

FARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5th January 2023 in Farlow and Oretton Village Hall commencing at 8.00 pm.

Present	Parish Councillors	Neil Sutton – Chair Helena Hale Jim Workman Ian Elwell John Derricutt Emma Gittins
	Clerk of the Council	Sue Jones
	Unitary Councillor	Simon Harris
	Lengthsman	Anthony Harman
	Parishioners	James Shier

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ann Broomhall and Gwilym Butler

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

James Shier discussed the level of Precept that the Parish Council had requested for this financial year where they had reduced the amount received to £3,000 from £4,500. He felt that this had resulted in a loss of the grant to the Village Hall. The Chairman explained that it was agreed to reduce the precept due to Covid and the restrictions this had placed on activities. The Precept for 23/24 will be discussed later in the meeting and your comments will be considered.

4. Approve the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last Meeting held on 24th November 2022 were approved and sanctioned to be posted to the website.

Report by Unitary Councillor - Simon Harris

1. Shropshire Councils budget is currently out for consultation if anyone wishes to make any comments. All revenue reserves have been used, which could take the Council in to special measures.
2. Cost of Living – Shropshire Council are contacting people who may be vulnerable to see if help can be given. The distribution of £200 help to residents that use oil, or LPG is being discussed, along with Park Homes etc.
3. Place Plan – Currently awaiting information on the review
4. A question has been raised on Shropshire Councils responsibility to keep a BOAT open and maintained, as a resident of Hill Houses has been in contact with SH, clarification will be sort.

5. Lengthsman and Highways

Lengthsmans Report

1. The Foxholes: AH reported that he has dug a ditch that diverts the water into the ditch across the road. The new track appears to be causing the problem. The pipe under the road is not running away. JD and AH will go a speak to the landowner.
2. The glass in the notice board by The Gate has been replace but the back is rotten, AH is repairing it.
3. The lock on the notice board at Well Farm needs attention.
4. At the junction by the Ford there is an issue with the drain. JD to have a look.

6. Planning

PLANNING REFERENCE: 22/05591/FUL

The Wheatlands, 3 Lanes End, Farlow,

Proposal: Two storey side extension.

No Comments to make.

PLANNING REFERENCE:22/05605/FUL

Proposed Affordable Dwelling SE Of Larches Lane Off, New Road, Oreton

Proposal: Erection of an affordable dwelling and associated double garage together with the formation of a vehicular access

The Parish Council supports this application. The Parish Council encourages Local Need Housing to keep local people in the local area.

7. Correspondence

None

8. Donations

None

9. Finance

1. Bank Statements @ 03/11/22

Current Account £28,142.33

Business Instant £720.14

2. Accounts for Payment

Chq No. 696 A P Supplies £562.8

3. Precept Requirement 2023/24

The draft budget was discussed and additions to expenditure made, including an increase to the contribution to the Village Hall. The revised budget will be discussed and agreed at the next meeting. The provisional precept requirement is £4,500.

10. Meetings attended

No meetings attend during the last month

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

Precept Requirements 23/24

12. Date of next meeting

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

10.45 pm meeting closed.

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