

## **FARLOW PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting (AGM) held in Farlow and Oreton Village Hall on 11 May 2017 commencing at 8pm

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| Present | Parish Councillors | Geoff Wadsworth Chairman<br>Ann Broomhall Vice Chair<br>John Derricutt<br>Neil Sutton<br>Stephen Jones<br>Pete Brown<br>Stephen Andrewes |
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| Clerk to the Council | Derick Bromley |
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| Unitary Councillor | Gwilym Butler |
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Geoff Wadsworth Chaired the Meeting until the Appointments of new Chair and Vice Chair

1     **Apologies**

Apology was received from Madge Shineton

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     **Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for the ensuing year.**

On the proposal of Stephen Jones seconded by John Derricutt, Geoff Wadsworth was nominated as Chair of Farlow Parish Council for the ensuing year.

On the proposal of Neil Sutton seconded by Geoff Wadsworth, Ann Broomhall was nominated as Vice Chair of Farlow Parish Council for the ensuing year.

4     **Vote for Chair and Vice Chair of Farlow Parish Council for the ensuing year.**

The meeting voted unanimously to appoint Geoff Wadsworth to the position of Chairman of Farlow Parish Council for the ensuing year

The meeting voted unanimously to appoint Ann Broomhall to the position of Vice Chair of Farlow Parish Council for the ensuing year

5     **Public Open Session**

No Parishioners attended the meeting

6 **Declaration of Acceptance of Office Forms.**

All Councillors completed their Acceptance of Office Forms in the presence of the Clerk and their signatures were also witnessed by the Clerk

7 **Approve Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Minutes of Meeting held on 27 April 2017 were approved and duly signed off and sanctioned to post to The Web Site.

8 **Matters arising from minutes**

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

9 **Unitary Councillors Report**

Gwilym Butler was congratulated on being re-elected. He reported as follows:

- I) County Council is “idling” until a full meeting of the new Council next Thursday.
- II) Turnout at Local Election was 35.7% (Previously 51%)
- III) There is a Conservative majority on the Council-(49 out of 74). Two persons are standing for Leader.
- IV) Some 17 new Councillors have been elected to the new assembly
- V) Gwilym will email his Annual Report to the Clerk
- VI) The Lengthsmans County budget of £110K has been oversubscribed so Applicants will only receive c55% of their Application amount – in the case of Farlow PC some £1,672. County are hoping to develop the scheme and provide additional grant monies in future years. It will all depend on the Political composition of the New Government following the General Election.
- VII) Money spent of Youth Services is secured for this year.
- VIII) Hoping to promote a centralised Planning Committee instead of the current 3 Committees. One negative observation was a member from say Market Drayton would have no knowledge or sympathy with Farlow and Oreton
- IX) No decision as yet as to who will replace Ringway. The Tenders have not yet been sent out.
- X) John Derricutt complained of the lengthy waiting times to see a GP. Gwilym responded by pointing out rural areas are having a problem recruiting GP's
- XI) It was reported of trees dangerously overhanging hedgerows at Chorley (Billingsley Parish) so caution needed when in that area.

Gwilym retired from the Meeting and hoped to be present at the Annual Parish Meeting on 25 May 2017

10 **Lengthsman Report**

The Lengthsman did not attend the Meeting

We have been provisionally advised we have been granted £1,672 but no official notification as yet.

Under the Scheme Stephen Jones and John Derricutt have been extensively cutting back trees at the bottom of Oreton Bank

.11 **Highways Monthly Report**

The following were reported

- i) Oreton Bank highway needs resurfacing urgently before the onset of autumn.
- ii) We need to compile a list of urgent jobs that need doing for the next meeting.
- iii) Detton Bridge culvert blocked.

12 **Transparency Code Disclosure Requirements**

The Clerk advised the Meeting in some detail the requirements and timetables necessary to comply with the Transparency Code. For example Minutes, Agendas, financial information including list of expenditure over £100 need to be posted on our web site

13 **Planning**

There were no Applications to consider this month.

14 **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to consider this month,

15 **Finance**

- 1) The Bank Balances recorded were as follows
  - Current Account £9,044.08
  - 30 day Account £718.72
  - Investment Account £18,000.00 from 4 July 2014-1 Year
- 2) Annual Return Financial Statements 2016/17 formally approved and signed
- 3) Annual Return Governance Statement 2017 formally approved and signed
- 4) We need to check Duane Williams's insurance status.
- 5) Following Payments were authorised:
  - Cleobury Country Printing Annual Report £75.60
  - C T Jones & Sons Trees Oreton Bank £396
  - Yvonne Jones Trees Oreton Bank £72
  - John Derricutt Trees Oreton Bank £456
  - Zurich Insurance Renewal premium £206.08
- 6) We have applied for a grant from NALC to further comply with the Transparency Code in the sum of £660

16 **Donations**

There were no requests for donations

17 **School Governors Report-Stephen Andrewes**

Stephen Andrewes reported as follows:

- i) Headmistress back at work but not yet teaching
- ii) Extension works planned for school building-hope to do in summer.
- iii) School financial position quite sound
- iv) No academic issues to report

17 **School Governors Report-Stephen Andrewes (continued)**

- v) Though he is retiring as Governor, Stephen will continue to report on school activities in consultation with Alison
- vi) The School attendance roll is currently 53 (capacity 56). It is anticipated there will be a small dip in numbers next school year.
- vii) In all aspects everything is satisfactory at the moment.

18 **Meetings attended**

No meetings were attended during this month

19 **Rights of Way**

**Bridleways**

There was nothing to report.

**Footpath Group**

There is nothing to report.

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

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

- Clerks Contract
- Urgent Highway jobs in need of attention.
- Investment to consider for reinvestment from 4 July 2017

21 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting will be held on Thursday 22 June 2017 commencing 8pm in Farlow and Oretton Village Hall. Please note the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 25 May 2017 same time and venue.

The Meeting closed at c9.22pm