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## FERRING PARISH COUNCIL

### Environment, Amenities and Footpaths Committee (Advisory Powers)

#### Minutes of the Environment, Amenities and Footpaths Committee Meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 23rd Sept 2019 at the Parish Office

Present	Councillors	Stephen Abbott
		Ruth Sims
		Clare Royal
	Conservation Group	David Bettiss
	Tree Warden	Phillip Ellis
	FRSA	David Hammond
Observing	Councillor	Peter Coe

1	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies received from Councillors Carole Robertson, Lesley Young &amp; Patricia Hall Conservation Group</p>	
2	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no declarations made.</p>	
3	<p><b>Public Question Time</b> There were no members of the public present.</p>	
4	<p><b>To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b> The minutes were agreed as the correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
5	<p><b>Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting</b> <b>Item 13 Conservation Group:</b> David Bettiss has been in contact with a resident who would like a flower bed at the North end of Langbury Lane. It was suggested that the resident could come up with a plan and it will be discussed at the next meeting. <b>8e) Signage at Patterson's Walk:</b> Concerns were raised that the new sign has not been installed, Parish Office to chase Karl Washer.</p>	<p><b>DB</b></p> <p><b>PO</b></p>

6	<p><b>Information Items</b></p> <p><b>a)Bench on Village Green following accident:</b> It was reported that the bench will not be replaced. Councillor Ruth Sims mentioned the two benches on the green that still have slats missing, Councillor Stephen Abbott is chasing this.</p> <p><b>b)Village Green Frontage (ADC works) &amp; Tree cutting:</b> Councillor Stephen Abbott advised that he had an appointment with the Parks Dept but they did not turn up. He has now emailed Anthony Baker of ADC to follow up on the soil to be levelled, extend knee rail and tidy up weeds and supply bulbs. The area behind the boat up to the toilets is proposed to be planted with shrubs and bulbs. David Bettiss offered help from the Conservation Group to plant the bulbs.</p> <p><b>c)Warren Pond tree removal:</b> The tree is scheduled for removal on the 19<sup>th</sup> October.</p>	<p>SA</p> <p>SA</p>
7	<p><b>New Projects</b></p> <p><b>a) Quotation received for tree cutting on the Village Green (Cllr. Ruth Sims Xmas):</b> Councillor Stephen Abbott requested a more detailed quotation and Councillor Peter Coe asked if the Parish Office could obtain waste transfer certificate from the chosen contractor.</p> <p><b>b)Over grown Trees North of Warren Pond (Conservation Group):</b> Councillor Stephen Abbott suggested that we ask for advice on cutting these trees once it has been establish that the Parish Council own the land that they stand on.</p> <p><b>c)Oak tree maintenance on Village Green re plaques (attached for Committee Members):</b> Councillor Stephen Abbott requested that the Parish Office ask Karl Washer to remove the blue plaque. Councillor Stephen Abbott will investigate the other plaque and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>d)Warren Pond clearance 2019:</b> David Bettiss from the Conservation Group confirmed that the clearance is to take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 10am. The Parish Office to order a small skip.</p> <p><b>e)Patterson’s Walk Boardwalk:</b> It was agreed that this idea should be reviewed after the possible car park renovations at the Blue Bird cafe; with this in mind it will be clear regarding access to the toilets via Pattersons walk.</p> <p><b>f)Telescope:</b> The committee declined to support any progress with this.</p> <p><b>g)Sleepers at the Beach:</b> Councillor Ruth Sims asked when the sleepers were going to be replaced on the beach, the Parish Office to chase Karl Washer.</p> <p><b>h)Village Green Play Equipment:</b> Councillor Peter Coe advised that he and Councillor Ruth Sims had a meeting with Progress Housing on the 27<sup>th</sup> August and that it was a very positive meeting. During the meeting the site manager did advise that their residents enjoy village life and would like to pursue potential for wheelchair usable swings and roundabout on the village green, possibly as a joint venture. Peter Coe and Clare Royal agreed to take on this project.</p> <p><b>i)Other Projects:</b> Further to the Village Summer Fair, Councillor Ruth Sims has been approached to possibly have a Petanque area on the Village Green. The piste must be a min of 10 metres long and 3 metres wide. Maintenance would be minimal. Ruth will find out if this would be of interest to Ferring Residents.</p>	<p>RS</p> <p>PO</p> <p>SA</p> <p>PO</p> <p>PO</p> <p>P.COE /CR</p> <p>RS</p>
8	<p><b>Dog Control Issues/FPC Consultation Working Group:</b></p>	

