

FARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Farlow and Oreton Village Hall on 31 August 2017 commencing at 8pm

Present	Parish Councillors	Geoff Wadsworth Chairman John Derricutt Neil Sutton Stephen Jones Pete Brown Stephen Andrewes
	Clerk to the Council	Derick Bromley
	Unitary Councillor Footpath Group Lengthsmen	Madge Shineton Susan Sharp John Hamer Anthony Harman

1 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Ann Broomhall (ill health) and 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 members of the public attended the Meeting

4 **Approve Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Minutes of Meeting held on 27 July 2017 were approved, and sanctioned to post on The Web Site. It would appear these were not distributed by email in the customary fashion. It is noted John Derricutt's email are not being 'delivered'.

5 **Matters arising from minutes**

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

6 **Address by Susan Sharp on continuing footpath Group**

Following Zella Bache's resignation the group has stagnated and Susan said she is willing to help get it up and running again. After a strong start interest had fallen off.

6 **Address by Susan Sharp on continuing footpath Group (continued)**

As ever there is only a small pool of interested people willing to help. The Parish does not have many indigenous walkers-most ramblers are from outside the parish. Susan said she will assist in trying to reactivate the group saying we need to get back to 'basics'.

We need to advertise for volunteers and suggested a 'pub' meet to gauge the level of support. The names put forward of likely volunteers were Marion Wootton and Jim Workman. Geoff Wadsworth will contact Susan by email at susan:@eaglelane.co.uk.

7 **Defibrillator Acquisition**

The system is up and running but still to be registered. The telephone box has been cleaned out and painted. The accounts submitted by Heartstart have been received and payment discharged in the sum of £1,912.16 (including VAT). When needed dialling 999 will access the code to gain access to the equipment.

The next stage is community training which will need to be advertised. Best times will be 7pm in the Village Hall. We will need to advise Heartstart of the likely numbers. Neil Sutton will also promote on Facebook.

A Parishioner Richard Williams is willing to donate £1k towards the cost. A plaque commemorating his late father will be displayed.

Geoff Wadsworth and/or Stephen Andrewes will contact the headmistress when school term resumes for siting a further machine at Farlow School which we shall have to pay for or alternatively apply for a lottery grant.

8 **Unitary Councillors Report**

Madge Shineton reported as follows:

- I) Madge has toured the Parish with Graham Downes highlighting problems in urgent need of attention. They are particularly concerned about the surface of Farlow Bank.
 - II) Ringways contract expires March 2018. No replacement has yet been formalised.
 - III) We need to draw up our list of jobs in urgent attention and advise Highways.
 - IV) We need to identify any additions we wish to make to Place Plans such as Utilities requirements. Madge reports things are changing but not sure in which direction!
 - V) She mentioned Brown Clee Medical Practice and the COCO scheme to care for elderly people who are lonely.
 - VI) Proposals as to where The Acute Medical service will be located will be decided in October. Preference is for Shrewsbury because A&E services are provided for Powys.
 - VII) Lot of work being done with GP Practices-they have a big role to play.
 - VIII) She will enquire with Grantfinder for any funding available defibrillators.
 - IX) A good deal of training in place for new Councillors at County level.
 - X) There had been a good deal of discussion about the cost of running Ludlow Minor Injuries Unit. Cannot afford to keep fully staffed the Midwife Unit due to low numbers using the service.
 - XI) Again John Derricutt complained about the poor Mobile Phone reception. Madge assured him MP's and Councillors are constantly putting pressure on the providers.
- Madge Shineton then retired from the Meeting.

9 **Pecuniary Interest Forms.**

Following the May 2017 Elections Councillors are required to submit new forms detailing their Pecuniary Interests.

10 **Rejuvenation of Notice Boards/Bus Shelters**

The Clerk produced estimates to do the work. It was decided to address the issue at the next Meeting with a view to including this in the Lengthsmens responsibilities.

11 **Back to Back Village Hall signs.**

Though paid for these in April 2017 they have yet to be provided. Alice Dilly states these will be ordered in bulk with other signage.

12 **Data Protection Officer**

The Clerk was appointed to fulfil the above role. The new Regulations come into effect May 2018

13 **Lengthsman Report**

The new Lengthsmen attended the Meeting. Anthony Harman had already started working. He submitted his invoice for work done to date in the sum £143 (Vat inclusive). A cheque for this sum was drawn. John Hamer will commence his duties in September 2017. Both agreed to produce their insurance documents.

A list of their responsibilities was outlined. Duties will include strimming round road signs and verges, inspecting salt levels in grit bins ready for winter and generally touring village for any evidence of water damage when it is raining. The boundaries of the Parish were explained to them.

14 **Highways Monthly Report**

The highways Template reporting schedule was discussed. Urgent items should be reported to Geoff Wadsworth to collate the information in one central location before advising Highways.

15 **Planning**

The following Applications were considered

Agricultural Building Down Farm 17/03878/AGR

For information only. No comment permitted.

2 Floor extension The Plough Oretton 17/03659/FUL

After due discussion there were no objections to this application

Reports on previous applications were as follows

Agricultural Building Larches Lane 17/02689/FUL

No decision yet reached

4 Chalets Catherton Common-Appeal 17/02557/REF

No decision yet reached.

3 Lanes End 17/02911/FUL

Permission Granted.

Oaklands Farlow 17/03382/FUL

No decision yet reached.

15 **Planning (continued)**

Neil Sutton suggested we debated our SAMDev Housing policy and request it be included in next month's Agenda. Place Plans are really about our satisfaction or otherwise with the utility services in the village.

16 **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence this month.

17 **Finance**

- 1) The Bank Balances recorded were as follows
 - Current Account £9,868.68
 - 30 day Account £718.81
 - Investment Account £18,000.00 from 4 July 2014 to 15 December 2017
- 2) Accounts year to date 2017/18 were considered
- 3) Mazars have concluded the Audit 2016/17 without qualification.
- 4) The Bank Mandate for Geoff Wadsworth has been approved.
- 5) Payment to Heartstart re Defibrillator £1,774.20 and £137.36
- 6) Payment P&H Enterprises repairs Notice Board by 'Gate' £75
- 7) Payment to Silvington Consultancy £100 for Internal Audit.

18 **Donations**

There were no requests for donations. We received a thank you letter from Crucial Crew for our previous donation.

19 **Meetings attended**

There were no Meetings attended during the month.

20 **Rights of Way**

Bridleways

Working parties have been formed for undertaking necessary jobs

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

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

- SAMDev- Housing Policy
- Defibrillator-Future Grants available
- Refurbishing Notice Boards/Bus Shelters
- Footpaths Group

22 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting will be held on Thursday 28 September 2017 commencing 8pm in Farlow and Oretton Village Hall.

The Meeting closed at c10.11pm