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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 10th December 2018 at the Parish Office**

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

1	<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies received from Councillors Stephen Horne, Carole Robertson & David Hammond – FRSA Geoff welcomed Phillip Ellis the new Tree Warden to the committee.</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of Interest There were no declarations made.</p>	
3	<p>Public Question Time There were no members of the public present.</p>	
4	<p>To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting held 24th September 2018 The minutes were agreed as the correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
5	<p>Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting Dead Cedar Tree: Councillor Geoff Mines advised the Committee that the Cedar tree has now been removed and a donation of £100 was given to the residents by FPC. Warren Pond: Annual clearing has taken place.</p>	
6	<p>Information items a)Dog Bin: Councillor Geoff Mines advised the Committee that the new dog bin at the West end of Patterson’s Walk has been installed.</p>	

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	<p>b)Langbury Lane Footpath: Councillor Terry Jackson has taken photos; FPC office to contact WSCC with details including the scale of the path and that the deterioration of the pathway exceeds 50 metres at the Asda end of the footpath.</p> <p>c)Water fountains: ADC has not installed a water tap on the Village Green. FPC office to chase the installation of the water tap on the village green.</p> <p>d)Village Green Frontage (ADC works): Councillor Geoff Mines advised that ADC have removed one tree and cut the ivy. The further work has not been carried out to date. Councillor Geoff Mines will follow this up. Councillor Terry Jackson advised that the area around the electrical box is very muddy, Geoff to look into this.</p> <p>Councillor Ruth Sims advised that a slat is missing from the bench, ADC has been informed, Councillor Geoff Mines to chase.</p> <p>e)Dog Consultation: A resident has written a letter of complaint to Councillor Geoff Mines in relation to dog nuisance. A reply has been sent.</p> <p>In relation to the 2016 Public Space Protection Order and in view of the constant complaints received, FPC has written to ADC requesting a further consultation. ADC reply was that there is insufficient evidence to support FPC's request. FPC to request that residents report issues on the ADC web site.</p> <p>It was suggested that an article related to this issue could be written for the Parish flyer and All about Ferring.</p> <p>An FPC consultation will also be considered.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p> <p>GM</p> <p>PC</p>
7	<p>Footpath and Public Space Maintenance</p> <p>a)Dog bin at the school: It was acknowledged that to install a dog bin at this site is extremely expensive. This will need to be investigated further with the possibility of getting the school involved.</p> <p>b)Greystoke Trees: Before going ahead with planting trees at this location, it was agreed that the Tree Warden will look at the Conservation list of potential sites for new trees and report back at the next Environment Committee meeting.</p> <p>c)Replacement Bike Racks: Councillor Geoff Mines reminded the committee that the bike racks at the Beach and at the Village Green all need replacing. It was agreed to pursue with 6 x Galvanised Black Racks, FPC office will obtain a quotation to provide the racks.</p> <p>This will be recommended along with the installation quotation already received to F&GP committee and Full Council.</p> <p>d)New signage at Patterson's Walk: It has been brought to the Parish Councils attention that the emergency access to the beach is being blocked by parked vehicles. It was agreed that FPC office will email the Environment Agency to request a No Parking Sign is erected.</p>	<p>PE</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PC</p>
	<p>New Projects</p> <p>a)Village Green Frontage: ADC still to provide a quotation to FPC to install knee high rail and to open up the natural path into the park. It was suggested that it should be built up as the path is very uneven. Councillor Geoff Mines to chase and report back to the next Environment Committee meeting.</p> <p>b)Plastic Recycling Project: It was agreed that this project would be more appropriately developed at the Summer Fair. Councillor Ruth Sims advised the committee that this project will be discussed at the Summer Fair meeting in January.</p>	<p>GM</p> <p>RS</p>

	<p>c)Other Projects:</p> <p>Gateway sign: It was acknowledged that installation of a Gateway sign in South Ferring was resolved by full council on the 4th December 2017. The installation has not been actioned to date and some committee members raised concerns in relation to the cost, location, position and if the sign is necessary. Councillor Terry Jackson has done a survey and most vehicles were driving through the village. Councillor Geoff Mines to investigate other options and report back to the next Environment Committee meeting.</p> <p>Patterson’s Walk: Kingston Parish Council has confirmed that they have no objections to the proposed Patterson’s Walk Board walk. Councillor Geoff Mines will obtain quotations and investigate Rampion grant fund.</p> <p>Telescope: Councillor Geoff Mines suggested a telescope could be installed at the beach, and will obtain the cost of this.</p> <p>Committee members were asked to bring their project suggestions to the next committee meeting.</p>	<p>GM</p> <p>GM</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Ferring Conservation Area Review</p> <p>In the Ferring Neighbourhood Plan, proposal 2 stated that: <i>‘The Parish Council proposes that the local planning authority considers amending the boundary of the designated Ferring Conservation Area. Thereafter, it is proposed that the District Council, Parish Council and Ferring History Group will together prepare a new Conservation Area Appraisal to promote the future conservation and enhancement of its special architectural and historic interest’.</i></p> <p>Ferring History Group & Ferring Conservation Group has produced a detailed proposal that has now been submitted to ADC for their consideration.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>Tree Matters (Phillip Ellis)</p> <p>Phillip Ellis has agreed to take on the project to review the trees within the village. Phillip Ellis has also agreed to receive the tree Planning Applications via email and reply with his expert opinion to the Clerk.</p>	<p>PE</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>FRSA Update (David Hammond) In the absence of David Hammond, Councillor Geoff Mines reported the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All road works are in place to be carried out by Drivepoint in Jan 19. • All remedial work by Gas board will also be completed by Jan 19. 	
<p>11</p>	<p>Conservation Group: Patricia Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patterson’s Walk beds have been cut back, waiting for new plants to grow through. The beds are surrounded by wood which is rotting. Karl has replaced one. • The Orchard has been top dressed and wild flowers have been planted. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Conservation Group are happy to plant the bulbs on the village green; the herb beds have been done. • Simon walked round with Patricia. The Holm Oak cut on Sea Lane should be replaced and two trees to be planted opposite to stop lorries from parking on the verge. • East end of Rife Way by the Scout boat – a cherry tree has died which needs removal and a replacement and another one on the corner of the Rife Way and Greystoke Road would be good. • At the entrance to the Glebelands there is a collection of trees and one has a broken branch which needs removing. • Little Twitten: Arun have planted 4 trees along the north boundary, 3 more to be planted by the Conservation Group. • The magnolia tree outside the Parish office is dying, Phillip Ellis to look at the fungus before a new tree is planted. • At the junction of Grange Close/Ferringham Lane many trees have been removed. Several trees could go in here to improve the now very bare area. Councillor Stephen Abbott will check the Planning Application and find out who owns the land. • Gem garage frontage: trees need trimming over footpath, Councillor Stephen Abbott to ask Gem to cut back the trees. • Little Paddocks: The Beautiful Pine tree has been cut down and has not yet been replaced. Councillor Stephen Abbott to check the Planning Application to see if a replacement was a condition. • FPC and the Conservation Group are concerned about the state of the numerous trees along the whole length of the grass verge in Sea Lane Ferring which is WSCC land. Tree roots are also coming up through the pavement and are very dangerous. Geoff Mines to contact WSCC. 	<p style="text-align: center;">PC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GM</p>
12	<p>Parish Clerk Report including Financial Matters There was nothing to mention.</p>	
13	<p>Urgent matters arising, since the preparation of this Agenda & Items to be referred to next Agenda There was nothing to mention</p>	
14	<p>Date of Next Meeting – Monday 25th March 2019</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.10pm</p>	