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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 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at the Parish Office**

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

1	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies received from Councillors Stephen Horne, Carole Robertson &amp; David Hammond – FRSA</p>	
2	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no declarations made.</p>	
3	<p><b>Public Question Time</b> Two residents came to the meeting to discuss the issue of the dead Cedar Tree in Glen Gardens which is known to be on unregistered land. It was acknowledged that the ADC Representative Mark Warwick has visited the location and ADC will consider paying 50% of the cost to remove the tree and has asked if residents will contribute. He also suggested that FPC made a contribution, but to date has not approached the Clerk. After investigating, the Clerk advised that Glen Gardens is a WSCC Highway. The Committee agreed that this issue should be passed to WSCC. Tree Warden Simon Adams agreed that he will discuss this issue with Mark Warwick and /contact WSCC.</p>	<b>PC &amp; SA</b>
4	<p><b>To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018</b> The minutes were agreed as the correct record and signed by the Chairman with the following amendments. 6b. It was confirmed that ADC has planted 5 trees and plans to plant more on the North boundary in the Autumn – should read: ADC have ordered and will be planting 5 trees.</p>	

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	<p>9c. Councillor Leslie Young asked if there are any grants available via the government. Should read: Councillor Lesley Young asked if there are any grants available via the government.</p>	
5	<p><b>Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting</b>  <b>Warren Pond:</b> Councillor Geoff Mines advised the Committee that Japanese Knotweed has received its first treatment. In October there is usually a clearance at Warren Pond, but as the ground must not be disturbed within 7 meters of the Japanese Knotweed, it was agreed a small area would be cleared by the large gates and no skip would be required. This will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.  <b>Keep Ferring Tidy Poster:</b> The poster has been produced and put up in the notice boards.  <b>Gate posts at Alderney Road:</b> K. Washer will provide a quotation for work to preserve and secure the posts. Ed Miller has written to the residents to inform them about the History of the posts.</p>	
6	<p><b>Information items</b>  <b>a)Dog Bin:</b> At the last meeting it was suggested that a dog bin at the West end of Patterson’s Walk could be installed. The Parish Office was to investigate prices. Since the last meeting, the Clerk has negotiated with ADC for a new dog bin to be installed at Patterson’s Walk (free of charge).  <b>b)Langbury Lane Footpath:</b> Committee Members will recall that at a previous Committee Meeting it was suggested that the path from Langbury Lane to the Nurseries would benefit from the same works as the path at the Rife. The Clerk has contacted WSCC and they advise 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. FPC Environment Committee does not accept this comment and Councillor Terry Jackson will walk the path and take photos and report back to committee.  It has been confirmed by the Ranger that whilst they do their routine maintenance they do not check the surface of the paths.  It was confirmed that there are no grants available for this project as it does not meet the WSCC criteria.  <b>c)Water fountains:</b> ADC has confirmed that they will install a water tap on the Village Green in due course. There has been no update from Carole regarding a fountain near Patterson’s Walk.</p>	TJ
7	<p><b>Footpath and Public Space Maintenance</b>  <b>a)Cedar Tree at Glen Gardens:</b> This item has been covered under Minute item 3 Public Question Time.  The Committee will recall that at the last meeting that it was acknowledged that FPC receives numerous queries in relation to unregistered land and trees in the village and it was suggested that the Parish Office produce a living report and risk assessment. At this evenings meeting it was agreed that FPC will look at each tree query as a separate case and will not do risk assessments.  <b>b)Dog bin at the school:</b> A number of residents and the school patrol have approached the Parish Council for a dog bin to be sited near the school.  After a short discussion, the Environment Committee agreed that a dog bin is</p>	

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	<p>required at this location.</p> <p>This will be recommended to F&amp;GP Committee and Full Council.</p> <p>Councillor Terry Jackson asked that due to the number of dog bins already in the village any further requests will not normally be considered.</p>	
8	<p><b>New Projects</b></p> <p><b>a)Village Green Frontage:</b> Councillors Geoff Mines, Ruth Sims and the Clerk met with ADC Representatives Richard Martin and Tony Baker to discuss possible improvements to the Village Green Frontage. ADC has agreed to remove one tree, clear the shrubs and plant bulbs and grass seed below the trees, remove the ivy and cut bushes around the noticeboard. ADC will provide a quotation to FPC to install knee high rail and to open up the natural path into the park.</p> <p>Cycle rack refurbishment: Councillor Lesley Young is investigating possible grants for this project. Councillor Geoff Mines and the Clerk looked at re-siting the racks; measurements will be required.</p> <p><b>b)Plastic Recycling Project:</b> Councillor Ruth Sims updated on bags for life being around £1 and drinking bottles at 50p each. It was agreed that this project would be more appropriately developed at the Summer Fair with, for example, an Environment stall promoting Plastic recycling.</p> <p><b>c)Dog Consultation:</b> The Committee will recall that a couple of years ago there was a Public Space Protection Order Consultation for no dogs on the beach between April and September. Following the consultation unfortunately the order was not granted and it is acknowledged that this has become a huge issue in the Village. It was therefore suggested that FPC write to ADC to request a further Public Space Protection Order Consultation.</p>	<p><b>LY &amp; GM</b></p> <p><b>PC</b></p>
9	<p><b>Tree Matters:</b> (Simon Adams) Simon to contact Mark Warwick (ADC) regarding Glen Gardens, Greystoke and Little Twitten.</p>	
10	<p><b>FRSA Update:</b> (David Hammond) There is no further update regarding the speed cameras and Langbury Lane garden site has now been restored by Network rail.</p>	
11	<p><b>Conservation Group:</b> Patricia Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual nest check of twenty plus boxes in village is taking place 25<sup>th</sup> September. Three of the nests are in new trees on the Rife.</li> <li>• Wild flowers sites: Little Twitten is looking good but the village green seemed to only have one type of flower this year. The Ocean Drive site on Pattersons walk is not very tidy. The boat on Sea Lane could be improved by perhaps more weeding and planting.</li> <li>• The nature walk leaflets – 200 have gone already! The library has run out. Kingsley &amp; Bluebird have some.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The extension of the conservation area is being considered by two people from the History group and two from the conservation group.</li><li>• At the Orchard; ADC to trim &amp; mow. More wild flowers are being planted.</li><li>• 149 butterflies were counted along the Rife. Approximately 10 different species were seen, even though butterflies haven't done that well this year.</li><li>• Sea Lane grass cuttings were raked and cleared.</li><li>• At the Rife on the East bank has been cleared. Emergency flooding occurred and backed up to the caravan park, but it was dealt with quickly.</li><li>• Water Voles have been seen along the Rife.</li><li>• The Pantiles area is looking very nice.</li><li>• Goring Gap – A bird watcher noticed that the drones and planes being flown are disturbing the birds. They have agreed to avoid that area.</li><li>• Christmas cards are now for sale £5 for 10.</li><li>• The Conservation group asked for an update on the Village Hall. They were advised to look at the Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Committee minutes on the web site. Nadine to send a link.</li></ul>	
12	<b>Parish Clerk Report including Financial Matters</b> There was nothing to mention.	
13	<b>Urgent matters:</b> Concerns were raised regarding the new parking signs at Kingsley. It was agreed to go onto the agenda of the F&GP Committee & Full Council.	
14	<b>Date of Next Meeting – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b> The meeting closed at 9.00pm	