

WEST FARLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 20TH MAY 2019
AT THE GOOD INTENT PUBLIC HOUSE

PRESENT: Cllr Scott in the Chair, Cllr Martin, Cllr Merritt, Cllr Moy, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Pritchard, Cllr Swan, Borough Cllr Webb and Mrs Amanda Broadhurst

IN ATTENDANCE: 9 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Community Warden Adam McKinley and PCSO Martin Chivers

1. INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN

Cllr Scott welcomed all present. He went on to explain that a booklet was available which contained the Parish Council and Village Organisation's reports.

A resident offered thanks to the Clerk for her work during the year.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 21ST MAY 2018

These were proposed as accurate by Borough Cllr Webb, seconded by Ms M Zak; with the majority in favour. The Chairman signed the official copy of the Minutes.

3. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT – Borough Cllr Richard Webb

Cllr Scott congratulated Borough Cllr Webb on his re-election.

Borough Cllr Webb reported that he is now sitting on the Democracy & General Purposes Committee and the Economic Regeneration & Leisure Committee. Borough Cllr Martin Cox has been re-elected as the new Leader of the Council. He reported that Brian Mortimer is now in a hospice, following a heart attack and is currently heavily sedated. Cllr Scott asked that the Parish Council's best wishes be passed on to him.

Borough Cllr Webb reported on the make up of the Borough Council, following the recent elections.

Cllr Swan thanked Borough Cllr Webb for all of his support, working for the good of the village.

4. VILLAGE ORGANISATION'S REPORTS

Cllr Scott reminded all present that a booklet had been produced with reports from the village organisations for residents to take away with them to read.

Terry Ayres reported that The Evergreens has seen much more activity, with new helpers coming forward as well in the past year. It is now a very busy group and the new volunteers are really getting involved. It was also noted that the group currently has a healthy bank balance. Cllr Swan added that the visiting speakers are very surprised at how friendly the group is!

Ms Anyes Reading, from Dandelion Time, asked whether banners could be displayed advertising their Summer Fete and all were in favour, asking that they be removed on the first working day after the event.

It was noted that the recent West Farleigh in Bloom plant sale in the Church had raised approximately £400. The Sunflower competition will be bigger and better this year, with the even getting more competitive. A resident added that it had been a very good idea to give seeds out with an edition of Lifeline this year.

There was discussion regarding a planter which had been placed around a sign on the Green and it was agreed that a meeting would take place to discuss this further.

ACTION: WF in Bloom & Cllr Merritt

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A resident spoke about issues relating to a Golding Homes property and its negative impact on the surrounding residents and the West Farleigh in Bloom competition. Cllr Webb asked for information to be forwarded to him to see if he is able to assist further.

ACTION: Clerk

Cllr Scott asked that thanks be noted to the litter pickers who volunteer around the village. A discussion then took place regarding an exchange that had taken place between one of the volunteers and Cllr Lloyd Porter from East Farleigh Parish Council. He had stated that he was from the Parish Council and said that the volunteers should be wearing hi-vis jackets, which they do all have. He added that they should not be litter picking on a 'live' road as it is hazardous to them and other road users. This has been checked with MBC, who oversee the litter pickers and there has not been a definitive response yet. Further discussion took place regarding some of the other comments made by Cllr Porter and Cllr Moy offered to discuss this further with the volunteers away from the meeting. It was unclear

whether Cllr Porter was acting on behalf of East Farleigh Parish Council, even though he had introduced himself as a Member. It was noted that this is the second instance in the past year where Cllr Porter has approached people working along roads in the village.

Cllr Swan reported on a concrete apron in Charlton Lane which is cracking up and causing the road to be narrower. The Clerk asked for further details so that this can be reported to KHS. **ACTION: Cllr Swan/Clerk**

The formal part of the meeting concluded at 20.56pm followed by refreshments.