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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 25th March 2019 at the Parish Office**

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

1	<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies received from Councillors Ruth Sims & Terry Jackson & David Hammond – FRSA</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of Interest There were no declarations made.</p>	
3	<p>Public Question Time A resident came to the meeting referring to the parish flyer and dog issues. And asked why isn't the Parish Council being impartial. Councillor Lesley Young explained that we have referred all dog complaints to Arun because FPC do not have any power and Councillor Geoff Mines said that this is a long standing issue and over the years FPC have put in extra bins and signs to help improve the situation. Councillor Geoff Mines said that we would discuss this later in the meeting (7e).</p>	
4	<p>To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting held 10th December 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 Tree issues: To be discussed under section 9. Phillip Ellis.</p>	

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<p>6</p>	<p>Information items</p> <p>a)Langbury Lane Footpath: WSCC have advised that the muddy section of the footpath will be overlaid.</p> <p>b)Sea Lane: WSCC have advised that most trees have now been cut back; repairs to the tarmac are planned.</p> <p>c)Water fountain: It was acknowledged that ADC to date has not installed a water tap on the Village Green. FPC office to chase.</p> <p>d)War Memorial: Replacement bollards are now fitted. It has been noted that the new bollards have gold paint at the top & bottom. Amanda is chasing the supplier for a pot of paint.</p> <p>e)Cycle Racks: These have been fitted at the Village Green and beach. Councillor Stephen Abbott asked if we were fitting rubber mesh. Tony Baker at ADC suggested that rubber mesh similar to that under the zip wire could be used. Geoff to chase this.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p> <p>GM</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Footpath and Public Space Maintenance</p> <p>a)Dog bin at the school: It was felt that this is not necessary.</p> <p>b)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. Approx cost for a sign would be £90.00 and the wording to be: EMERGENCY ACCESS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES. WSCC have agreed for the sign to be erected. This will be recommended to the F & GP committee.</p> <p>c)Gateway Sign: Councillor Geoff Mines reminded the committee that it was suggested to have a new sign entering the village from the South. It was agreed to maybe revisit this in the future.</p> <p>d) Replacement tree by commemoration stone: Councillor Geoff Mines advised that the quote for removing the Honey Fungus has not been received and Phillip Ellis advised that any plant or tree will be affected by the honey fungus unless the whole area is dug up and removed. This does not always guarantee complete removal. Councillor Lesley Young suggested a monument or sculpture instead of a plant. Councillor Geoff Mines suggested that we move away from a plant and explore what’s available.</p> <p>e)Dog control issues/FPC Consultation: At the last Environment Committee meeting on the 10th December it was agreed that FPC would consider doing their own Consultation. This evening the Committee discussed options which included an FPC consultation and a meeting with ADC. Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that Councillor Peter Coe will head a working group with the support of Councillors Carole Robertson and Clare Royal to meet at the office with ADC.The working group will report back at the next environment meeting.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>GM</p> <p>P.COE</p>
<p>8</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. Councillor Geoff Mines to chase and report back to the next Environment Committee meeting.</p> <p>b)Plastic Recycling Project minimising ‘plastic use’ project Co-op: The Community Investment Manager of the co-op would not consider a water</p>	<p>GM</p> <p>SA</p>

	<p>dispenser within the retail outlet. However they are more than happy to consider ways in which they can support other suitable projects. Councillor Stephen Abbott to follow this up.</p> <p>c)Summer Fair/recycling project: In the absence of Councillor Ruth Sims; Councillor Geoff Mines provided details and costings for plastic bottles and reusable bags. It was agreed to pursue with the plastic bottles and possibly hand them out free of charge at the summer fair. The approx. cost for 250 bottles is £240.00.</p> <p>As per minute 6c, Amanda will chase the water fountain with the hope that it will be installed prior to 20th July.</p> <p>It was also suggested that Southern Water will be contacted to ask if they would like to get involved. Peter Coe to provide a contact.</p> <p>Councillors agreed to help with the stall at the summer fair.</p> <p>This will be recommended to the F & GP committee.</p> <p>d)Patterson Walk Boardwalk: Councillor Geoff Mines obtained a quotation and it was suggested that he gain a quote from another company.</p> <p>e)Telescope: Councillor Geoff Mines looked at prices; cheapest reconditioned £1500.00, going up to £3000.00 for a new one. Geoff to investigate a Rampion Grant.</p>	<p>GM/ PC</p> <p>P.COE</p> <p>GM</p> <p>GM</p>
9	<p>Tree Matters (Phillip Ellis)</p> <p>a)Grange Close: Planning application recommended two trees to be planted but this is not a condition. It was suggested that the office make enquiries with Arun.</p> <p>b)Little Paddock Way: A replacement tree has been planted.</p> <p>c)Gem Garage: The owner of the garage has confirmed that they are happy to cut back trees on the path. Patricia Hall confirmed that the conservation group support this and that it can be done in the Autumn.</p> <p>d)Tree by boat in Rife Way: It was reported that the trees lower growth has sharp thorns. It is understood that this is on WSCC land and PC office will request WSCC to cut the thorns back.</p> <p>e)Sea Lane/north west corner: The office will make enquiries to see if WSCC will plant trees on the grass verge.</p> <p>f)Greystoke/Church Lane: The environment committee agreed that they want to plant Two more trees. PC will look into this.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>SA</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PC PC</p>
10	<p>FRSA Update (David Hammond) In the absence of David Hammond, Administrator Amanda Thomas reported the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All road patching to be completed later this year. • All white lining to be completed later this year. 	
11	<p>Conservation Group: Patricia Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sea Lane boat and Patterson’s Walk boat will undergo maintenance next week. • The Orchard is looking good. • Entrance gate to The Rife on the east side; The Conservation Group would like a sign. Wording to be: Local wildlife site. • There are offensive signs on Kingston Gorse – the Parish Clerk is dealing with this. 	<p>PC</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Parish Council has been asked to report fly tipping on the Rife near Oval Way.• On behalf of FCG, Geoff was thanked for all his hard work.	PC
12	Parish Clerk Report including Financial Matters Reference to the Allotment fees, FPC has agreed to review the charges for allotments every two years. It was agreed to a small increase of £2 per year. This will be recommended to the F & GP committee.	PC
13	Urgent matters arising, since the preparation of this Agenda & Items to be referred to next Agenda Sleeper at Patterson's walk is broken and splintered. PC office to contact Karl regarding the cost of a replacement.	PC
14	Councillor Carole Robertson wanted it formally minuted to thank Councillor Geoff Mines for all his help with the Environment Committee.	
	Date of Next Meeting – Monday 24th June 2019 The meeting closed at 9.20pm	