

FERRING PARISH COUNCIL

Environment, Footpaths and Amenities Advisory Group

**Report on the meeting of the above Advisory Group held at 19.30 hours on
Thursday 18th February 2016 at the Parish Office**

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

1	<p>Apologies for Absence There were apologies received from Councillors Ruth Sims</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of Interest There were none</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting (26th November 2015) There was nothing further to discuss</p>	
4	<p>Footpath and Public Space Maintenance Programme 2015 – 2016 and other Village maintenance matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Geoff Mines using a powerpoint presentation, provided members with an overview of the current and potential maintenance sites for FPC & FRSA. • The presentation included details of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Rife Way Re-sited bench ➢ Sea Lane bench repaired ➢ Warren Pond after clearance ➢ Ferringham Lane ditch fencing completed ➢ Blue boat sleepers replaced ➢ Greystoke Road bus shelter roof repairs • Following a meeting between Councillor Geoff Mines, the Parish Clerk and representatives from FRSA, FRSA has requested that the agreement that has been in place since 2008 between the Parish Council and FRSA in relation to the 	

	<p>gardens maintenance contract is to be terminated with immediate effect. FRSA will continue with a maintenance contract for specific sites direct with Ferring Nurseries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the termination of the contract with Ferring Parish Council and FRSA, Councillor Geoff Mines and the Parish Clerk met with Ferring Nurseries to discuss the future of the maintenance contract and additional village projects which may include Queens 90th memorial and the village green enhancement. 	
5	<p>Quotation to consider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A quotation has been received to repair the tap at the allotment site. Members agreed to recommend to the F&GP Advisory Group & Full Council. 	
6	<p>Rubbish in Langbury Lane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A gentleman at the last Full Council meeting raised concerns that there is a constant accumulation of rubbish at the north end of Langbury Lane. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk will resume recent correspondence with ASDA to ask if they would consider funding a rubbish bin by the bus stop in Littlehampton Road. 	NP
7	<p>Tree Matters (S Adams)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patricia Hall from the Conservation Group provided TPO information that the Conservation Group held. • It was agreed that there may be an opportunity for the Conservation Group and Ferring Parish Council to work together to establish the tree types that hold a TPO. This information can then be sent to ADC for their database. • The Parish Clerk raised a resident concern regarding a tree that was removed from a grass verge in Rife Way and that now this area is being used to park vehicles. It was acknowledged that this is an issue to take up with WSCC. • The Parish Clerk also mentioned a concern received from residents regarding some trees that have been recently cut in the village. Members discussed this issue and that permission was granted. The Parish Clerk will revert back to the residents accordingly. 	NP NP
8	<p>Conservation Group Update (P Hall)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the support of the Country Centre, a contribution from Ferring Parish Council and over 30 volunteers the Community Orchard has been planted. • Following the recent storms, an extra beach clean has taken place with the next beach clean organised for April. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the recent consultation regarding the Tamarisk Trees at Patterson's Walk, ADC have agreed that the trees will receive an annual hand cut. • ADC has planted yellow rattle seeds at the village, little twitten and the Glebelands. • FPC has supported a new flower bed at the little twitten. • Three display boards, 2 at the Rife and the other at Patterson's Walk will be repaired. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk will obtain a quotation for the fitting on behalf of the Conservation Group. • Further tree planting will take place on the Rife on 15th March and a Rife clean will take place on 19th March • The Conservation Group has raised £600 for the Chesnut Tree House Charity by selling Christmas Cards. • Patricia Hall raised a concern of dog fouling in the village and requested 2 furthers bin in the village, one on the Rife and the other along Highdown Way. It was acknowledged that dog fouling is a huge issue in the village, Councillor Geoff Mines explained that the ADC Dog Warden has asked that all complaints and comments are sent to her to build a case before looking at possible solutions. 	NP
9	<p>FRSA (R Potton)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The revised garden programme was not available for this meeting. • It was advised that the FRSA Committee is currently two members short and that Richard Potton has taken over the role of the Treasurer until this year's AGM. 	
10	<p>Community Support Teams Consultation & Future Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Geoff Mines advised member of the above consultation, however question were asked in relation to the current service provided. • It was agreed that the Parish Clerk will contact WSCC to ask the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Out of the £320K, how much has been spent in Ferring ? ➢ Provide a breakdown of all work carried out over the last five years ? ➢ How many man work hours does that equate to? 	NP
11	<p>Patterson's Walk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Geoff Mines advised after meetings with ADC & Environment Agency to discuss options to enhance Patterson's Walk. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Option A, to move shingle that is covering a possible pathway from Patterson's Walk has now been started. ➤ Option 2, is the possibility to extend Patterson's Walk. Following a meeting with the Environment Agency, they cannot foresee any problems extending Paterson's Walk. It was acknowledged that out of the possible locations, a walk way erected along the pebbles will be the suitable option. ➤ Councillor Geoff Mines will arrange a meeting with the owner of the Bluebird Café and look at the measurements for the extension. 	GM
12	<p>Future Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queens 90th Birthday. Members agreed to obtain quotations for a boulder and clock and further plants at the side of the Parish Office. • Village Green. Councillor Geoff Mines provided members with pictures of the frontage of the village green and a suggestion to clear the area by removing the ivy on trees, removing old tree stumps and clearing the lower debris. Patricia Hall suggested that the Conservation Group could assist. • Bus Shelter Langbury Lane. It was agreed to look into the possibility of a bus shelter to be sited at this location. The Parish Clerk will carry out further investigations and permission from WSCC and costings will need to be obtained. • It was agreed to arrange a meeting with ADC to discuss options for the Village Green entrance. 	NP NP
13	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a report that a resident is placing dragon teeth outside their house to stop vehicles parking on their grass verge, however the dragon teeth are positioned on the road and not on the verge. Due this being a private road there is little that can be done, however the resident should be aware that should a vehicle hit the obstacle that they could be liable for damages. • It was reported that there are overgrown hedges at two locations at Clover Lane and Ferring Lane. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk will write to the resident to ask if the hedges could be cut. • The Parish Clerk advised members of a complaint received regarding the pathway outside GEM Garage. It was agreed that the Parish clerk will contact the owners of GEM Garage to ask if they could repair the pathway. 	NP

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Clerk advised that she has received complaints regarding the general rubbish in the village. It was agreed that this will be an item for next Parish Flyer. • The Parish Clerk advised that she is in conversation with the Environment Agency and ADC with regards to numerous bottles being left in the Culvert in Sea Lane. • The Parish Clerk was asked to contact the owner of the pathway from Barn Surgery to the Vets in relation to the repairs. 	
14	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 12th May 2016</p> <p>The meeting ended at 21.40pm</p>	