

## FARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Farlow and Oretton Village Hall on 5 January 2017 commencing at 8pm

Present	Parish Councillors	Geoff Wadsworth Vice Chairman John Derricutt Stephen Jones Neil Sutton Stephen Andrewes
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Clerk to the Council	Derick Bromley
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Geoff Wadsworth Chaired the Meeting in Ann Broomhall's absence

1     **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Ann Broomhall (in New Zealand) Pete Brown (ill health) Gwilym Butler and Madge Shingleton.

2     **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest**

Councillors were reminded of their obligation to declare a pecuniary interest they may have with regard to **any** item on the Agenda.

3     **Public Open Session**

No Parishioners attended the Meeting.

4     **Approve Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Minutes of Meeting held on 24 November 2016 were approved and duly signed off

5     **Matters arising from minutes**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes other than those included on the Agenda.

6     **Unitary Councillors Report**

No Unitary Councillors attended the Meeting

7     **Bus Shelter in Farlow**

Following a survey carried out by Stephen Jones buses tend to arrive before pupils (Farlow appears to be the first calling point) so they can shelter on a bus should there be inclement weather. Thus the Meeting agreed there appears to be no necessity for a shelter. The matter will be reviewed if circumstances change.

8     **Broadband/Mobile phone signal**

The email from Ben Walker has been circulated to Councillors

9 **Elections 4 May 2017**

The Councillors were reminded of the Elections scheduled for 4 May 2017

10 **Parish Councils Precepting for Additional Services**

There was a very poor response to the survey and any political decisions thus made would be questionable. Of the responses two thirds supported funding Cleobury library

11 **Pension Regulator Reminder**

Attention was drawn to the Meeting of The Regulators recent reminder

12 **Lengthsman Report**

Duane Williams has agreed to accept the position providing they fit in with his other commitments. A form to complete giving relevant details was given to John Derricutt to pass to him. He toured the Parish with John Derricutt and Stephen Jones who pointed out his duties.

The Meeting agreed to retain the strimmer for use by the new Lengthsman. Neil Sutton raised the question of the drainage rods purchased by the Parish Council.

13 **Highways Monthly Report**

The ditch needs reinstating along Oreton New Road.

We need to discuss at the next Meeting Highways issues which need to be brought to the attention of County.

14 **Parish Web site**

Near finalisation but not to be properly commissioned for public access until the grant monies finalised.

The Meeting formally approved the NALC Grant application in the sum of £1,834 previously authorised by exchange of emails.

15 **Planning**

There following application was discussed:

**Proposed dwelling east of 1 Hill Houses 16/05062/OUT Revised**

This revision pertains solely to a revised access.

There is still no decision on the Chalets Application, Catherton Marshes 16/02758/FUL

16 **Correspondence**

Letter seeking financial support for the Shropshire Regimental Museum was deferred until the next Meeting.

17 **Web site**

This item was duplicated see Minute14

## 18 **Finance**

- 1) The Bank Balances recorded were as follows
  - Current Account £6,103.88
  - 30 day Account £718.57
  - Investment Account £18,000.00 from 4 July 2014-1 Year
- 2) The Clerks salary/disbursements 3 months to 31 December 2016 in the sum of £224.13 (net of income tax) was approved.
- 3) The Precept 2017/18 was discussed and the Meeting confirmed the Precept of £2,900 for that year

## 19 **Donations**

There were no requests for Donations.

## 20 **School Governors Report-Stephen Andrewes**

Stephen Andrewes reported as follows

- i) There had been no meetings over the Christmas break period
- ii) He informed the meeting he was coming to the end of his term in office (usually 4 years) in May 2017 and will not be renewing for a further term. There was a good deal of work involved. He is happy to keep in touch with the School and/or governors and report back to Council on any current issues.  
The Meeting thanked him for his work as Governor.

## 21 **Meetings attended**

Stephen Jones attended the recent LJC Meeting and reported as follows

- i) The Police attended and informed the meeting of 16 recent thefts involving the farming community. They admitted the 101 'service' was not very good
- ii) Two thirds of respondents to the recent Precepting survey favoured funding Cleobury library.
- iii) The 2L bus service is to continue.
- iv) Seeking donations for Youth Commissioning funding.

## 22 **Rights of Way**

### **Bridleways**

There is nothing to report.

### **Footpath Group**

There is nothing to report.

## 23 **Items to be put on Agenda for next Meeting**

The following items are to be put on the Agenda for the Next Meeting

- Shrewsbury Regimental Museum
- Highlight Highways problems

24 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting will be held on Thursday 26 January 2017 commencing 8pm in Farlow and Oreton Village Hall

The Meeting closed at 9.35pm