

FARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Farlow and Oretton Village Hall on 30 March 2017 commencing at 8pm

Present	Parish Councillors	Ann Broomhall Chair Geoff Wadsworth Vice Chairman John Derricutt Neil Sutton Stephen Jones Pete Brown Stephen Andrewes
	Clerk to the Council	Derick Bromley
	Unitary Councillor Parishioners	None Steve Tolley, Pippa Tolley Kate Mathews and Nicholas Sutton
	Lengthsman	Duane Williams

1 **Apologies**

Apologies were received Madge Shingleton and Gwilym Butler (purdah due to forthcoming elections)

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**

See item 6 below. No other issues were raised.

4 **Approve Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Minutes of Meeting held on 23 February 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 **Traffic Incident Oretton New Road 13 March 2017**

Steve Tolley outlined the events of that day. He was walking up New Road with his dog, around 5pm, and following his wife who was on horseback and clearly visible wearing a hi-viz jacket. He was struck from behind by a vehicle which failed to stop. He lost consciousness and was hospitalised for two days. The doctors commented that but for his fitness this would have been a fatality. The parishioners present were seeking further speed restrictions in the Village and a campaign is being organised. Steve was invited to address the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting highlighting the increasing poor standard of driving through our Parish and the need for action.

7 **Unitary Councillors Report**

Neither Unitary Councillors attended-in purdah due to forthcoming elections.

8 **Lengthsman Report**

Duane Williams attended this Meeting reporting/producing photograph on the work done to date. He highlighted future jobs needing attention. He also submitted his claim for the work he has done to date in the sum of £728 which was authorised for payment.

9 **Highways Monthly Report**

The Clerk told the meeting Highways problems highlighted at the last meeting had been reported to Graham Downes. We understand County are cutting back the trees at the bottom of Oreton Bank (Bombay House end)

10 **Litter Pick**

Not yet arranged but planned for Sunday 9 April 2017 meeting at 10am by Village Hall.

11 **Web Site**

The procedure will be to upload Agenda as soon as agreed and before the Meeting but the Minutes will not be posted until agreed in general meeting. The Clerk highlighted the items which need to be posted to conform to the Transparency Code.

12 **Date of Annual Parish Meeting/Speaker**

It was decided the Meeting will be on 25 May 2017 with the main speaker Steve Tolley to address the Meeting on speeding issues in the Village. The AGM of the Parish Council will be on 11 May 2017. The Meeting of a new Council, post election, has to be within 14 days of said Election (4 May 2017)

13 **Annual Report 2017**

The report is still to be formally approved (was distributed earlier via email). This is the last year it will be printed and circulated around the Parish. In future it will only be posted on the Web Site.

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

It is planned to have a beacon on the land owned by John Derricutt at Spring Vale.

15 **Planning**

There were no Applications to consider this month. Response times to Applications have been extended from 21 to 31 days.

16 **Correspondence**

- 1) Electoral roll changes.
- 2) Local Council Insurance

17 **Finance**

- 1) The Bank Balances recorded were as follows
 - Current Account £7077.77
 - 30 day Account £718.66
 - Investment Account £18,000.00 from 4 July 2014-1 Year
- 2) Provision Accounts Y/E 31 March 2017, previously distributed by email, were discussed.
- 3) The Internal Audit was provisionally discussed and the risk assessment will be formally reviewed and adopted next month. It was noted the internal audit fee would be £100
- 4) The Clerks salary/disbursements/Computer purchase settlement in the sum of £306.07 (net of Income Tax) was sanctioned.
- 5) A cheque to HMRC for Income Tax due in the sum of £42.40 was agreed.
- 6) A statement of reconciliation of Computer purchases was produced to the Meeting and agreed.
- 7) The Meeting agreed a grant of £600 towards the day to day running costs of the Village Hall

18 **Donations**

There were no requests for donations

19 **School Governors Report-Stephen Andrewes**

There was a full Governors Meeting 2 weeks ago. Stephen will not be standing for Election in May but will continue to report on School affairs to the Parish Council. Alison has returned to work but as yet she is not teaching.

20 **Meetings attended**

No meetings were attended during this month

21 **Rights of Way**

Bridleways

The Groups AGM was held recently

Footpath Group

There is nothing to report.

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

The following item is to be put on the Agenda for the Next Meeting

- Election update
- Annual Parish Meeting

23 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting will be held on Thursday 27 April 2017 commencing 8pm in Farlow and Oretton Village Hall. Please note the AGM will be held on 11 May 2017 same time and venue.

The Meeting closed at c9.40pm

