

# MINUTES OF FALMER PARISH COUNCIL

**Tuesday March 26th, 2024, 7.30pm**

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

**APOLOGIES** Alan Green

5 villagers attended.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.** were signed as a true record of that meeting.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None

**QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR** To be addressed as the meeting progresses.

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

### **1. Stadium Issues**

- ⌚ Andy Pearce reported that Mill Street had been fully parked for the Roma match which made two way traffic very difficult.

### **2.Village Maintenance.**

- ⌚ Falmer pond. The Heritage Lottery bid will now be submitted in May. This means that there will be no decision on the bid until September. If the bid is successful, then work will begin in 2025.
- ⌚ Frog life and Friends of Falmer pond were holding a two-day workshop to 'Learn More about Amphibians 'on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Posters had been put up. Villagers needed to sign up to attend. Details were on the posters.
- ⌚ Potholes round the pond had been reported and there were new potholes on Ridge Road which Andy would report.
- ⌚ Southern roundabout road markings still awaiting action. Our request for yellow box lines at the traffic lights to aid exiting at peak times, had been passed on to the relevant department but no response.
- ⌚ Request from Pauline Newman Starley that FPC pursue these issues.
- ⌚ Markings at Mill Street also needed refreshing and this request had been passed to Shelley Attfield at Sussex University who had referred it on to Highways Area 4.
- ⌚ Work had started on the broken wall at Ridge Rd.

## **PLANNING**

- ⌚ Bennetts field Student halls of residences for 555 bedrooms. Planning application LW/22/0175.No information as to when building work would begin.
- ⌚ Polowood Shoot SDNP/22/05978/LDC. Application still in process. The appeal of August 2023 to the Planning inspectorate asking for 200 days had been refused dated March 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **FINANCE**

- ⌚ The end of year accounts were reviewed and accepted.

## **ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD.**

- ⌚ Andy Pearce reported back on a zoom call with National Highways about improving bus stops, bus shelters and safer pull in areas for buses from Falmer station to the Ashcombe roundabout. No action at the Falmer east bound to Lewes bus shelter due to lack of funds.
- ⌚ Tithe Barn noise issue. MC and AD had held a meeting with Fran Woolley and had the list of events for 2024. see attached.
- ⌚ The first event had been held on March 9<sup>th</sup> and Ann McCrae had reported the excessive noise to MC. This had been passed to SDNP again asking for noise checks and sound proofing of the barn. The reply from enforcement officer Emma Goodwin stated that in the planning approvals there is no time scale for doors and windows replacement to help sound proofing. This was new information not supplied previously by Naomia Langford.so enforcement is not able to control this.
- ⌚ Secondly Fran Woolley is providing documentation of active noise monitoring which should not exceed 85 decibels. Emma Goodwin stated that noise issues are the responsibility of the local Lewes District Council and problems should be reported to them if there was an issue over the next few months.
- ⌚ Previously the McCrae's and Eric Huxham and Pauline Newman Starley had not wished to go down this route. But Pauline now requested that a BS4142 be sought. MC would investigate this.
- ⌚ Councillors agreed a £100 donation to the Air Ambulance.

Next meeting Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup>.