

Foulden, Mordington and Lamberton Community Council(FMLCC)
Approved 2nd November 2020

14/09/2020
 730pm
 Remote Zoom meeting

Meeting called by:	Treasurer	Type of meeting:	Community Council Meeting
Facilitator:	Chair	Note taker:	Secretary
Timekeeper:	Treasurer		
Attendees:	Harry Frew (Chair), Thomas Trotter(Vice Chair) Andy Manley (Treasurer), Anton Whittingham(Secretary), Helen Dempster(HD), Julia Trotter(JT), Nicola Whittingham (NW), William Calder(WC), Ian Price (IP), William Calder (WC), Elaine Oswald(EO) Co-opted: Andrew Dempster(AD)		
Apologies	Audrey Sanderson(AS),		

Minutes

Agenda item:	1. Minutes of last meeting (06/07/20) and matters arising	Presenter:	Secretary
Time:			
7.30pm Confirmation that apologies were sent last week by AS .			
7.33pm The Secretary went through outstanding action points from the meeting 06/07/20. The Secretary confirmed that latest set of Community Councillor photos has now been uploaded to the Contact Us page of www.fmlcc.org.uk (Action point 5 dated 06.07.20)			
7.35pm WC and IP confirmed that the location of the noticeboard for the Community Council. HD confirmed the location of where notices can be displayed in Mordington, as there is no formal noticeboard in the parish. The Treasurer confirmed the location of the Community Council noticeboard as that for the two noticeboards facing the road outside the village hall, the left one is the village hall's and the right one is the one for FMLCC. (Action points 12 and 13 dated 06.07.20)			
7.40pm The Chair indicated put on hold research for putting on large events as Councillor Hamilton is current very busy with more important priorities to deal with at this time. FMLCC agreed with this. (Action point 16 06.07.20)			
7.42pm The Treasurer and Chair confirmed that arrangements for planning local summer trials for 2021 should be put on hold (Action point 18. 06.07.20)			
7.44pm The Treasurer indicated that "you said, we did points" is currently outstanding (Action point 21. 06/07/20)			

7.45pm

The **Chair** and **Vice Chair** indicated that feedback would be given on the communications strategy for the next meeting but this would be on ongoing discussion. (Action point 23 dated 06.07.20)

7.47pm

The Chair indicated that Action point 25 dated 06/07/20 was not priority at this time and would be kept on hold going forward

All other actions completed.

Minutes agreed with one correction for spelling.

Agenda item:	2. Planning Matters 2a) Current Applications 2b) Willowdean Development	Presenter:	Chair AD Chair/AD
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7.49pm

The **Chair** indicated that moving planning to this position on the agenda was an action point from the last meeting so that co-opted member **AD** would not have to stay for the whole meeting.

The **Chair** reviewed a prior circulated document regarding representation from both the Community Council and the wider Foulden community to the DPEA. This representation has been prepared by the firm Smith and Garrett. Individuals can make their own written representations to the DPEA.

JT agreed it was a very good document. **AD** said it made a series of clear and powerful statements regarding the community's view of the development. There will be a site meeting but date is to be confirmed. The **Chair** will inform the Community Council when arrangements are confirmed so that the community can attend with as many safely socially distancing residents as possible.

A Reporter has been appointed and a date for the decision of the consultation is likely to be in November.

NW noted that position of the community being clearly highlighted in the Smith and Garrett submission. **The Treasurer** clarified that the Foulden Conservation Group are mainly the residents of old Foulden Village, which is part of a conservation area.

The Treasurer indicated that the success in fund raising for the costs of preparing the formal FMLCC representation has been highlighted in the formal representation as an example of the committed position that has been taken by the community.

