

Minutes of Meeting of Forthampton Parish Council held on Thursday 11 April 2024 at 7.45pm.

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

- 1 The minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2024 were discussed and approved. LR added that she had spoken to a Bushley parish councillor about the water on the main road and it will be raised at their next meeting. It might be that the culvert is blocked.
- 2 Matters arising from the minutes – covered as follows:
- 3 Highways – Sill serious problems in Church Lane and Highways have visited again with potholes circled, again, but now under water. SH will write to Highways as a cyclist and CM will take photos as evidence, again. SH will also put these on Facebook.
- 4 PCSO Coffee Morning – LR visited the police station for the third time and made contact with a female PCSO who suggested two dates in May. It was decided to opt for Thursday 16 May at 1030am in the village hall (Council AGM that evening). Apart from security issues it is also hoped to have defibrillator training during this session.
- 5 Village Hall update – CM said that a very good grant was received but the delays are caused by the wet weather and a new contractor having to be appointed. There will be additional “outside space” made available. If there is any money left after refurbishments it is hoped to be spent on the car park. The hall bookings are very good.
- 6 Housing plans by TBC – looked at various proposals but do not really affect us - MR will maintain a watch on this.
- 7 Planning checking service – free service available from TBC which will inform residents if planning permission is required.
- 8 Draft accounts – draft copies distributed and MR agreed to act as internal auditor. LR suggested, seconded by JH, that the Clerk’s expenses be increased to £500.
- 9 Any other business:
  - 9.1 No-one would attend the Mayor Making ceremony.
  - 9.2 It was decided not to take part in the various features on parish/town councils.
  - 9.3 “No Mow May” was noted. Still not heard from GCC regarding verge mowing.
  - 9.4 It is hoped that JH and MR will participate in the meeting regarding Footpaths and Rights of Way on 24 April.
  - 9.5 It was confirmed that meetings will take place every two months.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Next meeting arranged for Thursday 16 May 2024 (AGM) at 7.45pm in the village hall.

Cheques approved:

000439	Zurich	Insurance	£227.43
000440	GAPTC	Subscription	£43.72