

FARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on **29 April 2021** in Farlow And Oretton Village Hall commencing at 8 pm

Present	Parish Councillors	Geoff Wadsworth Chairman Neil Sutton-Vice Chair Stephen Jones Ann Broomhall John Derricutt Ian Elwell Jim Workman
	Clerk to the Council Unitary Councillor	Derick Bromley Madge Shineton
	Lengthsman	Anthony Harman

1 **Apologies**

An apology was received from Gwilym Butler.

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 Parishioners attended the Meeting.

4 **Approve Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the Zoom Meeting held on 25 March 2021 were approved and sanctioned to be posted to our website.

5 **Unitary Councillors**

Madge Shineton reported as follows:

- Her report has been distributed and posted to our web site.
- She reported there had been a spike of Covid cases in North Shropshire.
- Details of where to obtain lateral flow tests are listed on Shropshire web site.
- She commented on the 'state' of Future Fit and the welcome integration of the Counties health care systems during the covid pandemic.
- Recommended the clerk ask for list of Highways jobs planned for the Parish during the forthcoming year and this was followed by a general discussion on the poor condition of our roads.
- She reported there had been quite a few landslips in the area following the prolonged inclement weather. The land near Ray's Farm is particularly unstable.

As this is Madge's last Meeting the Councillors thanked her for her years of dedicated service both at Parish, District and Unitary level.

6 **Elections May 2021**

The Clerk reported on the current Election position. All the Councillors Nominated had been elected in an Uncontested Election. There is one Councillor position now available and can be filled if the Parish Council acts within the 35-working day rule of the Election timetable, without having to follow the normal procedure.

6a **Annual Parish Meeting**

Being Election year to observe the timetable rules the Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 20 May 2021 with the Annual Parish Meeting one week later on Thursday 27 May 2021 starting at 7pm in the Village Hall.

6b **Farlow Parish Council Annual report 2021**

Comment was made on the Annual Report recently circulated. Modification of layout was suggested.

7 **Lengthsman/Highways**

Anthony reported on work done/problems observed during the past month as follows:

- Nothing much done during past month.
- He outlined jobs which need future attention. Corner Cottages Notice Board are in poor condition (needs a glass front), spraying by drains.
- Diversion signs relating to closure of cattle grid (near Gate Hangs Well) are confusing and inappropriate for large vehicles.
- Footpath sign near the bad pothole on the way to the school is broken and needs replacing.

No other Highways issues were discussed. It will be the Unitary July meeting before the Highways budget will be resolved due to delays caused by covid interruptions.

8 **Supporting other Shropshire Parish Councils Campaign to address Highways Issues.**

There were mixed views by Parish Councils on the campaign and it was thought best left until after the conclusion of the election to make our decision on this.

9 **Planning**

Moors Lane Enforcement.

We have submitted a complaint to Enforcement but have not yet received the courtesy of a response. And still nothing has been heard. This dates back to 2018.

The Application for a dwelling by the Rock House has been withdrawn. The Rock House although not listed is of historical interest.

Tim Preece Chalet. Our complaints to the Planning Case Officer remain unanswered.

It was suggested we keep a register of unresolved Planning Issues.

10 **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence of any consequence to consider.

11 **Donations**

No applications for donations were received during the month. It was noted we had not received any acknowledgement of our recent donation to Hope House.

12 **Finance**

- 1) Bank Statements received and circulated were as follows:

Current Account	£26,950.83
30 Day	£719.96
- 2) Payment of Microsoft Licence Fee Due November 2020 £79.99
- 3) Certificate of Exemption for Smaller Authorities was considered, Approved, and signed.
- 4) Zurich Insurance renewal 2021/22 was discussed. The situation re LTA was raised and the final decision regarding renewal was postponed until the next Meeting.
- 5) There were no other payments to be made.

13 **Meetings attended.**

No meetings attended.

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

No specific items were raised to be included on the next Agenda.

15 **Date of Next Meetings**

The next Meeting (AGM) will be held on Thursday 20 May 2021 in Farlow and Oretton Village Hall commencing at 8 pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 27 May 2021 in Farlow and Oretton Village Hall commencing at 7 pm.

16. **Thank you to retiring Councillor**

Stephen Jones did not stand at the May Elections and his fellow Councillors thanked him for his past many years of service to the Council and this Community. He indicated he would continue to be of service especially on Highways issues where he could.

The Meeting closed at 9.35 pm.