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	<p>Councillor Peter Coe confirmed that we are still waiting for engagement with ADC, however the Parish Clerk has now made contact with the licensing officer who is keen to have a chat at some stage.</p> <p>Following the article in the spring edition of the parish flyer there were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>7 x comments made complaining about the tone of the article and against any further restrictions.</li><li>5 x comments about dog fouling in several areas within the village.</li><li>8 x Comments regarding dog control, primarily on Patterson's Walk (3 of which related to a specific incident in March and only 2 mentioned the beach).</li><li>2 x Complaints about dogs in General.</li><li>1 x complaint regarding the state of the dog waste bins.</li></ul> <p>There have not been any complaints made throughout the past summer, or indeed since April, however there was a thread on the Village Facebook Site recently commenting on fouling on the Rife and Little Twitten in particular.</p> <p>Cllr Clare Royal and myself have already discussed some potential ideas and as we haven't had much traction to date with ADC, I intend to circulate some thoughts on proposals for the way forward prior to the next Environment Committee meeting, which could then be developed by the Working Group and would also look to approach any new councillors who may be co-opted to ask if it is something they would like to work on.</p>	<p><b>PCoe</b></p>
<p>9</p>	<p><b>Tree Matters</b> (Phillip Ellis) Phillip Ellis confirmed that there have been very few recent tree planning applications and that he has difficulty tracking applications on Aruns website. Phillip will email Arun Planning to ask whether they will update their systems in line with other councils. Phillip advised that there is Ash dieback nationally prevalent and that there is no cure.</p>	<p><b>PE</b></p>
<p>10</p>	<p><b>FRSA Update</b> (David Hammond) reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a)At East Mead a resident has complained about the road and tarmac pavement breaking up, this is the resident's responsibility.</li><li>b)In Jersey Road two large pine trees are lifting up the road. Drivepoint are the contractor and the road will need shaving back.</li><li>c)The FRSA would like to thank the Conservation Group for their work helping with the site at Ocean Drive.</li><li>d)Outside the flats at Beehive Lane there are puddles, resident has refused to pay road fund until FRSA fix this.</li></ul>	

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	e)Further to the accident at Jersey/Somerset/Tegarth - all white lining to be completed late 2019, however, this road will be one of the first.	
11	<p><b>Conservation Group:</b> David Bettiss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wildlife sightings: A Deaths Head Hawk Moth, a Wasp Spider and a Kingfisher have been seen at the Rife and several Twany Owls are reported to be in the village.</li> <li>• The Environment Agency met with David to agree on the correct grass cutting adjacent to the Rife and they agreed to write to local residents regarding fly tipping at the end of their gardens. There is a ditch between the gardens and the path which should be visible.</li> <li>• The Community Orchard – one tree has died due to the dry summer and the fruit is very small. The area has been raked.</li> <li>• A group called The Good Gym came to help clear the bottom stretch of Sea Lane.</li> <li>• The wild flower beds in the Village Green and The Little Twitten have not be good this year.</li> <li>• A working Party will be attending the raised beds at the Pantiles.</li> <li>• A Beach clean took place last weekend; feedback from this is that our beach is very clean in general.</li> <li>• It was reported that Richard Grey has been back in the village after being released from prison; people were being shouted at and he was causing general problems. David reported this to Arun anti-social behaviour Department.</li> </ul>	
12	<p><b>Parish Clerk Report including Financial Matters</b> Councillor Stephen Abbott ran through the finance report.</p>	
13	<p><b>Urgent matters arising, since the preparation of this Agenda &amp; Items to be referred to next Agenda</b></p> <p>a)The pathway from Brook Lane to The Rife was reported as dangerous, David Bettis confirmed that it had been cleared, however, not the tree over hanging the path. Administrator Amanda advised that the Ranger will be visiting the site and that land owners have been written to.</p>	<b>PO</b>
14	<b>Date of Next Meeting – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>	
	The meeting closed at 8.45pm	