

Minutes of Monkton Farleigh Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall

31/06/2021 at 7.00pm

Present: E. Warrington [Co-Chair], J. Spiers [Co-Chair], B. Marlowe, P. Adams and S. Rowe [Clerk]

Also present:

Barbara Wise, Wayne Deakin, James Hanks- Rossiter and Johnny Kidney

1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest.

There were apologies from A. Tucker and R. McDonald. There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes of Meeting dated 12/05/2021

Approved and signed by J. Spiers.

The Clerk will have issued these Minutes to ensure that all Councillors have received their copy.

3. Matters Arising

The high hedges at "The Former Rectory" have not yet been cut.

The Atkins Report will not now happen until probably September due to delays caused by Covid.

The grants available from Wessex Water and Neighbourly were not available for playground equipment.

4. Report Johnny Kidney

The Cleveland Bridge in Bath is closed and is causing traffic jams in the area. Wiltshire Council were hoping for signs to direct HGVs away from narrow roads but Bath Council have not done this. Bathampton Toll Bridge is very busy.

There is a consultation about bus services in Wiltshire. They have extra money and want to know how to spend it.

Green bins are to be renewed.

CATG is on 26th July. The Parish Council are finding it hard to find a representative so the Clerk will ask Liz Watts if she is going and if she could report back to the Parish Council.

The Area Board meeting is on 14th July. E. Warrington and J. Spiers will go.

There is to be further consultation about the A350 bypass round Melksham.

The need to book a slot at the recycling centres will end on 19th July.

5. Planning Application Long Spinney, 42D PL/2021/04158 Proposed first-floor extensions and alterations above the existing kitchen and the installation of exterior timber cladding and associated works.

There was a concern that the window of this proposed extension would compromise the neighbour's privacy. Wayne Deakin described what he hoped would be built and agreed to alter the plans to remove the window. The Parish Council therefore had no objections to the proposed planning as long as the window was removed.

6. Safety Inspections for Farleigh Rise Play Area

RoSPA have just done their assessment of the play area at Farleigh Rise. There are several recommendations that can be achieved quite quickly but the zip wire needs a new line as it has stretched over the years. The clerk will get a quote for that and new

surfacing. The report has only just arrived so it will be discussed further at the next meeting. It was suggested that we get together a working party to do repairs that are needed.

The quote for weekly inspections is over £1500. The clerk will find out from the insurers if this is necessary or whether we can have volunteers to do it. Johnny Kidney will find out what Winsley do.

The clerk has chased the toddler swing that still hasn't arrived.

7. New Co-opted Member of the Parish Council

There will be a concerted effort to find a new Councillor.

8. Telephone Box Update

The clerk has tried to find out when the phone box will be disconnected so that it can be moved and painted. There is no news yet. James Hanks-Rossiter would like it moved permanently away from his house as it causes damp. It was suggested that it was moved to Farleigh Rise to house a defibrillator.

9. Finance

There is just over £9,000.00 in the account. The clerk has suggested a budget of known expenditure. This can be added to as expenses arise such as the playground improvements, the Atkins report and maybe the 30MPH limit.

10. Work for the Parish Steward

The drain opposite the pub is blocked.

The goal post at Farleigh Rise is overgrown.

The fallen dry-stone wall at Broadstones is the responsibility of Selwood. The Clerk will report it again.

11. Parish Matters

The litter pick should be in September.

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We need to raise awareness of ash die back. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

12. Date of Next Meeting

4th August 2021