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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 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the Parish Office**

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

1	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies received from Councillors Maura Blackburn, Carole Robertson, Stephen Horne &amp; Lesley Young.</p>	
2	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no declarations made</p>	
3	<p><b>Public Question Time</b> There were no members of the public present.</p>	
4	<p><b>To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017</b> The minutes were agreed as the correct record and signed by the Chairman</p>	
5	<p><b>Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meetings</b> Councillor Geoff Mines provided an overview of the Committee Remit</p>	
6	<p><b>Completed Projects</b> <b>Acknowledgement Board:</b> The installation of the acknowledgement board is now complete. <b>Patterson's Walk Extension:</b> The extension to Paterson's Walk is now complete.</p>	

7 **Footpath & Public Space Maintenance**

**a)Footpath Langbury Lane to Ferring Nurseries:** Committee Members will recall that at the last Committee Meeting, it was reported that the work on the pathways to the Rife has been completed by WSCC Volunteer Group and the Conservation Group and is clear and has been resurfaced. It was suggested that the path from Langbury Lane to the Nurseries would benefit from the same works and it was agreed that the Clerk will contact WSCC. WSCC advised that they have walked the path (known as an urban e path) and saw no intervention level defects and as such are unable to raise any works.

The Committee agreed that path does need some attention in particular 10 – 15 metres where the fir trees shade the path. Concerns were also raised that that at the far east end where the path meets the road of the new development is dangerous as there is no signage advising of the new road. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact WSCC once again with the above comments.

**b)Footpath at Sea Lane:** It was agreed to chase Councillor Roger Elkins who is understood to be dealing with this matter.

**c)Cycle rack refurbishment/replacement:** It was agreed that the Clerk will obtain a quotation from Karl Washer to supply & fit the green plastic surfacing at the cycle racks.

**d)Land at Pantiles:** To move forward with the purchase, Full Council was asked to consider three options. Full Council agreed to continue with the transfer using the Parish Council tree surgeons recommendations and quotation.

**e)Wild Flowers Beds:** Arun District Council will plant the seeds this year free of charge at Little Twitten & Village Green.

**f)Nature & Heritage Walks:** Councillor Stephen Abbott mentioned that at a recent Council Meeting it was suggested that walking should be encouraged and that buildings of interest within the village should be highlighted.

[This had been discussed at a Planning Committee Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 & referred to the Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 in response to Councillor Roger Elkins asking in relation to Community Assets in the village.

In addition Councillor Peter Evans had mentioned that other village have buildings with historical interest and often these buildings may have a plaque on the building side.

At the Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017, It had been agreed that this could be discussed with the History Group.

Councillor Stephen Abbott advised that the History Group have compiled a draft booklet and asked if this should be pursued and if possible to ask for FPC for financial support.

Patricia Hall, Conservation Group has produced an excellent double sided, one page, Ferring Village Nature Walk leaflet which details points of interest within the village. It was suggested that the Conservation Group could apply to FPC for a grant to assist with the production of the leaflet.

The Committee was supportive of both publications and thanked Patricia Hall & the History Group.

**g)Gateway Sign:** The Committee agreed to pursue with the composite plastic gateway sign. The proposed site will have to be agreed with WSCC. Councillor Mines will pursue this matter.**Report on Dog Fouling and Litter**

