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FERRING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of FERRING PARISH COUNCIL held on **Monday 14th January 2019** at Glebelands Centre. The meeting commenced at 7.45pm.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Councillor Carole Robertson (Chairman), Councillor Stephen Abbott (Vice Chairman) Councillors, Geoff Mines, Terry Jackson, Lesley Young. Roger Elkins. Ruth Sims & Stephen Horne.

West Sussex County Councillor: Councillor Roger Elkins

Arun District Councillor: Councillor Colin Oliver-Regate

Residents: Four residents in attendance

The Chairman, Councillor Carole Robertson welcomed all present to the meeting and commenced the formal proceedings.

01-01-2019 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Peter Evans. The apologies were accepted by Council.

02-02-2019 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

03-01-2019 Public Questions

A resident referred to a number of recent planning applications and the accuracy of the comments made WSCC Highways Authority and asked if the Parish Council could write to the Planning Authority raising these concerns.

Councillor Roger Elkins in his capacity as a Cabinet Member for Highways & Infrastructure at WSCC advised that this matter has been discussed with the Planning Authority. He confirmed that whilst ADC Planning Authority consult with WSCC Highways Authority in relation to planning applications, the overall decision and responsibility rests with the ADC Planning Officers. Councillor Roger Elkins will seek clarification and confirm the legal responsibility of the private roads.

Councillor Carole Robertson will also raise this matter at the JEAAC Meeting.

A resident referred to the Neighbourhood Plan Implementation (including 3 x CRTBO's)

Meeting Minutes and mentioned the negotiations with the developer and asked why the Parish Council is not considering speaking to other developers in relation land acquisition.

Councillor Carole Robertson advised that there have been no negotiations with the developer in relation land acquisition. The proposed meeting with the developer is to listen to any offer made by the developer and take these back to the Parish Council in order to decide collectively if we wish to negotiate.

A resident asked in relation to the proposed purchase of the Glebelands Centre and if there is evidence to suggest that this is a financially viable option for the Parish Council as the resident alleged that WSCC had disposed of the facility as it was not profitable.

Councillor Carole Robertson explained that WSCC had built the centre as a dedicated youth facility and leased it for a community business when they had major cut backs in youth

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services. Councillor Carole Robertson also advised that the business at the Glebelands Centre has increased and that there is a two year window before the decision to purchase the Freehold has to be made.

04-01-2019 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd December 2018

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd December 2018 were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman presiding as a correct record.

05-01-2019 Councillor Vacancies

The Chairman advised the Council that there are currently two vacancies for Councillors and we have received four applications. The Chairman welcomed Peter Coe, Elizabeth Perry, Clare Royal & Peter Maund (the applicants) to the meeting and asked them to make a short presentation about themselves, their interests in the Parish Council and their reasons for wishing to become a Councillor. Following the presentations, Councillors were given the opportunity to ask any questions to both applicants.

The result of the ballot **RESOLVED** to co-opt Peter Coe & Clare Royal to serve as Councillors until the next ordinary election.

Peter Coe & Clare Royal read out their Declaration of Acceptance of Office, signed the declaration form and the Code of Conduct undertaking and joined the meeting. In addition Peter Coe & Clare Royal signed a request for dispensation to take part in discussion of, and vote on, any matter relating to setting the precept.

06-01-2019 To receive and consider reports from Committees including the authorisation of orders for payment:

a) Environment, Footpaths and Amenities, meeting held 10th December

Councillor Geoff Mines reported the following:

- **Langbury Lane Footpath:** The poor condition of the path is being discussed with WSCC.
- **Village Green Frontage:** Work has started with the Village Green frontage. Further works will include clearing the various shrubby undergrowth and spraying to minimise regrowth, grass seeding the cleared area and planting appropriate bulbs, making a short pathway through the middle of the area to the main part of the village green & continuing the knee rail fence along this area.
- **Dog Consultation:** It was reported that a number of complaints have been received and it has been agreed that the Parish Council will write an article related to this issue for the Parish flyer. An FPC consultation will also be considered. Newly co-opted Councillor Peter Coe expressed an interest in this item. Councillor Geoff Mines invited Councillor Peter Coe to join the Environment Committee to get involved with the project.

b) Highways & Community, no meeting held

Councillor Stephen Horne reported the following:

- **Events Signage:** The advance road closure signs have been received. Councillor Stephen Horne has met with K Washer to discuss how to erect and secure the signs and the options to edge the signs as they are extremely sharp.
- **Traffic Regulation Order:** Councillor Stephen Horne referred to the proposal to make a permanent Traffic Regulation Order that will prohibit vehicles from waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on both sides of Langbury Lane in Ferring, at its junction with Glenbarrie Way. The consultation is now closed. Councillor Roger Elkins will follow up.

