

Minutes of Meeting of Forthampton Parish Council held on Wednesday 18 January 2024 at 7.45pm.

Present: Mrs L Remmer, M Russell, C Moss, S Holden

In attendance: Mrs C De Haan, Mrs L Reed, Mrs L Moss, Mrs K Shrimpton

Apologies: J Holloway

- 1 Open Village Scheme – After much discussion it was decided to hold a village fete on Saturday 18 May as this would be easier to organise, possibly on the field off Bishops Walk, with some gardens open if wanted. It would be kept simple to see what the outcome is and possibly increase the fete/activities another year if it proves successful. A committee will be formed. Members of the public left at 8.20pm
- 2 The minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2023 were discussed and approved.
- 3 Matters arising from the minutes – covered in minutes.
- 4 Highways – Some minor work carried out in Church Lane but the “spring” outside Merrymans is still leaking caused when Gigaclear installed their fibre and cut through the drainage. TBC and Fisher German need to be aware of this along with clearance of gullies and the digging out of ditches. LR will chase Highways again. She will also inform them of the flooding in the road at Southfield House.
- 5 Replacement Stile – This has now been installed by GCC and LR thanked everyone involved.
- 6 PCSO Coffee Morning – Nothing heard yet so LR will contact them again with dates in February when the village hall is free.
- 7 Dog Bin – The Lower Lode Inn has confirmed that it does not need a second dog bin to replace the stolen one.
- 8 Grass verges - G Kinahan has confirmed he will not be cutting the verges now. Residents in the centre of the village appear to cut verges outside their properties so it will be left this year to await the outcome.
- 9 Any other business:
  - 9.1 The village hall confirmed it has arranged a coffee morning on 27 January.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Next meeting arranged for Thursday 8 February 2024 at 7.45pm in the village hall.