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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 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

Present	Councillors	Clare Royal (Chair)
		Alex Juniper
		Ruth Arnold
	Tree Warden	Philip Ellis
	Conservation Group	Tricia Hall
	Guest	Mark Stacey

1	<b>Elect a Chairman</b> Clare Royal was elected Chairman.	
2	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies received from Stephen Abbott; his apologies were accepted.	
3	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no declarations made.	
4	<b>Public Question Time</b> There was no members of the public present.	
5	<b>To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting held Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021</b> The minutes were agreed as the correct record and signed by the Chairman.	
6	<b>Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting</b> Nothing to mention.	
7	<b>Information Items</b> <b>a. Litter on the beach</b> – Chairman Clare Royal explained that she had met ADC and arranged more temporary bins and that we have not had any problems with them. Tricia Hall from the Conservation Group said that there are still issues with the bin at the seating area at the bottom of Ocean Drive. It is still being used as a Dog bin as well as normal rubbish and smells. Chairman Clare Royal advised that part of ADC's plans will be to have signage along Pattersons Walk informing people where the nearest dog bin can be found. <b>b. FPC Maintenance Works</b> – the bus shelter opposite the Co-Op has been repaired.	

	<b>c. Tree Surgeon Works</b> – Pantiles removal and make safe broken branch, Henty bushes and Warren Pond branch. The Tree Warden Philip Ellis confirmed that the Pantiles tree does not have Ash Die back and recommends the crown to be cut now.	<b>PO</b>
8	<b>War Memorial</b> <b>a. Paving and jet wash</b> – Councillor Alex Juniper explained that due to personal reasons he has not had the time to look into this. Chairman Clare Royal offered to contact Councillor Stephen Abbott to ask him if he could get in touch with the company that installed the bench by the office for a quote to repair the wall and paving before Remembrance Day. <b>b. Flag Pole</b> – Needs re painting at some point. <b>c. Permanent structure</b> – The Committee agreed to remove this item. <b>d.</b> Councillor Ruth Arnold offered to help the office with the wreaths.	<b>CR</b>          <b>RA</b>
9	<b>Maintenance Works (FPC Contractor)</b> a. Replace sleepers at blue boat area b. No other projects were suggested	
10	<b>New Projects</b> <b>a) New location for the rest of the covid 19 snake pebbles</b> – The committee where asked for any idea's where the remaining pebbles could be placed as a permanent structure. It was suggested at the FRSA garden in South Ferring. Chairman Clare Royal to asked FRSA and they didn't think there were enough pebbles to make a meaningful project. Chairman Clare Royal offered to take them back to the beach, this was agreed by the Committee. <b>b) Business owners re rubbish in the village</b> – A resident emailed the office regarding the amount of litter on the streets. The committee agreed for a letter to be sent to the businesses asking if they have any concerns or ideas to help reduce the rubbish. <b>c) Dog Memorial</b> – A resident suggested a bench or memorial for those who have lost their dogs. The committee agreed that The Parish Council do not have suitable land for this and suggest the resident contacts ADC. <b>d) Arun's proposed Tree Planting Strategy &amp; action plan</b> – Chairman Clare Royal went through the questions with the committee with a view to returning the answers this week. <b>e) Pattersons Walk</b> – Administrator Amanda Thomas explained that a previous councillor and resident came up with an idea to have a board walk going from the west end of Pattersons walk over the pebbles to an area with benches. The idea is for disabled and pushchair users to view the sea. There was also an idea for a board walk along to the café, however this was agreed too expensive. Councillor Ruth Arnold and Councillor Mark Stacey have agreed to get prices for the next meeting. <b>f) Ash tree at the Pantiles</b> – previously discussed under 7.c.	<b>CR</b>          <b>PO</b>          <b>PO</b>          <b>CR</b>          <b>RA / MS</b>
11	<b>Rampion 2</b> – Councillor Alex Juniper gave an overview from the video presentation on the 27 <sup>th</sup> July. R2 will consist of 116 turbines. They will be positioned as far west as possible, avoiding any conflict with the shipping channels out of Portsmouth and Southampton	

