

FALFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Falfield Village Hall

Present

Parish Councillors: Mrs J Hathway (Chair), Ms E. Jarvis, Mr K Fryer & Mrs O' Connor

Clerk: Mrs D. Bramley **Public:** Ward Cllr John O' Neill and 7 Parishioners

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Report from Chair

Councillor Hathway gave the following report: **Falfield Parish Council Annual Report 19th May 2015.**

The Council continues to meet bi-monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at Falfield Village Hall. However the Parish Council held an extra two meetings due to planning application queries happening between the regular meetings.

First of all, thanks needs to be given.

I would like to thank the Councillors of the last term and Ward Councillor John O' Neill for all their hard work and valuable knowledge. I would also like to thank our Clerk Mrs. Dawn Bramley for all the work that she does behind the scenes. Her knowledge and efficiency is most appreciated and we hope that she continues to be our Clerk well into the future. I would also like to thank you all the parishioners who regularly attend our meetings and support us in our endeavors.

During the year 2014/2015 we have achieved on behalf of Falfield Parish the following:

- We have managed to keep the precept the same as the previous year even though we continue to pay South Gloucestershire Council for the upkeep of some of the 'grass areas'.*
- Viewed numerous Planning Applications.*
- Maintained our Assets.*
- A Poppy Wreath was laid at the annual Remembrance Service.*
- Thanks to the hard work of our Clerk Mrs Bramley some of the Parish Council records are now stored at the Gloucestershire Archives and can be viewed by the public.*
- Parish Council continues to be represented on the Falfield Village Hall Management Committee.*
- Beat Surgeries continue to be held at Falfield Village Hall.*
- Sundayhill Lane Parking restrictions are now in place.*
- Whitfield Junction - The Casualty Reduction Scheme at the A38/B4061 Whitfield Junction is now in place.*
- The Parish Council together with HMP Eastwood Park approached South Gloucestershire Council Planning, Transportation and Strategic Environment Committee concerning the annoyance of the bus changes made in the area without consultation. We are pleased to say that the bus service has been reinstated to Thornbury and surrounding area.*
- The 2015 Big Clean 14 adults' and 3 children took part in the pouring rain. We were grateful for the use of St George Church as our meeting venue. Bacon butties and hot dogs were served to those that took part. We feel although this is hard work it plays a big part in community engagement.*
- Late news The War Memorial is now a Grade II listed building after being approached by the English Heritage's First World War Centenary Project. The Parish Council was able to supply the vital information needed thanks to the very informative information supplied by Mr James Carpenter on the Falfield Website.*

Extra meetings attended for information gathering and working on behalf of the Parish Council.

- Safer stronger meetings attended by Cllrs Hathway, Jarvis and Fryer.*
- Town and Parish Meetings attended by Cllr Hathway and our Clerk Mrs Bramley.*
- Avon Local Council Association (ALCA) Meeting attended by our Clerk Mrs Bramley.*

Work/commitments ongoing are:

In an attempt to resolve the 'track problem' at Orchard View, Mr Spedding from South Gloucestershire attended the meeting and gave those present an update of the Orchard View track. ***The Parish Council is waiting for confirmation*** of the request for The Orchard View green for consideration as a Designated Local Green Space.

Date for the Diary: Horizon Nuclear Power Presentation has changed to 21st July 2015 at 7.30 pm.

It has been a good year and we hope that in the coming 12 months the Parish Council will do its best to meet the needs of the Parish in the ways open to them.

Parish Elections on May 7th see Cllrs Fryer, Hathway, Jarvis and O'Conner continue as Councillors but we say goodbye to Mr Colin Murton.

3. Financial Report from the Clerk

The Clerk gave the following report:

The 2014/2015 Statement of Accounts and Annual Return Form (Sections 1 & 2) have been finished and circulated to councillors so they can be signed off at the Annual Council Meeting. The Internal Audit was completed in April resulting in Section 4 of the Annual Return Form being completed.

The Parish Council ends the 2014/2015 financial year with a closing balance of £10,985.42. Of these funds £4,615.00 are earmarked to items including covering any election costs and to provide a village hall contingency fund. The remaining unearmarked funds are appropriate for a small Parish Council with no other source of income.

Only one grant was awarded last year of £50 to the Benefice Newsletter. However, after being serviced the Lawn Mower, which the Parish Council no longer use, was donated to St George Church.

4. Items Raised by Electors of the Parish

None

The meeting closed at 7.38 pm