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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 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 at the Parish Office

Present	Councillors	Stephen Abbott
		Ruth Sims
		Carole Robertson
	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 Clare Royal, Lesley Young &amp; Sally Crathern</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 23rd Sept 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></p>	
6	<p><b>Information Items</b></p> <p><b>a)Warren Pond Clearance:</b> The clearance has taken place and the skip was filled. Good effort and thanks to the Conservation Group and all who attended and helped.</p> <p><b>b)Village Green Frontage (ADC works) &amp; Tree cutting:</b> Councillor Stephen Abbott advised that he has finally got hold of Anthony Baker of ADC. Anthony had forgotten to enquire about shrubs for the Northern strip from the boat to the toilets. Anthony confirmed that he will send an email requesting the required information. Anthony will also chase up the knee rail and update us in January</p>	<b>SA/PO</b>

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	<p>2020. Councillor Stephen Abbott also mentioned that the tap is still missing, PO to chase this in the spring.</p> <p><b>c)Repairs to benches on Village Green:</b> Completed.</p> <p><b>d)Oak tree maintenance re plaque:</b> Karl is working on this.</p> <p><b>e)Over grown trees north of Warren Pond:</b> FPC do not own this land and therefore it does not fall under our responsibility.</p> <p>It was mentioned that a tree has broken and is laying on the grass verge next to Abbeyfield – Amanda to report this to ‘Love West Sussex’</p>	<p>PO</p>
<p>7</p>	<p><b>New Projects</b></p> <p><b>a)Cleaning of the War Memorial:</b> Councillor Stephen Abbott requested Amanda to find out the frequency of cleaning and how much it would cost for the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Permanent Structure (Statue/Poppies):</b> Councillor Peter Coe produced some ideas of benches etc. Link to be sent to the Parish Office. Consider replacing the bench at the side of the office? It was agreed not to replace the magnolia tree due to the Honey Fungus. Tree Warden Phillip Ellis confirmed that he is currently testing a product that should kill the Honey Fungus.</p> <p><b>b)Warren Pond replacement pole &amp; rail:</b> Karl Washer produced a quotation to carry out this work. Amanda to send this to Finance &amp; GP Committee in early January 2020.</p> <p><b>c)Village Green grass cutting 2020:</b> Councillor Stephen Abbott has spoken to Arun to rearrange the grass cutting on the village green. A larger cutter would do the open area of the Village Green and is on a more frequent schedule than the small cutter needed for the areas around the equipment, benches etc. The areas would, therefore, be cut at different times and intervals. The committee agreed to approach ADC to trial this for the 2020 season.</p> <p>It was noted that this would need to be taken into consideration by organisers of activities such as the summer fair.</p> <p><b>d)Village Green play Equipment:</b> Councillor Peter Coe confirmed a disabled swing could cost approx. £2,000.00 and a roundabout £3,000.00. Grants are available from West Sussex County Community and other areas; Councillor Peter Coe will look into this and report back to the Committee.</p> <p><b>e)Patterson’s Walk rights of way:</b> It was agreed that this should be reviewed after the car park renovations at the Blue Bird café which have now been completed. Councillor Stephen Abbott to go down and have a look.</p> <p><b>f) Other Projects:</b> Further to the Village Summer Fair, Councillor Ruth Sims was approached to possibly have a Petanque area on the Village Green. Ruth has not heard back from the lady and therefore the Committee declined to support any progress with this.</p>	<p>PO</p> <p>PO/PC</p> <p>PO</p> <p>SA</p> <p>PC/CR</p> <p>SA</p>
<p>8</p>	<p><b>Dog Control Issues/FPC Consultation Working Group:</b> Councillor Peter Coe confirmed that he is looking to start a campaign next year for good behaviour. Councillor Clare Royal has written to Petworth PC enquiring about their dog issues strategy. Tricia Hall said that on Country File they were encouraging dog owners to keep dogs on leads when passing Waders on the beach, they are trying to feed and dogs are chasing them away.</p>	<p>PC/CR</p>

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9	<p><b>Tree Matters</b> (Phillip Ellis) Phillip Ellis confirmed that there has only been one tree application, this has not been determined yet. The resident has confirmed that he will plant a tree in its place.</p>	
10	<p><b>FRSA Update</b> (David Hammond) reported the following a)At Green Park, tree roots have lifted tarmac. FRSA have written to residents for permission to cut them back. Awaiting to hear. b)Gully sucking has been done. c)White lining is delayed due to the bad weather. d)Resurfacing has been delayed by Drivepoint due to work loads. e)New mirror has been put up at Malcolm Close.</p>	
11	<p><b>Conservation Group:</b> Tricia Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sleepers on Pattersons Walk, one very bad. Amanda confirmed that this is a winter job scheduled in for Karl Washer.</li> <li>• Pattersons Walk: Further to the last Conservation Group meeting, 88 out of 90 voted to try and get it designated as a footpath. Ed Miller has written to Arun, await reply.</li> <li>• Two Apple trees have been planted at the Orchard from the Country Centre. The trees at the back of the Orchard are growing well.</li> <li>• £150.00 was donated to the National Woodland Trust Tree Appeal. This is following on from a Chris Packman program on Channel 5 last week. School, Care homes etc can apply for free trees.</li> <li>• A Horsechestnut tree has been planted on the Twitten as agreed with Arun.</li> <li>• The Christmas card featuring the War Memorial raised £600 for Chestnut Tree House and sold out very quickly.</li> <li>• FCG would very much like to see Committee Members from the Environment Committee at their monthly meetings, the last Friday of the month.</li> <li>• Tricia was asking for suggestions for planting flower meadows? Land next to The Pantiles? Land at the end of Glenbarrie Way?</li> <li>• The Nature Trail leaflets have now run out. Cllr Stephen Abbott asked for this to go to Finance &amp; GP Committee for £100 donation to produce some more.</li> <li>• A question was raised; Who owns the strip of land next to the Plantation? FCG would like to plant some shrubs there.</li> </ul>	<b>PO</b>
12	<p><b>Parish Clerk Report including Financial Matters</b> Amanda 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> There was nothing to mention</p>	
14	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020</b></p>	

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	The meeting closed at 8.15pm	