

## FARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Farlow and Oretton Village Hall on 2 January 2020 commencing at 8 pm

Present	Parish Councillors	Geoff Wadsworth Chairman Anne Broomhall John Derricutt Neil Sutton Stephen Jones Jim Workman
	Lengthsman	Anthony Harman

### 1 Apologies

An apology was received from Madge Shineton, Pete Brown, Derick Bromley

### 2 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

Councillors were reminded of their obligation to declare any pecuniary interest they may have regarding any item on the agenda.

### 3 Public Open Session

No members of the public were in attendance.

### 4 Approve Minutes of Last Meetings

The minutes of the Meeting held on 28th November 2019 were approved and were sanctioned to be posted to our website.

### 5 Reports by Unitary Councillors

Not given as Unitary Councillors unable to attend.

### 6 Lengthsman/Highways

Anthony Harman reported as follows;

- Several large potholes have developed across the Parish. In particular Farlow, Gate Corner Farlow to Small Brook, Silvington Road etc. Meeting agreed that Parish roads had very much deteriorated over the last two months of wet weather. No signs of any road maintenance being undertaken in our area.
- Work has been done to clear out uglies and drains, and will continue. Will build up embankments with waste where possible, but the some will need to be removed.
- Ditch down New Road close to Larches Lane is badly silted up and the meeting agreed that the priority for work should be to investigate and clear pipes and drains up Wythe's Bank to Thompson & Parks. Then start to clear New Road ditches.
- Lengthsman tasked to price stone for pull-ins from Lanes End to Farlow School.

- The road from Farlow Crossroads to the Chapel will be closed in early 2020 (dates TBC) for work to be carried out by Severn Trent. Early notice of this work needs to be confirmed and Parish representation would be sought in the consultation process.

His Invoice for £277.20 gross was passed for payment.

Highways issues concentrated on the deteriorating state of the roads in general and the lack of confidence in Shropshire Highways to action any maintenance works. We will keep reporting issues and self-help where we can. Figures given by Shropshire Council on a better repair rate to roads in the County was met with disbelief at the last meeting.

## 7 Planning

The meeting noted that:

The Firs Cramer Gutter 19/04655/FUL had been granted planning permission.

The stable block conversion North of Factory Lane 19/04446/FUL had been withdrawn.

Enforcement proceeding for Moors Lane unauthorised erection of building continues.

## 8 Hillhead Farm Car Park - Final Decision to Proceed

The Chairman stated that we had received a full and formal response from planning Shropshire on our pre planning proposal PREAPP/1900501.

The document details significant concerns by planners on our plan for a car parking area to the opposite side of Farlow Church to School House. Key concerns being:

Visibility for vehicles joining the road from the proposed car park as it is on a bend.

Need to keep a large lime tree, thus reducing by half the size of the car park capacity. Need to safeguard the root system of said tree by not disrupting the ground within 12m of the tree. Thus reducing the parking area again.

Need for an archaeological survey of any ground to be disturbed.

Consideration to be given to the need to construct a pedestrian walkway to connect church, parking area and school with road crossing points.

Planners felt the car park would have a detrimental impact of the adjacent Listed Building and village itself.

As a result of the Pre Planning report, the Meeting unanimously decided not to proceed with a planning application for the car park. The Secretary is asked to inform Shropshire Planners of our intention not to proceed to gain Planning Authority and to formally thank Mr Walter Link for his kind offer of land for the car par, but to decline that offer.

9 **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to discuss this month.

10 **Finance**

- 1) The Bank Balances recorded were as follows
  - Current Account £27,472.89
  - 30 day Account £719.65
- 2) Accounts to date. Members requested hard copy at the next meeting.
- 3) Precept for 2020/21 was briefly discussed and agreed that the next meeting be brought forward to 23 Jan 2020 to allow time for full consideration of the precept.
- 4) Clerks salary/disbursements 3 months to 31 December 2019 and HMRC Payment to be carried forward to next meeting.
- 5) No other payments due.

11 **Requests for Donations**

There were no requests for donations this month.

12 **Meetings attended**

Neil Sutton stated that a Rural Watch Meeting was held at the New Inn on Thursday 12 December 2019. Sadly it was poorly attended with only 8 attendees. The project to open a WhatsApp reporting system is on hold. Jan Freeman may report back to the group in due course.

13 **Bridleway Group.**

Nothing to report this month

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

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

- Precept 2020/21

15 **Date of Next Meetings**

The next Meeting will be held on 23 January 2020. Meeting 8.00pm in Farlow and Oretton

The Meeting closed at 9:45 pm