



**MINUTES OF EAST FARLEIGH FULL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2023 AT 18.30PM IN EAST FARLEIGH
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Present: Cllr A Fullwood, Cllr D Hussein, Cllr A Palmer,
Cllr B Older Cllr D Abbott, Cllr P Tranter, Cllr P Billanie

Officer: Clerk, Nina Henley,

External Attendees: None

Apologies: Cllr S Shearman, Cllr G Ashcroft

External Apologies: None

- 38-FCM/06/23 **To receive apologies for absence**
Cllr S Shearman (Unavailable) Cllr G Ashcroft (Unavailable)
- 39-FCM/06/23 **To receive declarations of interests and lobbying**
Cllr Palmer reported resident lobby regarding hedges to be trimmed Vicarage Lane
Cllr Fullwood reported resident lobby regarding gullies Forge Lane
- 40-FCM/06/23 **Minutes**
Approval and signing of the minutes of the meeting held on 2 May.
Proposed by Cllr Fullwood seconded by Cllr Palmer.
Approved unanimously.
- 41-FCM/06/23 **Public Participation**
There were 4 members of the public present.
Resident reported the gullies blocked by grass cuttings on Forge Lane – Clerk to report to
Pearsons and request quote to collect cuttings to avoid this problem.
Resident reported footpath vegetation over grown KM39 Clerk to report. Clerk to advertise to
residents the reporting facilities at KCC and PProW. Deferred to next meeting.
- 42-FCM/06/23 **The Bull Inn**
Ben Dangerfield from Stonegate gave update on The Bull Inn. Appendix 1.
Working Group to be set up and advertised to residents. Cllr Palmer, Cllr Hussein, Cllr Abbott
Cllr Older confirmed to join. Cllr Hussein to produce flyer for advertising.
Proposed by Cllr Fullwood, seconded by Cllr Palmer.
Unanimous.
- 43-FCM/06/23 **Highways Update**
Final cost received for the speed limit changes. Cllr Fullwood proposed a budget of
£10,000.00 so Council can move forward with the plan with KCC. Seconded by Cllr Palmer.
Unanimous.
- 44-FCM/06/23 **Correspondence**
I. Maidstone's Armed Forces Day Flag Raising Ceremony – Cllr Fullwood, Cllr Abbott and Cllr
Palmer attending Monday 19 June 2023 11am.
II. Communication from Medway Valley Countryside Partnership regarding tree care for the new
trees in the recreation Ground.
It was resolved to ask the school to help with watering. It was resolved to first ask MVCP to
do mulching with option for council to do if needed. It was resolved to allow council staff to
strim around the trees.
Proposed Cllr Fullwood, seconded by Cllr Palmer
Unanimous.

- 45-FCM/06/23 **Planning**
- I. 23/502260/FULL Genesta Priory Close – erection of a pitched roof single storey rear extension.
EFPC has no objections.
 - II. 23/501865/FULL Coalbrookdale, Lower Road – Extension to car port.
EFPC objects to this application on grounds the roof materials are not sympathetic to the conservation area it is situated in. EFPC would suggest they submit design with different material options.
 - III. 23/501848/FULL Bridge House Station Hill. Replacement windows, boundary fence, gate, parking bays, garden shed.
No Objections from EFPC.
 - IV. 23/501849/LBC Bridge House Station Hill. Replacement windows boundary fence, gate, parking bays, garden shed.
No objections from EFPC.
 - V. 22/504469/FULL Pleasant Valley Farm 1 3 bed dwelling. Appeal lodged.
Noted

- 46-FCM/06/23 **Finance Reporting**
- I. Payments for approval

Payee	Date	Method	Reference	Reason	Amount
Scribe	06/06/23	BACS	4192	Accounting system	£1366.80
Clerk	06/06/23	BACS		Expenses	£ 12.15
NPower	06/06/23	BACS	IN06693070	Electricity	£ 15.73
Fete Committee	06/06/23	BACS	00100545	Falconry	£ 120.00
Cllr Palmer	06/06/23	BACS		Falconry deposit	£ 30.00
S4B	17/05/23	PAID	1572	Shredding	£ 103.20
Acorn Glass	17/05/23	PAID	11804	Replacement Glass	£ 198.30
Kompan	06/06/23	BACS	246565	Play Area Upgrade	£ 26918.09
Rialtas	06/06/23	BACS	7168	Accounting system	£ 94.43
David Bucket	06/06/23	BACS	1431	Internal Audit	£ 421.60
Hilary Whitbley	06/06/23	BACS		Trough Flowers	£ 14.99
Lloyds Credit Card	10/05/23	PAID		Credit Card	£ 345.26
AcuIT Ltd	07/06/23	BACS	EFPC-ACC	IT Contract	£ 84.96
Pearsons	07/06/23	BACS	EASTFA01	Landscape Contract	£1830.36
Staff Costs					

All Payments agreed proposed by Cllr Abbott seconded by Cllr Hussein.
Members resolved to approve the schedule of payments. Unanimous.

- 47-FCM/06/23 **Annual Return**
- I To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2022/23. Section 1 of the AGAR for year ending 31 March 2023. Proposed by Cllr Fullwood seconded by Cllr Palmer. Unanimous.
 - II To approve the Accounting Statements for 2023/23 and the explanation of variances.
Proposed by Cllr Fullwood, seconded by Cllr Palmer. Unanimous.
- 48-FCM/06/23 **Public Rights Notice**
To approve the dates for the Notice of the Exercise of Public Rights 12 June 2023 to 21 July 2023. Proposed by Cllr Fullwood, seconded by Cllr Palmer. Unanimous.
- 49-FCM/06/23 **Clerk Updates**
Internal Audit report. Report received and noted.
- 50-FCM/06/23 **Items to be considered for inclusion on the next Full Council agenda**
The Bull Inn
Recreation Ground Container
Quarterly Budget Figures update
Planning Committee Proposal

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51-FCM/06/23 **Date of next meeting**
Tuesday 4 July 2023

52-FCM/06/23 **Meeting Close**
Meeting closed 20.40pm

Appendix 1

Notes from **Ben Dangerfield** Regional Manager Stonegate Group

- Previous publicans on a long lease did allow the building to deteriorate.
- We could not get legal possession until late December 2022
- Pub was in poor condition both internally and externally.
- External area has now been cleared and cleaned and apologies for the time it took to do this work.
- I am currently seeking approval from Stonegate management to invest and then relet the pub.
- Any new agreement will be a 5-year tenancy rather than a long term lease which allows us more control over the condition of the property
- I would be very happy to discuss a potential deal with local people – either individuals or a collective as I know how much local people would care for the pub, the business, and the village.
- Stonegate is still currently weighing all options and determining whether the economics of any further investment/refurbishments.

Ben Dangerfield
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