

## **Minutes of Monkton Farleigh Parish Council Meeting in the Kings Arms** **20/10/2021 at 7.00pm**

**Present:** J. Spiers [Co-Chair], B. Marlowe, A. Tucker, P. Adams, T. Firbank and S. Rowe [Clerk]

### **Also Present:**

1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest.  
There were apologies from E. Warrington and R. McDonald  
There were no declarations of interest.
2. Minutes of Meeting dated 1/09/21 and 13/09/21  
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 planning at 37A was declined
4. Report Johnny Kidney  
There was no report this meeting.
5. Resolution about Raising the Number of Parish Councillors from 7 to 8.  
J. Spiers proposed that Monkton Farleigh Parish Council be authorised to increase the number of councillors from 7 to 8.  
The reasons for this are:  
All councillors are busy people and are not always able to make a meeting.  
We had a problem in the last meeting where we were not quorate.  
The population of Monkton Farleigh has increased since it was decided that the Parish Council should be made up of 7 councillors.  
An extra councillor would relieve the pressure on the rest.  
There was a concern:  
Having an even number means that a decision when voting may be difficult.  
Traditionally the Chair has the deciding vote but now we have 2 co-Chairs. It was agreed that which ever co-Chair was chairing the meeting they would have the deciding vote.  
The resolution was unanimously agreed to.  
The clerk will send in the Community Governance Request form to Wiltshire Council.
6. Update on Safety Concerns at the Junctions at Farleigh Wicke and Dry Arch onto the A363, also the Junction at Kingsdown by the golf Course.  
A Highways Request form has been submitted to Highways for a reduction in speed to 40mph for the A363. This matter was raised at the CATG meeting. Liz Watts is going to do an assessment to prove the speed needs reducing.  
A Highways Request form about the junction at Kingsdown has been sent to Box Parish Council.  
There has been an issue where cyclists on Sunday rest at this junction reducing visibility for motorists. J. Spiers will raise the issue with Box Parish Council.

7. Update on Progress of Raising Funds for a Defibrillator at Farleigh Rise.  
The Area Board agreed to give a grant of £1750.00 towards the defibrillator. B. Marlow has researched fitting the defibrillator and it was agreed that we buy the AED 500p as it is highly recommended. It was agreed to go ahead when the funds come through.
8. Update on Farleigh Rise play area and Broadstones  
The zip wire and climbing frame are now updated and in use again.
9. Celebrating the Queens Jubilee Ideas  
There was a discussion about ideas to mark the Queen's Jubilee:  
Trees could be planted  
A bench could be bought for the parks  
There could be a street party  
A cider press could be bought for the village.
10. Registering Footpaths  
E. Warrington has been in touch with the Cotswold Wardens about replacing styles with kissing gates. This will go on the agenda for our next meeting.  
Ramblers want to make sure all footpaths are registered; it is felt that the ones around Monkton Farleigh are registered.
11. Parking at Broadstones  
This has got better.
12. Telephone Box  
There are no plans currently to repaint the phone box as it is not the best time of year
13. Finance  
There is currently £6862.30 in the account.  
The clerk is currently getting the forms together to add the co-Chairs as bank signatories.
14. Work for the Parish Steward  
Clearing leaves from pathways and drains.  
The path at Broadstones needs clearing.  
There is graffiti on the chevron sign coming into the village.
15. Parish Matters  
A tree surgeon will be removing the dead ash tree from the garden of the resident in Farleigh Rise.  
It was agreed to support a Christmas tree in the church again this year.  
Santa and the Elves will visit Monkton Farleigh again this year.  
It was agreed to get a couple of bottles of wine for our Parish steward to thank him for all his hard work.  
The DIX bus service from Bath to Trowbridge has been cut. The clerk will email Johnny Kidney for more information.
16. Date of Next Meeting  
8th December 2021