7.55pm

Eat, Sleep Ride in Lamberton

AD stated that FMLCC has formally written to SBC as part of the planning consultation regarding this application for planning permission raising concerns about the nature of the application. Fourteen individuals as of 14.09.20 have lodged objections as part of the planning consultation. These objections have been highlighting health and safety concerns. SBC officers have raised concerns about site access and have made proposals to rectify the entrance incline to the proposed development site. **AD** believes this is likely to be a substantial expense for the developer. Concerns from residents and FMLCC have also been raised about the wider aspect of the Eat and Sleep aspects of the development proposal and whether this would lead to further development of the site not in the current proposal. Should the development proposal be approved, but be subject to a range of planning conditions, this may impact on the financial viability of the development.

AD to contact Paul **Duncan** at SBC to ascertain whether this application would go to the planning committee for a final decision.

WC asked whether there would be a site meeting as part of the consultation and decision-making process. **AD** believes Paul **Duncan** at SBC is intending to organize one. **WC** stated that local residents near the development would find plans to alter the road boundaries near their properties unacceptable.

The **Chair** proposed that both **IP and WC** should attend the site meeting with **AD**, which was agreed. **AD** will confirm arrangements for site visits and whether application will go to the planning committee for a decision.

AD raised that some of the reasons for objections raised by local residents are not sufficient to have a material impact on the decision to approve the development

AD to discuss with Paul **Duncan** concerns raised by **WC** that work is underway on site before planning permission has been granted. **AD** pointed out this could be routine maintenance work

AD left the meeting at this point.

Agenda item:	3 Secretary's report 3a) Update re Social Media and new website proposal 3b) Police Report update 3c) Review of collection contact information of residents 3d) Noticeboards 3e) Foulden and Lamberton Phone Boxes 3f) Survey and resulting activities	Presenter: Treasurer	Secretary
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8.06pm

Website proposal

The **Chair** confirmed that members has seen the demo website that had been sent out beforehand and the proposal circulated with the agenda. Initial feedback was positive. The Secretary carried out a demonstration of the new test website on Zoom and asked for feedback. **HD** said that she could supply a load of high-resolution pictures, The **Vice Chair** proposed that not too focus too much on news updates on the website, which should be on face-book on twitter so as not to have too many sites to update and then interest wanes because information is not sufficiently up to date. FMLCC, with feedback from both the **Chair** and **Vice Chair** agreed that the suspension of the public forum for residents to meet FMLCC needs to continue, and residents should use electronic communication channels to get in touch with the Community Council. This was agreed by FMLCC members.

The **Treasurer** gave positive feedback on the progress and proposed to FMLCC that the request to move the test website from a free membership on the WIX content management service to a professional plan equivalent to £102 pounds per year as requested in the **Secretary's** report. This was seconded by **NW** and the **Chair** and agreed by FMLCC members. **JT** also gave positive feedback on the progress of the test site. The **Secretary** welcomed more feedback and ideas from **FMLCC** members, including a proposal to offer facility on the new website to the Village Hall committees and other groups such as the Playing Field Trustees.

8.22pm

Police Reports

The Secretary explained that **Gina Dickson** from Police Scotland has been in touch will all SBC Community Councils to obtain the dates of their meetings. This will allow Gina to provide future police reports on the community council areas. The **Chair** will follow up and get in touch with Gina to introduce her to the newly reformed council. The Secretary stated that the police report would be circulated to FMLCC members if it arrived outside of a planned meeting date. **JT** said her experience of the community police in the past was positive. This was seconded by the **Secretary**.

8.25pm

Passing on of contacts

The **Secretary** requested whether the system of passing on contacts to the **Treasurer** was working. The **Treasurer** agreed that is was. The **Secretary** also highlighted that there is a data protection check box introduced onto the contact page of the new website. The Treasurer would pass communications related to queries on issues and complaints to the **Secretary**. The **Secretary** will collate queries received into a report for the next community council meeting.

8.27pm

Noticeboards

Completed under agenda item 1.

