FERRING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on **Monday 23rd May 2022** held at the village hall. The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Peter Coe (Chairman), Clare Royal (Vice Chairman) Councillors, Roger

Elkins, Alex Juniper, Lesley Young, John Tero, Stephen Abbott & Paul Moss

West Sussex County Councillor: Roger Elkins

Arun District Councillors: Roger Elkins

Residents: No residents attended

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

A01-05-2022 Approval of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 4th May 2021

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 4th May 2021 were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record with the following amendments Annual Parish Council to Annual Parish Meeting & minute item A03-05-2022 To receive report from Arun District Councillors Councillor Colin Oliver-Regate changed to Councillor Colin Oliver-Redgate.

A02-05-2022 Annual Report from the Chairman of Ferring Parish Council

Councillor Peter Coe read the Chairman's Annual report as attached.

A03-05-2022 To receive report from Arun District Councillors Councillor Roger Elkins

Last year, the council saw a political change, which remains in place following the recent Annual meeting.

Levelling Up has seen a 19-million-pound investment across the district, with particular investment in Bognor Regis and Littlehampton and includes a new park in Bognor Regis.

There has been a considerable increase in planning applications equating to 20% increase in the past 12 months.

ADC have been trialling a food waste collection and it was confirmed that the weekly bin collection will remain

A04-05-2022 To receive report from West Sussex County Councillor Councillor Roger Elkins

In relation to the previous years elections, new priorities for the council were introduced with a new council plan set up to keep the people safe and allow communities to meet their potential.

Following concerns raised in relation to the County's Children Services whilst being run by WSCC, an Independent Panel is satisfied with the improvements made and the service does not need to go into a trust and will remain with the County Council. There has been a good

response from one children's home that has been fully refurbished and now rated as outstanding.

With the tail end of covid, it was noted that the implications of public health there was an incredible demand on resources at the cost 150 million pounds. There was the establishment of a community hub which was available seven days a week to support the most vulnerable to deal with urgent requests for food or medicines during lockdown.

With the continued pressure on the highways network, the 25-million-pound improvement scheme for A259 is ongoing and expected to be completed at the end of 2022. In addition, there is further funding available to highways to assist with the huge task to maintain the county's highways.

It was noted that the recent work to support the Ukraine community has been immense and has resulted in 800 families in the county hosting Ukrainian families.

Reference to the plan to be Net Zero, WSCC are in the process of installing electric vehicle charging points in public areas.

A05-05-2022 Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

Mrs Nadine Phibbs Clerk to Ferring Parish Council