	<p>then work eastwards to join up with R1. They will be 8 miles from the shore and avoid conflict with East to West shipping lanes in the channel. There will not be a R3!</p> <p>The R2 project is expected to be operational from 2028 /2029. Expected life being 25 / 30 years. In preparing the application for consent (following consultation) it will include a decommissioning process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turbines will be between 50% and 75% higher than the existing R1.</li> <li>• This will generate between 25% and 37.5% extra power over and above R1</li> <li>• Cables will come ashore at Climping and run up to the main generator at Bolney.</li> <li>• All of the cable will be deposited underground at some depth in conduit on a cut and cover operation except where sensitive areas exist, they are prepared to drill under to avoid disturbance.</li> <li>• Cable to be laid in 1km sections with inspection hatches either end.</li> <li>• Conduit will be laid first then some 6 months later the wiring will be pulled through.</li> <li>• Total disruption for each 1km section is anticipated to be 2 months</li> <li>• More than 100 landowners have to be consulted for the cabling process and agreement sought</li> <li>• The topsoil to be put to one side for re-instatement.</li> <li>• Kew Gardens to identify the flora and fauna so that seeds are available when replacing topsoil if needed</li> </ul> <p>Chairman Clare Royal will attend the next meeting in August. The committee agreed that they have no objection the Rampion 2. Comments are due in in September 2021.</p>	
12	<p><b>Parish Clerk Report – including Financial Report:</b></p> <p>Amanda confirmed amounts paid to date.</p>	
13	<p><b>Tree Matters:</b> Phillip Ellis confirmed that there have been several tree applications in the village. A few have been rejected and need resubmitting with guidance from ADC. A Sycamore tree has been submitted for removal so that drains can be checked, Philip added that the drains should be checked first.</p>	
14	<p><b>Conservation Group Update:</b> Tricia Hall</p> <p>One of the members has repaired the existing bench on the Rife. New slats replace the rotten ones.</p> <p>Two new perching benches will be provided by FCG at their expense with the agreement of the Environment Agency. One will be at the bottom of Clover Lane and the other opposite Brook Lane caravan site (top end).</p> <p>We have been in contact with WSCC to ask them to deal with the dead trees on verges particularly along Rife Way, removing them and replacing</p>	

	<p>them (at their expense)</p> <p>We have carried out a limited amount of conservation and maintenance work on the Rife trees, Pattersons Walk beds, Blue Boat on Sea Lane and orchard. We had a beach clean on 10/07/2021 and there is another on 18/09/2021 in association with National Beach Watch Weekend.</p> <p>Some of the trees on the Rife have suffered wind/salt damage on the west side. We expect them to recover.</p> <p>The Rife has been dredged and bank cut on east side.</p> <p>We have had no indoor meetings but we have managed two successful walks recently up Highdown and along the Rife, one in association with SDOS (Shoreham District Ornithological Society). We have also contributed two counts to the Big Butterfly Count. Another one on Wednesday up Highdown.</p> <p>Re The Big Green Week, we are planning a display at the library from the 18th to the 26th September. We should like your support publicity-wise.</p>	PO
15	<p><b>Urgent matters arising, since the preparation of this Agenda &amp; Items to be referred to next Agenda</b></p> <p>a) There are now two young trees establishing at the junction of Greystoke Road and Church Lane, Ferring, one outside Holly Lodge (a new whitebeam) and the other opposite Leaflands (an original Liquidamber). This winter WSCC would like to replace the Liquidamber that did not survive, on the junction corner outside Greystoke Manor, by planting another whitebeam. This will be subject to available budget, but has been given a Very High Priority so it should get done and be planted between November and the end of February. The Committee agreed to add this new tree to the watering list along with the other two, that will need further watering next summer until fully established.</p> <p>b) The tenant at 7 The Pantiles has asked FPC if they could write to his landlord regarding the willow tree outside the property that he believes to be a danger. The committee felt that the tenant should contact his landlord in the first instance.</p> <p>c) Tricia Hall asked if all committee members could go and have a look at the new Electric substation at the Ferring Country Centre, the Conservation Group feel that the cables attached to the bridge should be covered and a tree replaced. Comments to be brought to the next meeting.</p>	<p>PO</p> <p>PO</p>
16	<b>Date of Next Meeting – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>	
	The meeting closed at 8.30pm	