

MINUTES OF FALMER PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday November 27th 2018 7.00pm

PRESENT. Chair Melanie Cutress (MC) Vice chair John Burt JB, 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

MC had attended the residents liaison group meeting on Monday evening.

- The hotel proposal would probably not be built.
- Boxing Day would see more buses until 9pm and 2 more park and ride sites.
- Crystal Palace on Tuesday night Dec4th would see police horses on site. Chelsea was Sunday 16th December. 1.30 and Arsenal on Boxing day at 17.15pm. Everton Saturday 29th. Liverpool Saturday 12th.
- No more changes in January.

2. Changes to our parking scheme.

- The petition had been submitted to David Weeks at ESCC and had been acknowledged.
- No information about it being considered in September/October. MC would investigate.

3. Maintenance Issues.

- Grass around the pond had been cut.
- Households had received letters from Highways England stating that lighting on the A27 would be improved. it would mean road closures on varied days between Nov 19th to May 7th 2019.
New lighting columns were being installed with LED lanterns and also a passive safety feature so columns would fold on impact rather than cause severe damage.
- ESCC had cut the roadside verges 5 times. The dates given were 8th June. 5th July. 10th August .13th September and 24th October. No one had seen this work. Parish councillors were sceptical of the amount done in the dry weather. MC had asked for a schedule next year.

4 .Sussex University

- Stephanie Kirby had replied about the field behind the Swan with some details of the environmental science research but it seemed half hearted and MG told everyone that wasps had taken over the bee hives which had been badly neglected and they had to be removed to be sorted out.
- The university had offered to put up notice boards about the work going on so this offer had been accepted. Would it happen? Councillors were doubtful.
- 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.
- AP had asked the university to remove tree branches that were affecting over head wires on Ridge Rd and to his house. This would happen on December 6th.

5. NO PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

6. FINANCE

- The accounts were presented to the council. Precept would remain at £500.

7. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD.

- SDNP conference held on Wednesday November 22nd. Ideas needed from villages. For enhancement or housing or any other projects.
- E mail from Derek Chapman of St Marys farm about his recent accident and the ambulance delay due to the poor surface of Ridge Rd and the potholes from Moons Corner to the farm. Ridge Rd was a bridleway and therefore ESCC the Highways authority had no obligation to repair it.But Mr Chapman had asked for their help and they had offered £1200 toward resurfacing.

Mr Chapman had told MC in a phone conversation that it was BHCC's responsibility but they were refusing to do anything as they said was the farm householders responsibility. Mr Chapman could find nothing in his deeds to indicate this. He would continue to ask BHCC to repair it.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday January 29th 7.30pm