<p>8</p>	<p><b>Tree Matters</b> – Simon Adams, Tree Warden Councillor Geoff Mines provided an overview of the tree planting policy.</p> <p><b>a)Tree at Office:</b> Concerns have been raised that the magnolia that FPC planted outside the office has been struggling to survive in the windy conditions of the site. Simon Adams has proposed that we replace it with a Quercus robur Fastigiata that can be easily maintained within the space available. After a brief discussion it was acknowledged that the magnolia was still very much alive with new buds on it this year. The Committee agreed to keep the magnolia tree.</p> <p><b>b)Greystoke Road:</b> As part of the plant a tree scheme supported by WSCC, the tree warden has suggested that the Committee could plant five trees at a cost of £150 per tree and this could be funded by FPC. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to consider planting three trees at the mentioned location. This will be an item on the Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee agenda for their consideration. Approval will also be required from the relevant residents after agreement by Full Council.</p> <p><b>c)Little Twitten:</b> It has been suggested to plant trees on the north boundary of the Twitten. ADC has suggested that the Committee holds off as there is a condition on the development at Sea Lane that the developer must plant trees on their boundary which is the north boundary.</p>	<p>GM</p>
<p>9</p>	<p><b>New Projects:</b> Councillor Geoff Mines provided an overview and status of the previous projects.</p> <p><b>a)Village Green Frontage:</b> One of the Committees larger projects for 2018 – 2019 is the village green frontage. However, the Committee has been asked to consider the possibility of a locating a car park at this site. After a discussion, it was agreed that the Committee should ask Chris Headon, FRSA to visit the site and carry out an initial feasibility study. The Clerk will contact Chris Headon.</p> <p><b>b)Plastic Recycling Project:</b> There is a huge push for the nation to take action and make a change to help protect our environment &amp; oceans focusing on reducing single-use plastic. Various suggestions were made as to how this Committee, FPC, local businesses and residents could get involved. It was agreed that this item will be for further discussion at the next Committee Meeting.</p> <p><b>c)Water Fountain:</b> Following on from the plastic recycling project discussion, the Committee discussed the feasibility of installing water fountains near the beach and on the village green. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that as there has been a change of approach from ADC with the recommendation to retain both public conveniences within the village, ADC should be asked if they would consider installing the water fountains.</p> <p><b>d)Telescope by Pill Box:</b> After a brief discussion it was agreed not to pursue with this item.</p> <p><b>e)Rampion Fund:</b> At the last Committee Meeting it was reported that Rampion Windfarm are financially supporting local schemes. The Committee was asked to consider any project that may be appropriate. This will be an item on the agenda at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Paterson’s Walk Boardwalk:</b> Councillor Geoff Mines has approached Kingston Parish Council in relation to this item.</p>	

10	<p><b>Conservation Group – Patricia Hall</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. The Conservation Group have established a new working party that will meet every first Tuesday of the month.</li> <li>II. The beds on the village green are being prepared for planting, including pruning the buddleias and dog wood.</li> <li>III. The owl box has been moved from Warren Pond to the Twitten. A bat box has also been installed and the nest box has been cleared and cleaned.</li> <li>IV. Their monthly meeting take place the last Friday of each month. New members are always welcome.</li> </ul>	
11	<p><b>FRSA –David Hammond</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Telgarth Road has been resurfaced and all private roads have now been swept.</li> <li>II. The sewage installation is now complete at 1 Beehive Lane and has been signed off by Southern Water. The developer has agreed that once the development is complete they will ensure that the road is repaired and returned to its former state.</li> <li>III. There has been emergency repairs to a man hole in upper Ferring.</li> <li>IV. The barrier has been replaced around the Langbury Lane site to stop vehicles parking on concrete slabs.</li> <li>V. Following complaints about the road surface in West Drive &amp; Upper West Drive, a road expert has confirmed that the surface is acceptable for at least the next six years.</li> <li>VI. 2018 schedule work is confirmed which will include white line painting and installing soakaways.</li> <li>VII. Gas works are scheduled for many of the private roads in Ferring. Dates are yet to be confirmed.</li> </ul>	
12	<p><b>Parish Clerk Report including Financial Matters</b> There was nothing to mention.</p>	
13	<p><b>Meeting Day</b> It was agreed that future meetings will be scheduled on a Monday evening.</p>	
14	<p><b>Items for Next Agenda &amp; Items for Information Only</b> Simon Adams, Tree Warden advised that he will be moving from the village this year.</p>	
15	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting – TBC</b>  The meeting closed at 9.55pm</p>	

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