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- **Policing Issues:** Councillor Stephen Horne raised concerns in relation to policing within the village. Councillor Carole Robertson referred to the recent correspondence from Rustington Parish Council who are leading a joint representation to the Chief Constable and the Police Crime Commissioner, to register the disturbing concerns that the recently issued Neighbourhood Crime Comparison Statistics for the Rolling Years 01/10/2017 to 30/09/2018 and 01/10/2016 to 30/09/2017 have caused, coupled with the distinct lack of visible Neighbourhood policing in the Arun East area. The option for Ferring Parish to support will be discussed under agenda item 11. There was also a suggestion of liaising with the Ferring Police Hub.

c) **Planning Committee**

Councillor Stephen Abbott advised that the Planning Committee Meeting was held 7th January & this evening (14th January).

- Outstanding planning decisions include FG/159/18/PL, Blue bird Café & FG/194/17/PL, Southpoint, Beehive Lane.
- There have been a couple of small successes, Councillor Stephen Abbott advised that FG/56/18/PL the Old Grain Silo application for change of use. The application was approved, despite presenting objections firmly made on the factual grounds of non-compliance with the Development Plan Policies within a defined Gap. On a positive Councillor Stephen Abbott advised that he has received a formal notice for Tree Preservation Orders on 39 trees at Land at former McIntyre Nursery. The Order took effect, on a provisional basis on 5th November, it will continue in force on this basis for 6 months or until the Order is confirmed by the Council.
- FG/129/18, 44 Ferringham Lane Application for variation of condition imposed on planning reference FG/115/17/PL relating to condition no. 4 - access width has been refused.

d) **Neighbourhood Plan Implementation (including 3 CRTBO'S), Meeting held 17th December**

- A copy of the AiRS quote has been sent to Councillor Roger Elkins.
- Councillor Roger Elkins is to outline the exact content of the financial appraisal required.
- Councillor Carole Robertson advised that a meeting with Persimmon Homes in relation to land for allotments will be arranged.

e) **Finance & General Purposes**

The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 7th January. The following matters/recommendations from the minutes were considered:

- **Schedule of payments:** November (attached for approval) **RESOLVED**
- **Replacement Cycle Racks:** Councillor Geoff Mines advised 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. The overall cost is estimated at £654.94 (purchase the racks £369.94 & installation £285.00). **RESOLVED**

07-01-2019 Reports from District and County Councillors

Arun District Councillor Colin Oliver-Redgate reported the following points:

- After the Christmas reset, it was advised that ADC have a busy year ahead.
- Councillor Oliver-Redgate commended Councillor Stephen Abbotts on his recent support at the Development Control Committee Meetings.

Arun District Councillor Roger Elkins reported the following points:

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- The ADC internal processes for speaking at Development Control Committee Meetings are being reviewed.

WSCC County Councillor, Councillor Roger Elkins reported the following points:

- The road between Chichester and Midhurst is undergoing works.
- Works to prepare the A259 site, including removing vegetation, tree felling, fencing and utility works has been delayed.
- Progress is being made on both ADC & WSCC budgets.

08-01-2019 Reports from Members in respect of Meetings attended and not addressed elsewhere on the Agenda

There was nothing to mention.

09-01-2019 Precept 2019 - 2020

The 2019 – 2020 Precept which has been discussed and recommended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee for approval by Full Council. The proposed increase in the Precept is 1.5%.

After a brief discussion, the Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to authorise the precept in the sum of £91,000.00 for 2019 - 2020.

10-01-2019 ADC, Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule Consultation

In accordance with Regulation 15 of the CIL Regulations 2010, Arun District Council is consulting on its Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule. After a brief discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that FPC will submit a comment of support.

11-01-2019 Letter to Chief Constable of Sussex and PCC

Councillor Carole Robertson referred to the recent request for support from Rustington Parish Council who are leading a joint representation to the Chief Constable and the Police Crime Commissioner, to register the disturbing concerns that the recently issued Neighbourhood Crime Comparison Statistics for the Rolling Years 01/10/2017 to 30/09/2018 and 01/10/2016 to 30/09/2017 have caused, coupled with the distinct lack of visible Neighbourhood policing in the Arun East area. After a brief discussion, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that FPC will support this approach.

12-01-2019 Urgent matters arising, since the preparation of this Agenda & Items to be referred to next Agenda

The Parish Clerk requested direction from the Parish Council with regards to the response to an email dated 13th January 2019 received from the Editor of the all about ferring magazine concerning an article for the magazine from a resident.

A copy of the resident's article was passed to each Councillor present. After a discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Lesley Young that the Clerk should respond with the following points;

1. Councillors are not elected without a vote (last paragraph)
2. The word 'chaos' needs to be clarified and what or whom it refers to (last sentence)

It was acknowledged that the remainder of the article was factual.

The proposal was unanimously **RESOLVED**

The next meeting will be held Monday 4th March 2019

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm

Nadine Phibbs, Clerk to Ferring Parish Council