

FARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24th November 2022 in Farlow and Oretton Village Hall commencing at 8.00 pm.

Present	Parish Councillors	Neil Sutton – Chair Ann Broomhall Helena Hale Jim Workman Ian Elwell John Derricutt
	Clerk of the Council	Sue Jones
	Unitary Councillor	Gwilym Butler
	Lengthsman	Anthony Harman
	Parishioners	None

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Simon Harris and Emma Gittins

2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

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

3. Public open session

No members of the Public

4. Approve the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last Meeting held on 27th October 2022 were approved and sanctioned to be posted to the website.

5. Report by Unitary Councillor

- There is a Cost-of-Living Help line number 03456789012 option 1
- Shropshire Council are looking at an £11 Million overspend this year.
- The overspend for next year is looking to be £25 Million.
- The Council is looking to find efficiencies across the Council from contracts to processes, for example should there be less Council meetings so less committee officers are needed. Could generate income from charging for Green Waste collection. Trying to reduce the amount of Black bag waste going to the Battlefield incinerator so SC can offer Telford and Wrekin the service to generate income.
- There is a New Head of Planning and for the South.
- The Autumn Statement is allowing Councils to put Council Tax up by 4.99% which would generate a further £1.8 Million.
- The Men's Shed is very popular and they can do a number of things, notice boards repairs etc. Maybe when the precept is being considered the Parish Council could think about giving a donation.

6. Lengthsman and Highways

Lengthsman Schedule for the Year

- Silvington Road
- Farlow Bridge
- Crossroads to the Gate needs tidying up - Ongoing
- Village Hall – Tidy car Park - Ongoing
- Down Bank - On Going
- Farlow Bank – On Going
- Whithes Bank
- Foxholes Flooding

Lengthsmans Report

- Perspex for the notice board at the Gate just needs fitting now.
- Keeping drains in the Parish clear – Bottom of Farlow Bank, just below the Chapel, the ditch by Farlow Farm has been rodded.
- Some of the stones reported at the last meeting by Honeysuckle have been removed.
- 2/3 of the way down New Road there is a drain that crosses over the road that can't be rodded, it will need to be investigated when the weather is dryer.
- The grit bin at the Foxholes just past the first telegraph pole needs refilling
- There is a problem with the flooding at the Foxholes, water is coming on to the upper part of the track, a pipe appears to be blocked. AH will look to see where the water is coming from and speak to the landowner.

7. Planning

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

PLANNING REFERENCE: 22/05212/CPL

Application for a Certificate of Lawful development for the proposed use or development for the occupation of The Old Corn Mill, Farlow as a single dwelling (compliance with condition 3 of Planning permission 71/3268)

8. Correspondence

None

9. Donations

None

10. Finance

1. Bank Statements @ 03/11/22

Current Account £28142.33

Business Instant £720.14

2. Accounts for Payment

Chq No. 694 Skellern Windows and Doors £717.00

5 Doubled glazed units were replaced.

Chq No. 695 Chris Bargman £111.00

Mr Bargman has given notice that he will be winding down his website work.

11. Meetings attended

No meetings attend during the last month

12. Items to be put on agenda for the next meeting

Precept Requirements 23/24

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th January 2023 in Farlow and Oreton Village Hall commencing at 8.00pm followed by a meeting on 26th January.

10.05 pm meeting closed