

# MINUTES OF FALMER PARISH COUNCIL

**Tuesday March 20th 2018 7.00pm**

**PRESENT.** Chair Melanie Cutress (MC) John Burt (JB) Helen Herbert (HH)

**APOLOGIES** Martin Gapper (MG)

1 villager 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.

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

### **1. New co opted parish councillor.**

Andy Pearce was welcomed as our new parish councillor.

### **2. Stadium Issues**

- Match times and days continued to be changed. The game v Tottenham has to be rescheduled due to the FA cup. The remaining other three games have not changed dates or times.
- The away fixture v Crystal palace would see TV coverage for 5-6,000 at the Amex so we will have stewarding 14<sup>th</sup> April..
- Wed May 9<sup>th</sup> will see the Sussex Senior cup at the Amex so again there will be stewarding.
- There is a convention IBSA on 29<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July which will be stewarded. .
- JB had attended a meeting of BHA's traffic management group 6<sup>th</sup> March and reported back.

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

- Dead fish in the pond had been reported to both the Environment Agency and BHCC.
- The 3 litter bins had been delivered to the Swan pub and MG had installed 2 of them. The 3<sup>rd</sup> bin needed a concrete base and would be installed when the weather improved.
- MC had met with Alan Griffiths of BHCC parks and gardens 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. He agreed that work needed to be done to keep views and get rid of self seeded shrubs. However nothing had happened yet.
- MC would speak to Mickey Gapper about a tidy up round the pond to maintain views.
- A small part of 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 B2123 road verges and the footpath to Woodingdean had been reported to LDC.
- HH said that Middle St still needed a clean up at the junction with Ridge Rd. Lots of mud in the corner obscuring double yellow lines. ESCC said they would look at the drains.
- ESCC had still not supplied a new street name sign for East St at Falmer South.
- John Warton was helpfully dealing with Mill Street pavement.
- It was agreed that the old pay phone box should be removed.

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

- All households had received a letter outlining the plans for changes.
- Councillors would go round with a petition. HH and AP would do Ridge Rd and Mill Street. MG and Pat Asquith would do Mill St. JB would do East St and the Courtyard. MC would do the remainder.

### **5. Sussex University**

- The summer ball wouldn't be held at the Sports Pavilion.
- Building work on the new Life Sciences building had been put on hold. This meant the 450 space car park it was going to be built on would be in use for another year.
- A new multi storey car park at the Jubilee Building was due to open in April.
- Parking machines would now be cashless.
- East Slope bar will close and a new temporary bar will replace it at north Field.

- They had investigated the parking at Stanmer and most people parking there were staff or students at Sussex. Also people were parking from Brighton Uni, Southern Water and park and train ride.
- MC to inquire about writing a letter to the VC about the empty properties in Falmer.
- They were going to put in a planning application for another all weather 3G pitch.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

- SDNP/18/01370/TCA application to fell a Beech tree and a Sycamore tree in the graveyard extension which were affecting the wall. No objections.

#### **FINANCE**

- The accounts were presented.
- The precept would remain at £500 for the next financial year.

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

- ESCC waste and mineral local plan was being reviewed. This would be advertised in our notice board.
- Jill Burt brought up the problem of light pollution from the stadium. MC responded. The pollution came from the grass growing mobile light units. As they were mobile they did not need planning permission.
- Jill Burt asked that ESCC traffic wardens come on on match days to stop parking on double yellow lines. MC would request this.
- HH had already asked the Swan Pub MG to run a family fun day in the summer and would bring this up again with them.

**NEXT MEETING Tuesday May 15th. 7pm**