

# Chelsham & Farleigh Parish Council

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council of Chelsham & Farleigh held on Monday 5th July 2021 at 7:00pm at Farleigh Golf Club

**Attendees:** Cllr Jan Moore - Chairman  
Cllr Peter Cairns  
Cllr Lesley Brown  
Cllr Barbara Lincoln  
Cllr Neil Chambers  
Cllr Nancy Marsh  
Cllr Jeremy Pursehouse ( Parish & District Councillor)  
Cllr Becky Rush (County Councillor)

Mrs Maureen Gibbins - Parish Clerk & RFO

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## MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence  
**There was none**
2. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest by Councillors of personal pecuniary interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interests, and whether the member regards the interest to be prejudicial under the terms of the new Code of Conduct. Anyone with prejudicial interest must, unless an exception applies, or a dispensation has been issued, withdraw from the meeting.  
**Cllrs Cairns and Brown declared an interest in application TA/2021/837 and withdrew from the meeting when the application was discussed.**
3. A period of ten minutes are available for the public to express a view or ask a question on relevant matters on the following agenda.  
**Three residents attended the meeting via zoom. One resident was delighted that the Holt Wood Planning application had been rejected. The second resident reported a Ecological study is being undertaken on Farleigh Common and this will determine the required management of the land by TDC. The third resident was attending in relation to application TA/2021/837 The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting.**
4. County and District Councillors Reports  
**District Cllr Pursehouse - reported he attended a meeting with some residents of Farleigh with regard to mowing of the land. A second permissive horse ride, not a bridleway, adjacent to the current one has been created.**

**TDC has a new Chief Executive. A big effort is being made to improve the enforcement side of the council.**

5. To approve the minutes of the council meetings held on 7th June 2021  
**The minutes of the meeting held on 7th June were approved and were signed by the chairman.**
6. Highview - **Cllr Simon Morrow is on the case and has asked TDC for some updates. Enforcement will be slow and uncertain.**
7. Code of Conduct - **there was no update**
8. August Brainstorming  
**Items for discussion:**
  - Parish Newsletter**
  - Parish Surgeries**
  - Meeting venues - St Mary's Hall/Bowls Club**
  - Queens Jubilee celebrations - the big lunch**
  - PR/Parish Profile**
9. Green Flag Award update - **Cllr Lincoln attended the webinar which was informative and could be something to follow up.**
10. Chelsham Common/Farleigh Common & Mill Common/Holt Wood
  - **Decision regarding cutting Chelsham Common - It was agreed the cutting of the grass will be completed at the end of July. It was further agreed to remove the epicormic growth around the lower level of the tree by the wooden bench.**
  - **Trees at Chelsham Road - following attendance by three tree surgeons it was agreed the trees do not need to be removed. The council therefore made the decision not to seek their removal.**
  - **White Bear Fickles Hole - Coat of Arms Sign - a local resident offered to set the sign upright and secure in the ground. It was agreed if a new post is required the council will authorise the clerk to settle the invoice.**
  - **Warlingham Park School ditch clearance - The Clerk has made further contact with the school and also the Chairman and is awaiting a response. It was agreed a meeting will be scheduled with the school if a reply to emails is not received.**
  - **Notice Boards - the Clerk is awaiting prices for 2 different styles.**
  - **Land Ownership - The Chairman tabled some maps which appear to show plots of land owned by the parish council. A local resident has offered to identify ownership at £5 per search. It was agreed the parish**

**council has a duty to identify what is owned and what isn't as all land is a potential liability.**

**Action: Clerk to liaise with resident and Cllr Pursehouse**

- **Bins - This remains an ongoing issue**

**12. Emergency Plan - Two farmers willing to help. Farleigh golf club has agreed to be an evacuation venue. Cllr Pursehouse hopes to present the plan to the September Council meeting.**

**13. Link and meeting with TDC - meeting scheduled for 2pm on 13th July. The Clerk will liaise with Nic Martlew, TDC Officer regarding the meeting to ascertain if it can be held via zoom rather than skype. Action: Clerk**

**14. Planning Applications**

**14.1 TA/2021/837**

**Demolition of the commercial buildings and dwelling. Erection of 3 x 3-bedroom and 3 x 4-bedroom (6 total) dwellings with associated landscaping, access and parking.**

**Hogsbank, Farleigh Court Road, Warlingham CR6 9PX**

**Comment: The Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons:**

- **Overdevelopment of the site**
- **Out of keeping with the area**
- **It would create an urban development in a rural area**
- **It would create development in the green belt**
- **There is current parking of vehicles on hardstanding ground however new parking would be created with built garages being extraneous to the area**
- **Characterisation of the development as semi-rural is absurd**
- **The nearest building to the road is currently 40 metres away. The proposal would bring buildings within 10 metres of the road with all the associated works such as gardens, bin stores and drive ways.**
- **The winding road is totally unsuitable for increased traffic volumes**
- **The current business which operates from the site is still viable and should continue.**
- **There would be no objection to the current buildings being reused however not to create an urban development.**

**The Parish Council requests that this application is refused.**

**14.2 TA/2021/1069**

**Erection of single storey rear and side extensions. (Certificate of Lawfulness for a Proposed Use or Development)**

**Sequoia Manor, 9 West Parkside, Chelsham, Warlingham CR6 9PT**

**Comment: The Parish Council expressed concern regarding the large increase on the footprint of the property and consider it is overdevelopment of the site.**

**14.3 Crematorium - no update to report at present**

**15. Covid-19 Warlingham, Chelsham & Farleigh Group Update**

**The group haven't run any errands. Full steam ahead at starting up our own Forest School. Surrey County Council are in the throes of getting terms drawn up for us to use the Old Boys Club, thanks to County Cllr Becky Rush. We are planning a thank-you party on 24th July for the volunteers. Cllr Pursehouse has obtained commercial sponsorship for the party. Expression of thanks from the Chairman of TDC will be presented by the Chairman. The Parish Council Chairman will attend the party and express thanks of the parish council. It was agreed it would be appropriate to have a plaque dedication on a bench on the common. It was further agreed a letter of thanks to the Caterham Food Bank would be appreciated.**

**Action: Clerk**

**16. Finance - The invoices were authorised for payment.**

<b>Mrs M Gibbins</b>	<b>Clerk May Salary</b>	<b>£ 346.54</b>
<b>Mrs M Gibbins</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>£ 10.41</b>
<b>Computer Solutions</b>	<b>Map printing x 15 copies</b>	<b>£ 30.00</b>
<b>TDC</b>	<b>Refund of duplicated CIL</b>	<b>£1,060.12</b>
<b>HMRC</b>	<b>PAYE &amp; NI</b>	<b>£ 260.00</b>
<b>Farleigh Golf Club</b>	<b>Council meeting venue hire</b>	<b>£ 50.00</b>

**Next meeting agenda items  
Brainstorming update.**

**Meeting closed at 20:15**