

# FARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 in Farlow and Oreton Village Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

<b>Present</b>	Parish Councillors	Ian Elwell Emma Gittins Helena Hale Ann Broomhall Jim Workman
	Clerk of the Council	Sue Jones
	Unitary Councillor	Simon Harris
	Lengthsman	Anthony Harman
	Parishioners	None

## **1. Apologies**

Neil Sutton – Chair (Holiday)

Apologies were received from Unitary Councillor 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 Public in attendance.

## **4. Approve the minutes of the last meeting.**

The minutes of the last Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 all approved and sanctioned to be posted to the website.

## **5. Report by Unitary Councillor**

It is key that the Parish Council put any projects that they have on the Place Plan to ensure that there is any access to CIL monies and improve the local infrastructure, it is essential that the infrastructure (or any other relevant project) is included on the Place Plan. This is a dynamic Plan and new projects can be added at any time.

A motion is to be taken to the Full Council meeting at Shropshire Council next week regarding Vapping. It is to restrict the Sale of Disposable Vapes. This is due to the increasing problem of children being encouraged to use them. The Parish Council thought this was a good proposal. There is also a motion to ban "Roundup" being used by the Council. There were differing views on this due to the lack of an effective alternative product.

Cllr Butler will be able to give the financial position for Shropshire Council after the first quarter at the next meeting.

## **6. Lengthsman and Highways**

### **Lengthsmans Report**

- i) Drains in the Parish have been kept clear in the recent storms.
- ii) The gullies will now need emptying, and gullies and grids will need lifting.
- iii) AH is going to scape the debris in The FoxHoles
- iv) AH will be strimming the junctions due to the growth.

v) AH estimates that it will take 30/40 tonne of road plannings to resurface the Village Hall Car Park, at £16/tonne. Maybe it would be an idea to get a group of volunteers to help lay it.

## **7. Planning**

None

## **8. Place Plan Review**

Place Plans provide important evidence to support the delivery of the Development Plan for the area. Infrastructure is key to securing sustainable growth in Shropshire. The Place Plan provides a robust evidence base for identifying and prioritising practical infrastructure needs of an area and allocating resources appropriately.

The projects that were identified for Farlow in the last Place Plan were:

1. Additional Burial Land
2. Provision of open space for sport and leisure, improvements to the Village Hall.
3. Flood defence programme for area at New Inn and Oretton Road Junction.
4. Purchase of land and provision of parking for the school.

Before the next meeting to consider if these projects should be included in the new Place Plan and if any new projects should be included.

## **9. Policing Priorities Update**

A discussion was had regarding the currently areas of concern. It was agreed that the priorities for the July to December period would be: 1. Speeding 2. Thefts and 3. Thefts from Outbuildings.

## **10. Boundary Review**

The Boundary Commission has released its proposals for the changes to Shropshire Unitary Council wards. The existing Cleobury Mortimer Ward would be split into two. Firstly, Cleobury Mortimer town, plus Coreley, Milson and Neen Sollars but now also taking in Boraston and Nash. The other ward would be Hopton Wafers, Farlow, Wheathill, Stottesdon, Neen Savage, and Kinlet. It is being proposed to call this ward the Stottesdon ward. It is felt that this could cause confusion. There was a discussion about the name of the ward and it was agreed that a submission would be made suggesting the Ward should be called the "South Shropshire Rural Ward". Also, that the current ward with 2 councillors works well so doesn't seem necessary to change the way it works.

## **11. Correspondence**

None

## **12. Donations:**

None

## **13. Financial Matters:**

### **a) Bank account balances**

Current Account @ 08/06/23      £30,188.67

Business Instant @ 09/06/23      £722.79

Bank statements agreed and signed.

### **b) Payment of Invoices**

Chq. No. 000705      SALC – Affiliation Fees £234.73

Chq. No. 000706      M Wood – Internal Audit      £100.00

Chq. No. 000707	S Jones -Salary (April – June)	£331.13
Chq. No. 000708	S Jones -HMRC (April – June)	£82.60
Chq. No. 000709	AP Supplies	£330.00
Chq. No. 000710	Playdale Playgrounds	£4,649.40

**c) Receipts**

Village Hall	£3,874.50
Highway Maintenance Grant	£1,200

**14. Meetings Attended**

Cllr Gittins attended the Healthy Homes Webinar and found it very useful and will forward details to Councillors of grants that can be applied for.

**15. Items to be put on agenda for the next meeting**

Quarterly Budget review.

**16. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023** in Farlow and Oretton Village Hall commencing **at 7.30pm**.

Meeting closed at 21.00 pm.