

MINUTES OF FALMER PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday October 16th 2018 7.00pm

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

APOLOGIES JOHN BURT.

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

HH had attended the transport management group meeting that afternoon.

- Stewards were being trained to hold back Health club traffic until park and ride buses had been cleared
- 70 -80 parking tickets per match were being issued in Moulescoomb on a matchday.
- 37% were using trains.
- Woodingdean cycle path being used by 200 on a good weather matchday.
- Boxing Day would see more buses until 9pm and more park and ride.
- There are hub bikes at the stadium.
- There are now 800 p& r spaces at the racecourse.
- Fixture changes continue to happen. Chelsea now Sunday 16th December. 1.30 and Arsenal on Boxing day at 17.15pm.

2. Changes to our parking scheme.

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

3. Maintenance Issues.

- Grass around the pond had only had two cuts due to the summer heatwave and drought. MC had been informed that 10 cuts a year should happen. MC would request another cut.
- MG and helpers had sorted out the litterbin by the wooden bus shelter.
- MC had received a phone call from Highways England stating that lighting on the A27 would be improved. it would mean road closures. They would be informing every household.
- ESCC had cut the roadside verges 5 times. it was unclear when. MC to investigate.
- Weed spray on July 23rd had not happened. MC had found out from ESCC that it had been done August 22nd but as the road edges were still sprouting weeds and messy. She had complained but the highways steward who visited said they were not a hazard so would not be removed.

4. Sussex University

- MC had walked round Falmer North with Stephanie Kirby and had looked at the 3 empty properties and their untidy gardens. There was still no decision whether the properties would be renovated or sold. The gardens have been given to another small contractor for maintenance. The field behind the Swan would be investigated. It was supposed to be for environmental science research but no councillor had ever seen anything happen there. Student rubbish bins and recycling bins needed to be put out on collection days.
- AP had attended the official opening of the new residences. 450 rooms now open. All first years 5,000 of them to now be on campus. In total 16,000 students.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- SDNP/18/01587/FUL Sussex University 3 G pitch, Passed.
- SDNP/18/04370/LDE permission given for Park Wall Farm to continue to keep horses.

6. FINANCE

- The accounts were presented to the council.
- Our audit was posted on our website.
- We had received income from the precept and VAT refunds.
- We had been informed that the 2019 elections would cost Falmer £600.

7. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD.

- LDC town and parish conference held on Thursday October 11th. HH, AP attended and said .it had been interesting. Recycling now improved up to 37% with the new bins. Police numbers will increase by 25% and be more visible. Projects will be introduced for the young.
- New student housing for Brighton university being proposed at Falmer station site where the McDavitt house stood now boarded up. 71 rooms. A poor design.
- The ESCC parking shop had now closed and all parking permits to be accessed on line or via help at Lewes library.
- More housing at Peacehaven had been passedfor 450 houses which would inevitably have an impact on the Falmer road.
- A new Ikea store plus more housing would be built on land owned by BHA football club at Shoreham.
- SDNP workshop in November. MC to attend.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday November 27th 7pm