

FARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd February 2023 in Farlow and Oretton Village Hall commencing at 8.00 pm.

Present	Parish Councillors	Neil Sutton – Chair Ann Broomhall Jim Workman Ian Elwell John Derricutt Emma Gittins
	Clerk of the Council	Sue Jones
	Unitary Councillor	Simon Harris
	Lengthsman	Anthony Harman
	Parishioners	None

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Helena Hale 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

No members of the public attended.

4. Approve the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last Meeting held on 26th January 23 were proposed by Councillor Sutton and seconded by Councillor Broomhall, all approved and sanctioned to be posted to the website.

5. Report by Unitary Councillor - Simon Harris

1. Shropshire Councils budget is currently out for consultation if anyone wishes to make any comments. The budget will be discussed by Full Council on 2nd March.
2. The distribution of £200 help to residents that use oil, or LPG is being discussed, along with Park Homes etc.

6. Lengthsman and Highways

Lengthsmans Report

1. The Foxholes: AH will dig a ditch on the other side of the lane to alleviate the problem.
2. The notice board by The Gate has been erected.
3. The road sign by the New Inn has been put back.
4. AH is in the process of clearing the ditches in Springdale and Larches Lane.
5. AH is continuing to clean the grids out around the Parish.
6. There is a broken pipe just above Larches Lane on the New Road side that needs replacing.

There has been a query about who is responsible for unadopted roads. For example Factory Lane: the only thing that can be done is to get a Community Group together and pool resources to maintain the lane.

7. Planning

PLANNING REFERENCE: 22/05591/FUL

The Wheatlands, 3 Lanes End, Farlow,

Proposal: Two storey side extension.

Shropshire Council - REFUSED

8. Council Policies

Code of Conduct

Risk Assessment

Financial Regulations

All the above policies were discussed and adopted; the policies will be reviewed annually.

9. Correspondence

1. Confirmation of Local Connections – J Broomhall

All agreed that Mr Broomhall fit at least two of the criteria of the Confirmation of Local Connection policy. Clerk to send letter to confirm.

2. Brown Cleve Patient Group

The Practice anticipates that it will be difficult to recruit suitable GPs who will be able to take on the Partnership for the longer term when the current GPs leave.

In order to attract GPs, they want to dispose of the Practice buildings (to relieve any subsequent Partners from the associated expenses and stresses). Ideally, they would like some form of local or community ownership of the buildings to provide some guarantee of the continued provision of medical services in the area. The timescale for the change of ownership would be Autumn 2023.

It is intended to form a Steering Group to look at options for acquisition of the buildings. If you would like to be part of this Steering Group and contribute ideas, time and energy to this enterprise, please contact Tina Ranson at tina.ranson@outlook.com.

3. The Big Health and Wellbeing Conversation

This saw the launch of the “Big Health and Wellbeing Conversation”. Over the coming weeks, between March and May 2023, there will be holding a number of **community ‘listening’ events**, to hear the views of local residents. Feedback from these events will help to improve local health and care services. Hospital services, GP access, care services, public health services and much more will be discussed.

There are 2 sessions in Ludlow at the Mascall Centre on the **8th March, 2pm - 4pm and 5.30pm - 8pm.**

10. Donations

None

11. Finance

1. Bank Statements @ 03/11/22

Current Account £28,142.33

Business Instant £720.14

2. Accounts for Payment

Chq No. 698 A P Supplies £436.80

Chq No. 699 S Jones – Salary £731.95

Chq No. 700 S Jones – HMRC £183.63

12. Meetings attended

No meetings attend during the last month

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

To Organise a Litter Pick

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 30th March 2023 in Farlow and Oretton Village Hall commencing at 8.00pm

Meeting closed at 21.55 pm.