussed and as the family were living in a council property they could seek help if they needed to.
- ⌚ MC had contacted Balfour Beatty about the overgrowth along wall edges and kerbs and Fiona Gush had said they would investigate.

### **4. Sussex University**

- ⌚ Alan Hughes was still trying to get the university to take down a large sycamore tree that was overshadowing his and Sheila Winters gardens at Caxton Court. MG reported that a tree root survey had to be carried out.

- ⌚ 3 university properties remained empty for over 2 years. 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. The gardens of the properties had been tidied up.



## **5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

- ⌚ **SDNP/19/02065/FUL from Mike Holland** Court Farm Conversion of former chicken shed to provide a 2 bed holiday let. Passed
- ⌚ **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. Passed.
- ⌚ **SDNP/19/02796/FUL. Park Wall farm** ..demolition of existing stable and store and erection of new plus an indoor school with landscape buffer planting. No objections.

## **6. FINANCE**

- ⌚ The accounts to date were presented.
- ⌚ AP had attempted to become a 3<sup>rd</sup> signatory on the cheque book but had been mis advised by Barclays at north street so had had to resubmit his address details. Hopefully this time there would be no problems.
- ⌚ The PC had transferred £1, 423.59 into our current account.
- ⌚ Election expenses from the May local elections had not yet been charged.

## **7. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD.**

- ⌚ A new councillor needed to be co opted.
- ⌚ SDNP workshop on October 15<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm -9.30 pm at Lewes Town hall.
- ⌚ Vanessa Rowlands from Litlington village and Richard Waring from the Newmarket had become our village representatives on the SDNP board.
- ⌚ University freshers ball and fireworks display 27<sup>th</sup> September.

**NEXT MEETING Tuesday November 19th 7.30pm**