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FERRING PARISH COUNCIL

General Parish Issues Committee (Advisory Powers only)

Minutes of the General Parish Issues Committee Meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 27th June 2022 at the Village Hall

Present	Councillors	Peter Coe
		John Tero
		Ruth Arnold
	FRSA Gardens	Trevor Martin
	FRSA Roads	Graham Groom
	Conservation Group	Ed Miller
	Tree Warden	Philip Ellis

Councillor Peter Coe provided an overview of the Parish Council new committee restructure and welcomed all to the meeting.

1	<p>Elect a Chairman Councillor Clare Royal was elected Committee Chairman.</p>	
2	<p>Elect a Vice Chairman Councillor John Tero was elected Committee Vice Chairman.</p>	
3	<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies received from Councillor Clare Royal and Martin Self (Tennis Club). The apologies were accepted.</p>	
4	<p>Declarations of Interest There were no declarations made.</p>	
5	<p>Public Question Time There was no public present.</p>	
6	<p>To agree Terms of Reference. Committee agreed the Terms of Reference and committee remit. This will be an item at Full Council agenda on 18th July 2022.</p>	PO
7	<p>For information a. Silver Jubilee Plaque – Administrator Amanda Thomas informed the committee that a new Silver Jubilee Plaque has been purchased to replace</p>	PO

	<p>the faded one below the tree at the entrance to Glenn Gardens. The FPC maintenance contractor will be asked to fit the plaque.</p> <p>b. Boat Planter update – Administrator Amanda Thomas informed the committee that the Guides and the Scouts have done an excellent job of maintaining the boats been maintaining the boats for many years and are happy for this responsibility to be passed on. After agreement at Full Council, Ferring Nurseries are now contracted to planting and maintain the two boats.</p> <p>c. Pantiles ditch clearance – Administrator Amanda Thomas informed the committee that the ditch has been cleared. Councillor John Tero raised concern that the bottom has not been cleared, Councillor Peter Coe will check it this week. Ferring Nurseries remit is for strimming and clearing of rubbish only and does not include full maintenance of ditch.</p>	PC
8	<p>Issues to be raised</p> <p>Highways</p> <p>a. Two mobile homes long term parking in Greystoke Road – No immediate action, monitor the situation.</p> <p>b. Proposal for TRO - at mid village shops – Recommendation to Full Council to investigate the potential for parking restrictions in front of the shops.</p> <p>c. TRO Greystoke Road adjacent to Church – investigate the potential support for a TRO.</p> <p>Community</p> <p>a. Future of planter by Community Noticeboard - Committee agreed that there appears to be no issue with this planter.</p> <p>b. Noticeboard – future of surplus notice board – Committee agreed to store this as a spare.</p> <p>c. Bus Shelter proposal at Langbury Lane – Councillor Peter Coe will look at the ownership and size of the plot to access viability and cost.</p> <p>d. War Memorial Flag pole Inspection – Councillor John Tero has looked at the pole and suggested it is painted.</p> <p>Environment & Amenities</p> <p>a. Ferring Nurseries Contract – Councillor John Tero confirmed that they were now cutting the grass area around Warren Pond. Amanda confirmed that the office will finalise the contract.</p> <p>b. Pantiles Tree – Tree Warden Philip Ellis is confident that the tree is in good health and does not have Ash dieback. No further action.</p> <p>c. Green Canopy – unfortunately FPC have been unable to agree a suitable place to plant a tree for the Queens Green Canopy. Ed Miller from the Conservation Group offered to identify potential locations to plant two trees along the Rife, one to be donated by FPC and another from St Andrews Church.</p> <p>d. Warren pond project & reptile – Administrator Amanda Thomas informed the committee that a local resident has advised the Parish Office that there is a Terrapin causing problems at the Pond. Ed Miller from the Conservation Group has kindly offered to sort the issue. Councillor John Tero offered to take Warren Pond as a project. Ed suggested an information board would be</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PO</p> <p>E M/ PC /JT</p>