8.27pm

Strategies for Foulden planter volunteer recruitment

The **Secretary** requested advice on how to take this forward. The **Treasurer** confirmed that this issue has been resolved with three volunteer planters recruited. **Margaret McLeish**, who will handle flowers to the East of the old village, **Margaret Jefferies** who will handle planting the west of the old village, and **Lynda Shepard** who will handle planting around the car park.

8.29pm

State of public phone boxes in Foulden and Lamberton

Initial view from FMLCC was that the Foulden one should be disposed of. The **Secretary**, the **Treasurer** and **NW** have all identified that the box was in a very poor state of repair, and the phone was not working and in an even worse state of repair, with a sticker placed upon it by BT indicating removal by July 2020. **NW** also highlighted the some residents in old Foulden who she met when on the 15th August litter pick stated that the phone-box should be removed.

WC said that the phone box while in Lamberton should be retained. The **Treasurer** said that for £1 a request could be made to BT for them to remove the phone, but that the community adopts the phone box and looks after it as a local landmark. **WC** said that FMLCC should check if both phone boxes still have an electrical supply and lighting, as they may still be useful for lighting areas at night. The **Secretary** will check to see if the boxes still have lighting/electricity and investigating community ownership before reporting final decisions to **BT/SBC**.

8.31pm

Update on activities outcoming from the survey

The **Treasurer** gave an update on the successful 2 FMLCC organized volunteer litter picking events on the 15th August and 12th September. There were 16 volunteers at the first event, and 14 at the second. These litter picking events will now cease as group activities until the spring of 2021. 6 of the litter pickers have taken the pick sticks to use when they go on their own individual walks. The **Treasurer** has also trialed a £1 pick stick from Pound Land, and while light was judged to be suitable. The **Treasurer** will consider proposing a purchase of a set of these in future.

www.seathechange.org.uk filmed some of the activities, which included strimming, for a video as part of the Keep Scotland Beautiful campaign

Agenda item:	4 Treasurer's report	Presenter:	Treasurer
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8.35pm

FMLCC account currently showing a balance of £2523. Underspend of £1000 on COVID 19 resilience support was voted on by the resilience group members and agreed to be passed to FMLCC for use in the broader community despite encouragement for the resilience group to use it.

The annual path maintenance grant from SBC of £450 has been approved but not yet received.

The **Treasurer** to apply for the annual and enhancement grants from SBC

King George VI playing field account: £2051.48 balance though currently no income being generated.

The **Treasurer** requested approval to pay expenses claims for volunteers doing work for the community council up to £50 per approved activity. This was agreed by FMLCC.

The **Treasurer** to review the standard electricity standing charge even if incur a penalty as Foulden Village Hall of 39p per day is much better value than the 58p per day standing charge for the Playing Field Pavilion, which is currently not generating any income. FMLCC agreed.

Agenda item:	5. Grants and Applications	Presenter:	Treasurer
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8.40pm

Fallogo and Crown estates funding opportunities

As part of proposal there will be a gate into the hedge south of Burnbank, and path will be built into the field coming out at a gate near the memorial by the car park.

A funding application was submitted to Fallogo – this is for a path connecting the C118 road to the memorial. FMLCC are requesting funding of £3191 and contributing £1371 should the bid be successful.

A funding application was submitted to Crown Estates to fund renovation of the Tennis Courts and convert them into a Multi Games Area (MUGA)

The **Treasurer** proposed:

- 1) Recruiting a volunteer to strim grass around benches in the King George VI memorial field
- 2) Creating a working party to clear overgrown trees from west hedge. The **Treasurer** explained that there is a local resident who has a chainsaw, and FMLCC could support him by recruiting a team of volunteers
- 3) Create a working party to paint the benches. FMLCC will pay for the paint and brushes.

The Treasurer also explained that following the death in 1936 of King George VI, 471 parks and playing fields were formed and protected following donations of both money and land as a fitting memorial.

