

MINUTES OF FALMER PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday January 18th 2022 7.30pm

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

APOLOGIES Martin Gapper(MG)

One villager Jackie Witford 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 again

2. Village Maintenance

- 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. MC had been chasing them up to ensure the work would be done before spring and fresh growth on already big pondside bushes. Some are turning into trees. Fiona Gush was back working for BB and had been in touch on Jan 17th to say BB would do the work but due to lack of manpower didn't know when.
- BHCC park ranger Nick Lane will also trim back overgrowth when he can. He will also manage the removal of memorial plaques by the pond which have been placed without permission and cemented into the ground.
- 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 watertight.
- MC had reported the giant puddle on Middle Street and had received an acknowledgement that something would be done.
- MC had reported the many potholes around Falmer pond, and the highways steward had marked out some, but not all, for repair.
- There had been some Fly tipping on Ridge Road. Everyone who sees it to report it.
- Church clock had stopped working in October. Church warden Sue Paine had discovered that the trip switch for the clock was turned off following an accidental power cut. Power had been restored to the church but the person who had tripped the electricity supply had failed to reconnect the clock. This was why it had stopped working not a mechanical fault.

3. 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.

4. St Marys Farm

- Weekend problems with noisy shooting parties and aggressive people and fast driving reported anonymously to MG.
- The anonymous complainant to MG thought the parish council had given planning permission for the shoot. They had been advised via MG to get in touch with Lewes District Council as the planning authority and also LDC's environmental dept to deal with excessive noise problems.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- New garage with office in the roof. Rose Cottage East St. SDNP/21/00655/HOUS. Approved Nov 11th.
- 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 February 10th.
- 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. Approved Nov 26th

FINANCE

The accounts were submitted and accepted.

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

ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD.

- There would be overnight road works on the A27 for a considerable period of time to mid-February 8pm to 6am..

NEXT MEETING March 15th 2022. 7.30pm