Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25th January 2024 in Farlow and Oreton Village Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

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| **Present** | Parish Councillors | Emma Gittens (Acting Chairman) |
|  |  | Ann Broomhall |
|  |  | Jim Workman |
|  |  | John Derricut |
|  | Clerk of the Council | Fern Chadwick |
|  | Lengthsman | Anthony Harman |
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| 1. **Apologies** |  |  |
|  | Unitary Councillors | Gwilym Butler  Simon Harris |
|  | Parish Councillors | Neil Sutton (Chairman)  Helena Hale |

1. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest**

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

1. **Public Open Session**

1 member of the public attended to offer an opportunity for Councillors to question the outline planning application 23/05285/OUT. Questions arose around possible agricultural buildings being put on the plot which was settled as a no. Also, it was notes by the applicant that the waste disposal will not be the joining the properties nearby’s system but are looking to discard waste by using an opposite field. No decision to comment was made as this is an outline application and Councillors were reminded that the Parish Plan will have stipulations on developments which Shropshire Council Planning Dept should take into consideration.

1. **Approve the minutes of the last meeting.**

The minutes of the last Meeting held on 30th November 2023 all approved and sanctioned to be posted to the website.

1. **Report by Unitary Councillor**

Full report on Parish Council website.

1. **Lengthsman and Highways**

Jobs completed of note:

1. Ditch around the New Inn Pub has been cleared to ease flooding occurrences.
2. Roding drains around the Parish has continued.

Jobs to Do:

1. Ditch at Spring Vale needs clearing.
2. Lengthsman to speak with proprietor about a tree that is awaiting to fall onto New Road and discuss the resolve of this.

Invoice 0624 was received for works completed to date.

1. **Planning**

No planning applications for comment have been received.

1. **Correspondence**

Request for when the annual litter picking event takes place, approximately March, to contact Farlow & Oreton Village Hall with the details so they can be sure it wont adversely affect any events that may be held around that time.

1. **Parish Meeting theme and Spokesperson**

Clerk contacted Cleobury Gardeners about a speaker to discuss topics such as raise beds, container gardening etc. and they acknowledged but no further replies were received. Clerk will continue to pursue a contact with this theme in mind.

1. **Donations:**

Unable to reissue the cheque to Brown Clee Medical Group for £100 as the new cheque book hadn’t arrived in time for the meeting.

Donation request received from Crane Counselling and it was decided by the Parish Council that it would not be in a position to donate this year.

1. **Financial Matters:**
2. **Bank account balances**
3. Current Account @ 09/10/23 £24098.18
4. Business Instant @ 09/10/23 £727.55

Bank statements agreed and signed.

1. **Payment of Invoices**

No payments made due to no cheque book arriving in time for the meeting.

1. **Interest Account Findings**

Decision over savings is still to be considered by Councillors to be agreed at the next meeting.

1. **Meetings and Training Attended**

No meetings were attended.

1. **Precept.**

Clerk drew up a final draft for approval and Counsellor Gittens signed this along with Clerk on behalf of the Council.

1. **Items to be put on agenda for the next meeting.**
2. Parish meeting theme and spokesperson.
3. Interest account decision.
4. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 29th February 2024** in Farlow and

Oreton Village Hall commencing **at 7.30pm.**

Meeting closed at 20:15 pm.