

Minutes of Monkton Farleigh Parish Council Meeting Over Zoom

09/12/2020 at 7.30pm

Present: M. Midlane [Chair], R. McDonald, B. Marlowe, J. Spiers and S. Rowe [Clerk]

Also present: Trevor Carbin

1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest.
There were apologies from A Tucker, A. Moodie and E. Warrington, there were no declarations of interest.
2. Minutes of Meeting dated 21/10/20 approved and signed by M. Midlane.
The Clerk will have issued these Minutes to ensure that all Councillors have received their copy.
3. Matters Arising
4. Report from Trevor Carbin
There is a review of the electoral plan which will not have much effect on the smaller villages. There will be a consultation starting in January.
The Council finances are not as bad as they were and it is predicted there will be a 5% increase on the council tax.
5. Planning Application 20/09282/FUL Erect a structure for the shelter of horses, install a concrete hardstanding and manure clamp. Change of use to equestrian at Peckary Barton, Bath Road, Farleigh Wick, BA15 2PU
No Objection
6. Planning Application 20/09444/FUL Proposed alterations to Coach House at Fern Cottage, 74-75 Monkton Farleigh, Bradford on Avon, Wilts, BA15 2QJ
No Objection
7. Planning Application 19/08938/FUL Proposed redevelopment of existing falconry aviary buildings on site to provide two dwellings at land adjacent to 12 Farleigh Rise, Monkton Farleigh, BA15 2QP
Object for the following reasons:
 - **This proposal is within green belt and an area of outstanding natural beauty. The Parish Council feels that there has to be a good reason for changing the restrictions of Green Belt and an AONB and they feel that this planning application does not have a good reason.**
 - **There are concerns about the sewage system which neighbouring residents have had problems with.**
 - **There is the question of access to the woodland that belongs to the local land owner.**
 - **Some residents have questioned the validity of the ecological studies**
 - **The residents of Farleigh Rise have expressed concerns about more traffic on the estate.**
8. Precept Bid and Current Financial Status
It was agreed to bid for a precept of £6700.00 for next year.
9. Quotes for Playground Update
It was felt that a separate meeting would be necessary to make a decision on the update at the playground at Broadstones as one of the quotes had been delayed. It was agreed to meet in person on 16th December so that plans can be looked at and a decision made.
10. Covid vaccination programme
Awareness was raised that the vaccination programme is being rolled out.

11. A. Moodie resignation.

Big thanks were given from all the Parish Council to Adie who has resigned due to pressures of work. He has greatly contributed to many of the visible and physical things around the village and his good council will be missed in future meetings.

The clerk will inform Wiltshire Council and start the process to get a new Council member.

B. Marlowe has agreed to replace Adie as signatory on the bank account.

12. Preparation for Next Year's Census (March 23rd).

It was agreed that the Parish Council would promote the census with a flier in the New Year and it may be that there might need to be provision of assistance for those who are unable/find it difficult to register online.

13. Work for the Parish Steward

The clerk will contact Wiltshire Council to see if it possible to get a temporary sign warning of the poor condition of Rushmead Lane to drivers and cyclists.

There was nothing extra to the normal leaf clearing and drain and gully unblocking that is for this time of year.

14. Parish Matters

There was a warning about catalytic converters being stolen in the village.

There will be a float for Father Christmas and some helpers to around the village on Christmas Eve. (Social distancing will be observed)

It was agreed that the Parish Council will look into buying trees to help replenish the trees lost to ash die back in Browne's Folly. The clerk will enquire about this with Avon Wildlife Trust.

The Parish Council have got a Christmas tree in the church as part of the tree festival for people to visit.

15. Date of Next Meeting

6th January 2021