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	<p>a good idea, Councillor Peter Coe will ask Ferring Country Centre if they can make a sign.</p> <p>e. Allotment Inspection / representative – Councillor Peter Coe recommended Councillor Clare Royal for this role.</p>	CR
9	<p>South Downs National Park Authority. National Park Authority are keen to help as many communities as possible address climate change challenges. They have asked that parishes return the completed survey by 10th July 2022 – Councillor Peter Coe offered to fill in and submit the survey.</p>	PC
10	<p>Action in Rural Sussex Survey – Rethinking our Local Places and Communities – Councillor Peter Coe suggested Councillor Clare Royal to submit this survey and for the Parish Office to put this in the notice boards.</p>	CR
11	<p>Review of the South Downs Local Plan – The Committee agreed no action.</p>	
12	<p>Reports from outside Representatives</p> <p>FRSA Gardens – Trevor Martin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was highlighted the current £1.5k shortfall in 2022 contributions. FRSA are looking at sponsorship, Council Peter Coe suggested that FRSA consider submitting an article in All About Ferring for donations for the gardens. <p>FRSA Roads - Graham Groom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee were informed that our roads are very good and the remit is for them to stay that way. The resurfacing of Beehive Lane has some drain issues, the contractor is coming back to rectify it. FRSA are looking at West Drive and Upper West Drive and that the bitumen is coming to the surface, the remedy is to strip it off and resurface. Drainage is a huge expense and FRSA are actively looking at the drainage and pot holes. <p>Conservation Group – Ed Miller.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Conservation Group are objecting to all housing estates and commercial planning at Hangleton Lane and objecting to 3 storey extensions. On the practical work front, the group have been a bit light on activity in the last 3 months. They have done some work both on the Sea Lane boat and the shingle beds on Patterson's Walk with both having had good displays so far this year. Also, some limited work at the Community Orchard - looks like 2 cherry trees will have decent crop imminently if left alone by birds, plus pears look good for later in year, but apples and plums look poor, possibly due to late frost. The group also to plant in Autumn a memorial tree for Patricia Hall in Little Twitten to replace a Silver Birch by the footpath that has succumbed, and we also hope to put a plaque there for her. The first beach clean of year took place in May with minimal rubbish being collected. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They still got some of the hedgehog arches for sale at £3 a time - sold about half of them so far. They have had some sightings of hedgehogs in Ferring gardens, including mine. • The 4 wildflower beds in Little Twitten, Glebelands and Village Green sown by Arun are developing to varying degrees - should be well in flower in next couple of weeks. <p>Tree Warden – Philip Ellis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Sea Lane has submitted a 3rd Planning application to take down trees which are damaging the property. They now have reports from Avia to support their application. • Philip is concerned about how people manage their tree cutting, Councillor Peter Coe suggested a piece to be written for All About Ferring. • Philip also raised concern about Ragwort growing in the verges of the A259, this is a very dangerous weed and can be very harmful to horses and other farm animals. Philip reported it to Love West Sussex but no action was taken. Councillor Peter Coe suggested Philip email Councillor Roger Elkins. <p>Glebelands/Football Club – no representative present.</p> <p>Tennis Club – report supplied by Martin Shelf on behalf of the tennis club – In the absence of Les Goodwin (tennis club committee representative) Councillor Peter Coe reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The club membership has dropped from pre-covid times but seems to have steadied at 33 at the moment. • The membership fee has remained at £35 pa, with a £1 playing fee for each attendance. • There is a possible 2 hour club session 7 days a week. Currently the club play is only on 5 days a week.(wed and Thurs, too low attendance to continue) • £25 of each membership fee is passed to the Parish Council along with every £1. • For 2021/22 this amounted to £2302.00, being paid to the Parish, which contributes greatly to the maintenance of the courts. • The fencing around the courts has been damaged by people either climbing over or under the fencing and it may now be worth considering repair, if possible, or replacement. • Otherwise the 2 courts are in good condition and are playable in all weathers. • Members of the public have to obtain a key from the Henty Arms, but understand that the key has recently not been returned after use and is now lost. • The youngest club member is 50, and we have over 15 members in their 70s and 80s. • The club is a great resource for local people and a very social way to keep active. <p>Amanda Thomas will liaise with the tennis club to obtain quotations for fencing.</p>	<p>PO / LG</p>
13	<p>All about Ferring Magazine – Philip Ellis will write an article for FPC to submit.</p>	<p>PE</p>

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14	Urgent matters arising, since the preparation of this Agenda & Items to be referred to next Agenda There was Nothing to mention.	
15	Date of Next Meeting – Monday 8th August 2022 Meeting closed at 8.15pm.	
	Minutes approved Chairman Date	