

# MINUTES OF FALMER PARISH COUNCIL

**Tuesday March 19th 2019 7.30pm**

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

**APOLOGIES** none.

**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**

- ⌚ Fixtures ...Cardiff city now Tuesday night April 16<sup>th</sup>. Newcastle at 17.30 on 27<sup>th</sup> April.
- ⌚ June 1<sup>st</sup> England ladies.
- ⌚ July 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Jehovahs Witness conference.
- ⌚ The highways agency was monitoring the east bound A27 slip road again but there was no date as to when they would report back.
- ⌚ The football club had agreed to do a litter pick around the village after matches. This didn't seem to be happening. There was still litter at the traffic lights.
- ⌚ LDC's postmatch litter pick had been reinstated.
- ⌚ No decision was made on whether to buy another litter bin for the brick bus shelter on the A27 as LDC had removed the existing one for re location elsewhere.
- ⌚ MC would keep an eye on litter matters.
- ⌚ Train services continue to be well used by fans.

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

- ⌚ The consultation over our requested changes had arrived from ESCC but they had ignored our scheme and instead had proposed a Monday to Saturday scheme , all year round with residents parking bays remaining. However they proposed no 2 hr waiting bays in the village. Instead they proposed all day parking bays around Falmer pond with parking meters cost £1.50 a day. At the Swan pub and in Falmer North some of the 4 hr waiting bays would remain with parking meters or all day parking bays. We had until March 29<sup>th</sup> to respond.
- ⌚ A village newsletter had been sent to every household pointing out the difficulties of ESCC's proposals and asking everyone to object.

### **3. Maintenance Issues.**

- ⌚ Highways England were continuing to work until May 7<sup>th</sup> to install new lighting columns on the A27
- ⌚ This A27 work had seen the roadside vegetation cut back revealing a huge amount of litter. This had been reported to Lewes District Council who had said they would attend to it but as yet no litter pick.
- ⌚ There had been vegetation cut back to maintain village views.
- ⌚ MC had reported pot holes around falmer pond.
- ⌚ Sussex uni volunteers has done a litter pick around falmer north.

#### **4 .Sussex University**

- ⌚ Stephanie Kirby had e mailed a copy of what a notice board would look like for the work going on their field on Mill Street. Everyone liked it but no one knew why it had been called the Onion Field.
- ⌚ Alan Hughes had asked the university to take down a large sycamore tree that was overshadowing his and Sheila Winters gardens at Caxton Court. Stephanie Kirby was looking into it.
- ⌚ 3 university properties remained empty. Simon Neale had replied to MC's inquiries saying that they were hoping for funding in the new financial year.
- ⌚ Balfour Beatty had invited the PC to another campus look around on 17<sup>th</sup> may. 12.30

#### **5. NO PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

#### **6. FINANCE**

- ⌚ The accounts were presented to the council.
- ⌚ **John Burt.** John had passed away on Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup> after a short illness. Councillors had made donations to The Martletts Hospice where John had died and to the village church of St Laurence where John had been church warden for 30 years.

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

- ⌚ May elections would be on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**NEXT MEETING Tuesday May 28th 7.30pm**