

MINUTES OF FALMER PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday May 15th 2018 7.00pm

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

APOLOGIES None.

2 villagers attended.

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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

CHAIR Melanie Cutress proposed MG Seconded JB

VICE CHAIR John Burt proposed MC Seconded MG

MINUTES Helen Herbert proposed JB seconded MC.

Veronica Lenihan would continue as Finance Officer

Angela Stannard would continue as internal auditor.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Stadium Issues

- Match days over the whole season had not created any major issues although there were more cars parked when BHA played Chelsea. Something to be looked out for next season as BHA remain in the premiership. Concerned voiced by villager Jill Burt on cars getting in.
- ESCC had been asked to send round traffic wardens on match days to book cars on double yellow lines. MC had done this and had seen them on one occasion but had not been able to check up on the last 2 games of the season.
- Traffic orders were being changed to make sure stewarding could legally continue for 2 hours after the match had finished.

2. Maintenance Issues.

- Dead fish in the pond had been reported to both the Environment Agency and BHCC. Signs had been put up saying that the cause was blue green algae which was dangerousso keep dogs and children away from the water. However no more fish had died in the last 2 months and 4 of the signs had disappeared and had not been replaced by BHCC even though they had been notified. JB thought the cause was multiple reasons.
- Grass around the pond had received its first cut a week ago. MC had been informed that 10 cuts a year should happen. This seemed highly unlikely.
- The remaining litter bin which needed a concrete base and would be installed by MG soon.
- BHCC parks and gardens had not cut back self seeded shrubs and overgrown vegetation round the pond so Micky Gapper had done the work.
- No update on the double yellow lines had been renewed on Ridge rd. ESCC had to repair the road surface and clean it before the remainder could be done.
- Litter on the road verges had been cleaned up by LDC. But Ridge Rd was poor
- East St name sign at Falmer South had been renewed..
- John Warton was helpfully dealing with Mill Street pavement.
- It was agreed that the old pay phone box should be removed.
- East St fence had had a basic repair.
- Pub notice board outside the Swan would have some repairs as the inside pin board was rotten.
- JB needed helpers to fix the flagpole which was damaged in high winds.
- University gardens at 80 Mill St and 72 East St had been reported.
- The flint wall from Court Farmyard to the graveyard extension was being repaired.

3. Changes to our parking scheme.

- All households had received a letter outlining the plans for changes.
- Councillors had been round with the petition. Most people had signed. 50 households out of 62 had signed. The petition would be submitted to David Weeks at ESCC.

4 .Sussex University

- A new multi storey car park at the Jubilee Building was due to open next week.
- Planning application for another all weather 3G pitch had been made.
- Councillors had been invited for a look at the new student residences.
- Balfour Beatty had also invite councillors to see their work.
- Paul Knight had offered to write in about Ridge Rd problems.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- SDNP/18/01273/FUL. Replacement windows, doors and bargeboard 1-4 East St.
- SDNP/18/01587/FUL Sussex University 3 G pitch, floodlights, .fence, new planting.
- SDNP/18/01869/LIS Falmer Court wooden gates and stone gateposts.
- SDNP/18/02051/FUL Housedean Farm barn conversion into a holiday let plus access road.
The applications were looked at and discussed.
There were no objections to all these applications.

6.FINANCE

- The accounts were presented and accepted for the financial year 2017/18
- All aspects of the annual audit were accepted and agreed and signed off.

7. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD.

- HH had discussed a family fun day with the Swan Pub.
- Sussex University were holding a community day in June which sounded very good and MC would put out a flyer to every house provided by the university.
- Insurance quote for the next year was accepted and would be renewed.
- A donation of £150 would be made to the air ambulance.
- A cross country event would be running through Falmer the last Sunday in. September. The contact person was Mike Bannister 07931566008.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday July 11th. 7pm