

FERRING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of FERRING ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL held on **Saturday 1st June 2019** at the Glebelands Centre. The meeting commenced at 11.00am.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Carole Robertson, (Chairman), Stephen Abbott, (Vice Chairman) Councillors, Roger Elkins, Lesley Young, Clare Royal, and Ruth Sims

West Sussex County Councillor: Roger Elkins

Arun District Councillors: Roger Elkins & Colin Oliver-Redgate

Residents: Eight residents attended

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting and commenced the formal proceedings.

A01-05-2019 Approval of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 21st May 2018

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Monday 21st May 2019 were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

A02-05-2019 Annual Report from the Chairman of Ferring Parish Council

Councillor Carole Robertson read the Chairman's Annual report as attached.

A03-05-2019 To receive report from Arun District Councillors Councillor Roger Elkins

- Councillor Roger Elkins advised that he is involved with the ADC Scrutiny & the Planning Policy Committees.
- The Arun Local Plan has now been adopted and the Government directive for housing is to build 1000 homes per year.
- It was reported that once again there has been a huge number of planning applications over the past twelve months.
- ADC 2020 vision programme focusing on saving four million pounds whilst keeping the increase in council tax at a minimum.
- The new nineteen million pounds swimming/leisure facility in Littlehampton (Wave) has now opened.

Councillor Colin Oliver-Regate

- Councillor Colin Oliver-Redgate advised that he is involved on several Committees including Planning Development and Licensing and Environment Committee.
- He is pleased to see that the two village public conveniences will remain open for the foreseeable future.
- He thanked the parish as a whole for the support he has received whilst in his role as a District Councillor.
- Concerns have been raised in relation to 5G (5th generation).

A04-05-2019 To receive report from West Sussex County Council (WSSC) Councillor Councillor Roger Elkins

- Councillor Roger Elkins read the WSSC report as attached.

A05-05-2019 Public Question Time

A resident was pleased to hear that the public conveniences were being retained and asked if there is a proposal to improve the facilities.

Councillor Carole Robertson advised that the facility at the village green is in reasonable condition but the facility at the Rife would benefit from some improvements. Ferring Parish Council has met with the Property, Estates & Facilities Manager at Arun District Council (ADC). With regards to the future, Ferring Parish Council (FPC) has been asked for suggestions of how to improve the facilities. FPC will continue to discuss the options with ADC.

The same resident acknowledged that the small plot of land at Malcolm Close has now been sold and that the construction works at 58 Ferringham Lane has been postponed for approximately twelve months due to the slowdown in housing demands.

A resident asked in relation to the condition of the car park at the Bluebird Café.

Councillor Carole Robertson advised that there is a current planning application for the part refurbishment of existing car park, providing a permeable SuDS ground reinforcement grid paving system. Providing a level allocated car spaces.

A resident advised that he has spoken to several dog owners and they feel additional dog bins are needed.

Councillor Carole Robertson advised that Ferring has the highest number of dog bins for the area in the district and that the cost of a dog bin is over £500. Councillor Carole Robertson acknowledged that it is a small minority of irresponsible dog owners and they need to be educated to keep the village clean and tidy.

A resident raised the concern that although there are no cycling signs, cyclists are still cycling along Paterson's Walk.

It was advised that the ADC no cycling signs were advisory only.

A resident acknowledged that there are no patrols to combat such offences as littering or dog fouling.

Councillor Carole Robertson advised that in a parish survey 2012, residents were not in favour of supporting the parish council employing a patrol officer. FPC would be happy to revisit this and it does have the powers to facilitate such a scheme but only if the residents supported it as this would be funded via the village precept.

Nadine Phibbs
Clerk to Ferring Parish Council