

# FARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Farlow and Oretton Village Hall on 26x January 2017 commencing at 8pm

Present	Parish Councillors	Geoff Wadsworth Vice Chairman John Derricutt Neil Sutton Pete Brown
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Clerk to the Council	Derick Bromley
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Unitary Councillor	Madge Shineton
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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) Stephen Andrewes (ill health) Gwilym Butler

## 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 5 January 2017 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**

Madge Shineton reported as follows:

- i) LJC meets at 7pm on 9 March 2017 at Medical Centre Ditton Priors. In attendance will be senior officers from County addressing Care in the Community issues.
- ii) A planning briefing proposed extending consultation time for responses to Applications from 21 days to 30 days.
- iii) There has been a conference of Chief Officers from Local Council.
- iv) She listed grants which are available mainly from private organisations
- v) There is to be a review of the SAMDev (only a short time frame available). We need to consider if we want to make representations. She also suggested we needed a Housing Needs Survey (i.e. rented or shared ownership preference).

6 **Unitary Councillors Report (continued)**

- vi) There was a discussion on the proposed Village Hall sign. Alice Dilley needs to contact Ann Broomhall-we cannot erect ourselves.
- vii) Graham Downes says we need to register our 'highways' concerns.
- viii) Tenders have been sent out for 'Highways '. Seven parties are interested. In tendering.
- ix) Still waiting on English Heritage response to Chalets application.

Madge Shineton retired from the Meeting

7 **Parish Councils Precepting for shared services**

There has been no further movement on this proposal following the poor response to the survey.

8 **Lengthsman Report**

There is a good prospect of a grant being available 2017/18 but a question mark over 2018/19. Duane Williams has made a start. John Derricutt will chase him up to complete the engagement forms.

9 **Highways Monthly Report**

We need to provide Graham Downes with a list of urgent jobs which need attention. John Derricutt will chase up Stephen Jones for his input.

10 **Parish Web site**

The site is up and running and available for viewing by general public. The grant monies have been received and the meeting agreed in principle for the Clerk to shop around for suitable hardware/software.

11 **The Battles Over-Celebrations of Centenary of end of WWI**

Need to consider if we will have a beacon to mark this anniversary. There is a deadline to register an event.

12 **Shropshire Regimental Museum**

They are seeking funds. It may be an annual request. The meeting agreed to keep the matter on file for future consideration.

13 **SLCC Training seminar**

The meeting declined the invitation

14 **Planning**

There was mention of the permission for Affordable Houses at Hill House. We are expecting an application through a housing association. There is also outline permission for a private dwelling (we believe the plot has been sold)  
We are expecting to hear of a Planning Committee hearing soon to resolve the Chalets Application on Catherton Common 16/02758/FUL

15 **Correspondence**

Western Power Business Plan was noted.

16 **Finance**

- 1) The Bank Balances recorded were as follows
  - Current Account £6,103.88
  - 30 day Account £718.60
  - Investment Account £18,000.00 from 4 July 2014-1 Year
- 2) The Village Hall Grant application was deferred until next month.
- 3) The request for reclaiming vat on cooker was declined. The invoice had already been paid and was not addressed to the Parish Council.

17 **Donations**

A donation to crucial Crew in the sum of £80 was sanctioned. .

18 **School Governors Report-Stephen Andrewes**

There was no report this month.

19 **Meetings attended**

No meetings were attended during this month

20 **Rights of Way****Bridleways**

A Christmas meal for the group was held at the Fighting Cocks Stottesdon. At which discussions were held about the future of the group. The web site had crashed but Chris Bargman has sorted. It was too wet for any site work.

**Footpath Group**

There is nothing to report.

21 **Items to be put on Agenda for next Meeting**

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

- SAMDev/ Housing needs survey
- Chalets Application
- The 'Battle is Over'
- Chalets Application 16/02758/FUL
- Village Hall Grant application

22 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting will be held on Thursday 23 February 2017 commencing 8pm in Farlow and Oretton Village Hall

The Meeting closed at 9.23pm