

# Farlam Parish Trust Minutes

Farlam Parish Trust meeting held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 17 March 2020 on Zoom.

## **Present at the meeting:**

Charles Raine (CR); Steve Bowles (SB); Ann Freer (AF); Marika Howard (MH); Scott Fretwell (SF); Ray Hinton (RH)

Apologies:

### **1. Welcome:**

SF opened the meeting and thanked us all for attending. He gave an update on recent activity of the Trust which was limited mainly due to Covid-19. He was keen to point out that the Trust continues to serve the entire community as a firefighter for projects which do not operate viably without support. He has no allegiances to any organisations but actively supports community projects to succeed.

Scott explained we had had contact from The Hub and we had communicated with Hubert Murray to update him on how the Trust operates and what community benefits the Trust has supported. We also advised Hubert of Robin Murray's input and what Robin had said regarding future distribution of funds. We have received our usual deposit from Thompsons of Prudhoe.

Marika joined the meeting late and said she'd missed a little bit and Scott gave a brief update.

Scott went on to advise that Ruth, the Chairman of The Hub, had been in contact with the Murrays and we needed to be back in touch with The Hub to ask them to tell us what they are doing and what they have planned. SB advised Ruth is no longer the Chairman of the Hub and she has been replaced with Kerryn Price-Kirkham.

### **2. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2020 were approved. These signed by SF as Chairman as a true record of that meeting, SF will forward to CR for filing.

### **3. Election of officers**

Administrator: Charles Raine proposed by AF and seconded by RH  
Chairman: Scott Fretwell proposed by CR and seconded by AF  
Treasurer: Ann Freer proposed by SF and seconded by RH

### **4. Declarations of interest:**

None.

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported the Charity Commission had been updated as of March 2020 and at that time the funds amounted to £22,810.36. We received the Quarry money of £7,500 and a repayment from the Village Hall Committee from the £900 loan given to them last year which means the account currently stands at £30,677.97.

AF wished to make a point that the Village Hall have not received any income from events over the Covid-19 period and suggested the Trust could consider waiving the outstanding balance of £200 to the Village Hall and cancel that loan. This was unanimously agreed by the Trustees. CR is to write to the Village Hall Committee to advise them.

### **6. Grant Applications**

The PCC via Lynne Mckenzie had applied for £150 of funding for the Parish Magazine. The Trust considered the application and approved the gift.

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was agreed as on or around 8 September 2021 subject to Covid-19, probably on Zoom.

**8. Any Other Business**

We had a discussion about the funding which the Trust holds and how we can make the community aware of that. It was made clear that the Trust was set up to move funds away from the Parish Council so that it could be independent in decisions and judgement. It was agreed that the Trust should maybe be more proactive going forward.

It was suggested that we consult the community by promoting the Trust in the next newsletter (June 2021) and see what feedback for funding ideas we receive. Depending on interest we may host a September meeting for the public to attend to discuss how we might deliver support. There were a number of ideas from the Committee. SF is to develop a brief to be included in the Parish Magazine.