King George VI Fields are 2.51 Hectares/6.2 acres and have been protected since May 1953. It cannot be used for ornamental gardens. However, the play park is SBC property

NW highlighted information from **JT** about the Weir Trust. A bid will be submitted for outdoor exercise equipment for the playing fields, it is due in February 2nd 2021.

Agenda item:	6. Village Hall Update	Presenter:	Chair
850pm			
The Chair proposed that buttons for the Village Halls need to be displayed prominently on the new website. The Secretary will action this.			
The WC reported that a bid for funding to develop Lamberton Village Hall was unsuccessful due to the historic lack of use. The Treasurer fed back that Foulden Village Hall has followed the latest guidance in safely re-opening with the appropriate safety measures. This included new signage, equipment and procedures. New bookings had been taken and the hall was set to re-open until the most recent guidance from the Scottish Government required the hall to be closed and bookings cancelled. The Chair indicated that the next FMLCC meeting was therefore most likely to take place on Zoom.			

Agenda item:	7. Roads and Footpaths	Presenter:	Chair
7a) Potholes, speed and lighting			
7b) Footpaths, Construction, Cutting and Maintenance			

8.54pm	
Potholes, speed and lighting	
The Chair requested confirmation of pothole marking up by SBC in the area. It was confirmed by FMLCC councilors that significant potholes have been marked up by SBC staff. The Vice Chair felt that there was a significant improvement in the way this issue is now being dealt with. The Chair indicated that the large pothole at the top of the hill at Mordington leading to Lamberton has been scheduled for council improvement works in October 2020. It will involve a 30 slab being laid in the road.	
The Vice Chair proposed that the links to SBC pothole reporting form, should be placed on the contact page of the new website and on the social media channels. The Secretary will action this.	
The Chair also referred to the 'Spaces for People Project' which will lead to 20 mph limits being introduced in Foulden between October to December 2020. These lower speed limits will be trialed for 12 months before a decision is made to see if they become permanent. The Chair indicated that details of how the speed limits will be changed and their specific locations has not yet been released.	
The Chair also raised the night time lighting arrangements by the hall – as feedback from residents indicated that crossing the road to the car park at night is potentially dangerous. SBC is considering whether to improve street lighting arrangements but to illuminate the area better in the short term it was proposed by the Chair to consider whether extra external lighting could be added to the village hall. The Treasurer will investigate	

Agenda item:	8. King George the VI playing Fields	Presenter:	Chair
858pm			
The Chair confirmed that John Burgess to cut footpath grass going forward to the spring on 2021. The Chair , Treasurer and JT are applying for funding to pay for a machine for John Burgess to use			
The Chair was reviewing the role of whether a new manager for playing field was needed, and this was not yet determined. Currently the role was being effectively handled as a group of the Chair , Treasurer and NW .			

Agenda item:	9. Any Other Business	Presenter:	Chair
901pm			
Complaint about bus services in Foulden			
A resident has complained in writing about the quality of the bus services connecting Foulden to Duns and Berwick Upon Tweed. The resident has written both FMLCC and their SBC Councilor on this matter. The Treasurer has investigated			

this, including contacting the transport officer at SBC, who informed the **Treasurer** that the Berwickshire Area Partnership meetings have transport issues on their agenda. The **Treasurer** offered to attend the next meeting with the aforementioned resident, who has agreed to this proposal.

906pm

Cattle Escape Incident between Mordington and Lamberton

HD raised that verges have been significantly damaged on the road as a result of this incident. The **Chair** stated he would investigate

HD raised issued of posters for displaying in Mordington regarding events and news for residents not on the internet. The **Treasurer** indicated that this was being planned.

