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FERRING PARISH COUNCIL

Environment, Amenities and Footpaths Committee
(Advisory Powers)

Report on the meeting of the above Committee
held at 7.30pm on Monday 9th November 2017 at the Parish Office

Present	Councillors	Geoff Mines (Chair)
		Maura Blackburn
		Ruth Sims
		Stephen Abbott
		Carole Robertson
		Stephen Horne
	Tree Warden	Simon Adams
	Conservation Group	Patricia Hall
Apologies	FRSA	David Hammond

1	Apologies for Absence Apologies received from the FRSA representative ~David Hammond	
2	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations made	
3	Public Question Time There were no members of the public present.	
4	To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting held 10th August 2017 The minutes were agreed as the correct record and signed by the Chairman	

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5	<p>Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meetings Councillor Geoff Mines provided an overview of the Committee Remit.</p>	
6	<p>Report on Village Green Issues Damaged Bench: It was reported that the damaged bench at Patterson’s Walk has now been replaced. Village Green new Equipment: The Adult Exercise Equipment, new bench and picnic bench have been installed on the village green. Village Green Boat: The boat at the village green entrance is now in situ and is complete with winter planting courtesy of 1st Ferring Guides. Acknowledgement Board: It has been reported that the existing acknowledgement board on the village green has weathered badly and it needs updating. It was agreed at the last meeting to update the board with the current logos around the edge and update the wording. Councillor Geoff Mines advised that K Washer will inspect the extent of the damage. Councillor Geoff Mines provided members with an example of the new proposed board and the quotation received from Bay Studios at £130.00. The quotation will be recommended to Finance & General Purposes Committee and Full Council. Cycle rack refurbishment/replacement: It was acknowledged that to concrete the area at the cycle rack would cost a considerable amount and options should be explored including moving the racks and also different ground surfacing materials. Trees round pylon: It was agreed not to pursue with this project and to remove the item from future agendas. Planters under village sign: The planters have been replaced. General frontage of the Village Green: The frontage was discussed and it was acknowledged that this is a difficult area to maintain. It was agreed that Councillor Geoff Mines will ask Ferring Nurseries for their recommendations and cost for them to maintain.</p>	<p>F&GP/ FC</p> <p>GM</p> <p>GM</p>
7	<p>Report on Dog Fouling and Litter Dog fouling: It was acknowledged that Arun District Council has arranged for extra dog patrols within the District. To date, no fines have been issued within the village, however it was reported that the area along the Rife is in a much better state. Litter: There was nothing to report.</p>	

<p>8</p>	<p>Report on Various Environment Issues</p> <p>Patterson’s Walk Extension: Full Council resolved that the new quotation of £3200 was accepted for a 2 metres wide path. Work will commence w/c 8th January 2018.</p> <p>Warren Pond: The annual FPC / Conservation Group Warren Pond Clearance took place on Saturday 14th October.</p> <p>Beach Footpaths: Natural England has advised that the beach footpath from Patterson’s Walk to Kingston will remain as shingle. It was reported that Rampion Windfarm are financially supporting local schemes. It was agreed that Councillor Geoff Moines will investigate to enquiry if a path would be a scheme that they would consider.</p> <p>Sea Lane bench proposal: It was reported that two plastic garden chairs have been left at a bus stop in Sea Lane. It was suggested that this Committee should consider if this location requires a bench. It was agreed not to pursue with this project and to remove the item from any future agendas.</p> <p>Land at the Pantiles: The transfer of the land at the Pantiles has hit a stumbling block with regards to agreement to clauses in the contract. This is being discussed with the Solicitor and the Clerk will report back to the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meetings.</p> <p>Wild Flowers Beds: It was felt that the wild flower beds have been disappointing this year. It was agreed that David Bettiss of the Conservation Group will contact Arun District Council to ask them to cut back the bed at Little Twitten and to enquire regarding the costs for the bed next year and if it will need preparing or just reseeding.</p> <p>It was also agreed to wait to see if the bed on the village green reseeds itself.</p> <p>Pathway at Rife: Members acknowledged that the work has been completed by WSCC Volunteer Group and the Conservation Group and the footpath is clear and has been resurfaced. It was suggested that the path from Langbury Lane to the Nurseries would benefit from the same works. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact WSCC.</p> <p>Gateway Sign: At Full Council 18th September, after a lengthy discussion it was resolved that the Gateway Sign will be referred back to the Environment Committee for further consideration. It was suggested that more than one sign could be purchased, one for each end (north & south) of the village with a budget of up to £1000.</p> <p>The Environment Committee agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Councillor Geoff Mines will discuss the cost implications and if a discount can be offered if FPC ordered two identical signs. II. If unsuccessful with a discount it will be recommend to F&GP Committee to pursue with one sign for South Ferring. III. The wording for the sign was agreed as ‘Ferring – ‘Welcome to our historic village’ <p>The above will be recommended to Finance & General Purposes Committee and Full Council.</p> <p>Projects: Councillor Geoff Mines provided an overview of the Committee Projects (a copy has previously been circulated to all members).</p>	<p>GM</p> <p>PC</p> <p>GM</p>
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9	Tree Matters – Simon Adams, Tree Warden Simon Adams raised the concern with regards to four trees near Greystoke Manor and Church Lane. Simon Adams will discuss the issue with WSCC and revert back to the Environment Committee.	
10	Conservation Group – Patricia Hall I. The 'I dig trees' project will be discussed at the next Conservation Group Meeting. II. The herb bed has been cut back to make it look neat and it will be limited to small culinary herbs. III. The Sea Lane boat planter has now been weeded. IV. The Environment Agency has closed the Rife on the west side for essential works to the Weed screen. V. It was suggested that the Owl box should be moved from Warren Pond and relocated to Little Twitten. VI. The Conservation Group would like to turn the orchard into a wild flower meadow by cutting the grass and planting seeds. VII. David Bettiss of the Conservation Group is currently preparing a request for TPO's on a number of trees in the village. The request will be sent to Arun District Council for their consideration.	
11	FRSA – (in the absence of David Hammond, the Clerk reported) I. A barrier has been installed round the Langbury Lane site to stop vehicles parking on concrete slabs. II. After being contacted by a concerned resident in Guernsey Road about a mains water leak, Southern Water have attended and repaired.	
12	Parish Clerk Report including Financial Matters It was reported that Karl Washer has completed the following projects: Planters on the village green, boat on the village green and the quarterly maintenance.	
13	New Projects It was agreed that the Village Green Frontage will be a project for the Committee and will be an item on the next agenda.	
14	Items for Next Agenda & Items for Information Only It was agreed that Councillor Geoff Mines & the Clerk to arrange a meeting with Ferring Nurseries to clarify some details of the current contract.	

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15	Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 8 th March 2018 commencing at 7.30pm The meeting ended at 9.30pm	