

## **FARLOW PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting held on **26 May 2022 (AGM)** in Farlow and Oretton Village Hall commencing at 6.30 pm

Present	Parish Councillors	Neil Sutton- Chairman Ann Broomhall John Derricutt Jim Workman Ian Elwell Vice Chairman Helena Hale Laura Burrows.
	Clerk to the Council Unitary Councillor(s) Lengthsman James Shier Parishioners	Derick Bromley Simon Harris Not in Attendance Chair Village Hall Committee None in attendance

Anne Broomhall chaired the Meeting Until item 4 Resolved

**1     Apologies**

Anthony Harman and Gwilym Butler tendered their apologies.

**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     Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for Ensuing Year**

Neil Sutton and Ian Elwell were nominated unanimously as Chair and Vice Chair of Farlow Parish Council for the ensuing year.

**4     Vote for Chair and Vice Chair for the ensuing year**

Neil Sutton and Ian Elwell were voted unanimously as Chair and Vice Chair of Farlow Parish Council for the ensuing year.  
Neil Sutton proceeded as Chair of the Meeting

**5     Public Open Session**

No Parishioners attended the Meeting. The Village Hall Grant was discussed On item 13 (7)

**6     Approve Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last Meeting held on 28 April 2022 were approved and sanctioned to be posted to our website

8 **Beacons for Queens Platinum Jubilee Jun 2022**

We have now approved placing an order for the Commemorative mugs for every household. Final details logistics and cost to be agreed.

9 **Lengthsman/Highways**

Anthony Harman had tendered his apologies.

The Grant Application for £750 has been approved which we have match funded by the same amount.

Because of time issues for this Meeting there were no urgent Highways Matters to discuss.

10 **Planning**

The following applications on which we have no right to comment were noted  
Agricultural Building Hill Houses Paul Harding 22/02208/AGR  
Enclosed portal frame Building Dan Link 22/019621/AGR

Enforcement proceedings Moors Lane-Still no action. This was first raised over 4 years ago. We are unsure any enforcement procedures were ever activated.

11 **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence received this month

12 **Donations**

There were no donation requests this month.

Thank you, letters/emails were received from Hope House Severn Hospice and Crucial Crew for our donations

13 **Finance**

- 1 Bank Statements –  
Current Account £29,679.02  
Business Instant £728.10
- 2 Clerks Salary was reviewed and agree at £1350 pa from 1 April 2022
- 3 Certificate of Exemption 2021/22 for Smaller Authorities was approved and duly signed
- 4 Annual Audit Report 2021/22 was submitted to the Meeting
- 5 Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 was approved and signed
- 6 Accounting Statement 2021/22 was approved and signed.
- 7 Village Hall grant. There was a frank discussion on the current Parish Council policy regarding grant to Village Hall. Whilst we have made regular grants in past years paired to the Village Hall Insurance premiums the Parish Council are aware of the current financial crisis affecting parishioners and the need to cut our budgets. We are conscious of the substantial Covid Grant the Village Hall received. An application to link previous grants to RPI increases which would result in a grant of c£1,250 pa was rejected. It was commented we have supported the Hall's finances in the distant past where there is a specific requirement. Sight of the latest Village Accounts would assist in assessing their financial need. James Shier proposed resurrecting a hiring fee (which has somewhat lapsed over recent years). A figure of £12.50 per hour was suggested.

.14 **Meetings attended.**

No Meetings were attended during past month.

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

- Defibrillator Batteries.

16 **Date of Next Meetings**

The next Meeting will be held on Thursday 7 July 2022 in Farlow and Oreton Village Hall commencing at 8 00pm.

The Meeting closed 7.55pm.