Agenda item:	10. Date of next meeting	Presenter:	Chair
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912pm

The **Chair** confirmed next meeting for **Monday 2nd November 7.30pm**. While the meeting is timetabled to be in Lamberton Village Hall, the Chair indicated that as a result of current Scottish Government Guidance, the meeting will be held on Zoom.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Please note items rated green have been dealt with or completed. Yellow underway and Red Outstanding

Action Items from meeting 06/07/2020	Person responsible	Status
✓ 1)Transfer photo of IP to website list of community councillors	Secretary	Now complete
✓ 2)Investigate the possible considerations and advice for putting on events	Councillor Hamilton	To be completed
✓ 3)Arrange summer trails across all 3 communities for summer 2021	FMLCC	To be completed
✓ 4)To create a list of 'You said' points from the survey	Treasurer	Circulated to CC
✓ 5)To feedback on draft Communications Strategy	Vice Chair	Ongoing review
✓ 6)To keep under review access to survey-monkey	Secretary	Under review

Action Items from meeting 14/09/20	Person responsible	Status
✓ 1)To inform FMLCC of the date of the Reporter site visit re Willowdean appeal.	Chair	Completed, planning inspector has made unannounced visit
✓ 2)Contact Paul Duncan at SBC to ascertain whether this application would go to the planning committee for a final decision, and raise concerns of work starting on site before planning permission has been given regarding application 20/00769/FUL	AD	Due to large number of objections from residents if SBC approves will go to Planning Committee for final decision - provisional date 07 th December 2020
✓ 3) To confirm timings and date of a site visit with SBC for Community Councilors to attend as part of planning application 20/00769/FUL in Lamberton	AD, IP, WC	COVID situation means SBC will not conduct a site visit – no further action required
✓ 4) To liaise with WIX to upgrade level of membership for new website	Secretary, Treasurer	Completed
✓ 5) To supply high quality photos of the 3 parishes to support development of the new website	HD	Completed
✓ 6) Collate nature of enquiries coming into FMLCC communication channels	Secretary	Completed and on agenda 02/11/2020
✓ 7) Strategy to recruit new village planters at Foulden	Secretary	Completed by the Treasurer
✓ 8)Identify if phone boxes at Foulden and Lamberton have electricity	Secretary	Completed – phones have power but lighting does not work
✓ 9) Purchase set of Pound Land litter pick sticks	Treasurer	Completed, 6 sticks and first aid kit donated by Sea the Change so purchase no longer necessary
✓ 10)To apply for annual and enhancement grants from SBC	Treasurer	Application for this and next year's grants made by JT, awaiting reply from SBC. Email 02/11/20 sent by Treasurer to follow up
✓ 11) To investigate lowering standing electricity charge at the playing field pavilion	Treasurer	Unable to renegotiate contract. Plan initial to deenergize the meter for £29 unable to proceed as electricity company short staffed due to COVID. In December 2020 set to move to new electricity supplier –

Action Items from meeting 14/09/20	Person responsible	Status
		current supplier giving £100 rebate due to disruption
✓ 12) Recruiting volunteers to strim grass around benches, clear overgrowth and paint benches in the King George VI memorial field	Treasurer	Postponed until spring 2021
✓ 13) To submit application to Weir fund for new outdoor exercise equipment by 2 Feb 2021	Treasurer, NW	To be completed, in progress
✓ 14) To ensure that village halls prominently displayed on new website	Secretary	Completed
✓ 15) Place link to pothole and road fault SBC reporting form on the contact us site of the new website and social media channels	Secretary	Completed
✓ 16) Investigate improving external lighting arrangements at Foulden Village Hall	Treasurer	Meeting held with Chair, Treasurer and John Burgess, bushes trimmed, discussions underway about what may be possible taken place. Further discussions with chair of the Village Hall
✓ 17) Attending next meeting of Berwickshire Area Partnership with local resident to feed back on quality of bus services serving Foulden	Treasurer	Area partnership holding no meetings at present
✓ 18) Investigation of possible verge damage on road between Mordington and Lamberton	Chair	Ground seems to have settled , no further action
✓ 19) Information poster for Mordington for new items	Treasurer	Completed – notices to be distributed as and when published
✓ 20) Date of time for next meeting agreed – 2 nd November 730pm to 9.30pm on ZOOM	FMLCC	Agreed