

MINUTES OF FALMER PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday January 29th 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.

John Burt.

It was with great sadness that parish councillors remembered John who had passed away on Sunday January 27th after a short illness. Councillors talked about John and his commitment to the parish council, always reliable, always thoughtful. It didn't seem possible that he had attended the November meeting and had been relatively well and now was no longer with us.

Councillors wished to make a donation to an appropriate charity and to buy a memorial plant or similar for his home garden. We will miss him.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Stadium Issues

MC had attended the transport group meeting on Monday December 18th. Where concerned had been expressed by BHCC representatives over blue badge parking getting out of hand and blocking bus routes in Coldean. Also concern over the university underpass being unlit. No authority would take responsibility so MC had voiced concern about student safety particularly female students.

- The football club had agreed to do a litter pick around the village and surrounds after matches. What had happened to LDC's post match litter pick? MC would inquire.
- Feb 9th Burnley game moved to 17.30pm

2. Changes to our parking scheme.

- The petition had been submitted to David Weeks at ESCC and had been acknowledged.
- MC had been informed that there would be a consultation over our requested changes but as yet nothing had happened.

3. Maintenance Issues.

- Households had received letters from Highways England stating that lighting on the A27 would be improved. There would be a westbound road closure on Feb 11th -15th 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. Recent 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 sooner than it had been scheduled.
- Fly tipping happening a lot on Ridge RD ...councillors please report it to Lewes DC who usually react quickly.
- Ridge Road power lines had been cleared of overhanging tree branches.
- No further news from Derek Chapman of St Marys farm about the potholes from Moons Corner to the farm.

4 .Sussex University

- Stephanie Kirby had again offered to put up a notice board about the work going on in their field on Mill Street, so this offer had been accepted.
- 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. No more information.
- 3 university properties remained empty. MC to again ask Stephanie Kirby about this.

5. NO PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

6. FINANCE

- The accounts were presented to the council.

7. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD.

- May elections would probably be a focus of our next meeting. Currently everyone was intending to stand again.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday March 19th 7.30pm