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FERRING PARISH COUNCIL

General Parish Issues Committee (Advisory Powers only)

Minutes of the General Parish Issues Committee Meeting (GPI) held on Monday 27th February 2023 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall

Present	Councillors	Clare Royal (Chairman)
		Ruth Arnold
		John Tero
	FRSA Garden	Trevor Martin
	FRSA Roads	Graham Groom
	Tree Warden	Phillip Ellis

1	<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Conservation Group (FCG) David Bettiss. The apologies were accepted.</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of Interest There were no declarations.</p>	
3	<p>Public Question Time There were no public present.</p>	
4	<p>To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting held Monday 17th October 2023. The Minutes of the General Parish Issues Committee held Monday 17th October 2023 were approved by its Committee Members and signed by the Chairman presiding as a correct record.</p>	
5	<p>Actions update from last meeting – Nothing to report</p>	
6	<p>Items for information</p> <p>a. Patterson’s Walk Cycling signage. At a previous GPI committee meeting, Ed Miller from FCG raised concerns regarding the no cycling signs that have been removed from Patterson’s Walk and suggested that cycle dismount signs could be erected in their place.</p> <p>Councillor Clare Royal advised that the PFP Committee has agreed that this item will not be pursued. Ed Miller requested clarification why this is not being pursued.</p> <p>It was advised that the PFP Committee agreed that there was no evidence of any incidents involving cyclists on Patterson’s Walk and the decision was taken on the basis that the signage would not be enforceable.</p> <p>b. Rife Way Refuge – The GPI Committee was advised that, if FPC wishes to pursue an improvement scheme at Rife Way, a new WSCC Community Highways Scheme (CHS) application will need to be submitted. The PFP Committee has agreed that their position has not changed and Parish Council agreed not to pursue with this project.</p>	

<p>7</p>	<p>Highways a. Proposed Traffic Regulations Orders x 4 (TRO's)</p> <p>Based on the required TRO Criteria, the GPI Committee reviewed four possible TRO's.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exit of Church Lane into Ferringham Lane, adjacent to the Church 2. Mid village Shops 3. Langbury Lane 4. north end of Greystoke Road <p>The GPI Committees recommendation is as follows</p> <p>TRO 2, Mid village Shops – No further action TRO 3, Langbury Lane – No further action TRO 4, north end of Greystoke Road – No further action</p> <p>TRO 1, Exit of Church Lane into Ferringham Lane, adjacent to the Church - to submit a TRO application. It is considered that this is a dangerous junction when exiting Church Lane due to vehicles parked at the corner of Church Lane & Ferringham Lane and yellow lines are required North and South of Church Lane exit.</p> <p>The above will be recommended to the PFP Committee.</p> <p>b. Vehicle Activated traffic sign – Councillor John Tero confirmed that he would be installing the sign in the next month or so.</p> <p>c. Ownership of parking at Ocean Parade – A business owner enquired with regards to ownership of parking bays outside their premises. The Parish Office will research via land registry and reply to the business owner accordingly.</p>	<p>PO</p> <p>PO</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Community a. Tennis court fencing – Currently awaiting fabrication and delivery dates. Amanda Thomas to follow up early March.</p>	<p>PO</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Environment & Amenities a. Warren Pond project update – Councillor John Tero updated the Committee that The Conservation Group have received a comprehensive report assessing the pond.</p> <p>Councillor John Tero confirmed that there is an 'actions bullet list' which will be looked at in detail and it was agreed an onsite meeting will be arranged.</p> <p>Councillor John Tero confirmed that he has obtained quotes for the Information board and FCG confirmed that they are still working on the board in conjunction with</p>	

	<p>the Ferring Country Centre and they would be happy to fund part or full of the project.</p> <p>b.Memorial Stone Queen Elizabeth II – Awaiting advice from the Stone Company.</p> <p>c.Tree at the path/lane to allotments – Committee members have received a paper regarding the said tree. Following his visit, Phillip Ellis, Tree Warden prepared a report suggesting that the tree should be removed.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that Amanda Thomas would contact WSCC and bring this matter to their attention.</p> <p>d.Temporary bins at Patterson Walk – In previous years ADC have added extra temporary bins on Patterson’s Walk. The Committee agreed that the Parish Office will contact ADC with a view for bins to be installed for Easter.</p>	<p>PO</p> <p>PO</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Reports from external representatives</p> <p>FRSA Gardens – FRSA representative Trevor Martin advised of a potential hazard outside Scotch Dyke, Beehive Lane.</p> <p>The Committee were advised that tree roots have caused the ground to become uneven. It was noted that the roots have damaged a driveway and that in this location there is fire hydrant and a bus stop. The tree has a tree preservation order on it.</p> <p>Tree Warden Phillip Ellis will visit and assess the tree and report back to the Committee.</p> <p>Trevor Martin also informed the Committee about a Manhole cover on Beehive Lane and Little Paddocks Way.</p> <p>In 2016 FRSA were informed a steel plate lid had been placed over this open manhole and that it had become misplaced. FRSA made a temporary repair including jetting it out and a reinforced concrete lid was placed over the damaged manhole. A couple of timber props were placed to stop the walls moving in further but silt is falling and starting to fill the chamber.</p> <p>This is the main drainage for the middle of the village and flows North and South and is felt that the entire manhole is in need of urgent repair. FRSA have attempted to find ownership without success.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to recommend to PFP Committee to discuss the FRSA suggested options.</p> <p>FRSA Roads - Graham Groom reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed resurfacing West Drive and Upper West Drive. • Wish list for 2023 with a view for further resurfacing. • Major gas works in the village. He will forward an email to the office regarding this. • Drain work has now been done except for Foam Court soak away and Gem Garage soak away – scheduled to be completed soon. 	<p>PE</p> <p>PO</p>

- The annual road sweep took place on the 19th January, but the standard was not good therefore they were asked to come back and another sweep took place in February.
- The stop sign is being replaced at Jersey Road.

Conservation Group – In the absence of David Bettis, Amanda updated the committee with the following:

- Practical work has restarted after a break for Winter and poor weather. Last week, a work party on the Village Green was carried out to tidy up some of the shrub beds etc, and Arun were requested to clear a lot of litter from overflowing bins and fly tipped rubbish (which they did on being asked).
- The raised shingle beds at the bottom of Ocean Drive/ Patterson's Walk were tidied. Still have to work on Sea Lane boat.
- Rife clean planned for Sun 26/3 at 11am, plus programme of beach cleans through Summer.
- A Goring resident has organised via Marine Conservation Society a clean up this Sun 5/3 also at 11am meeting at Goring Chase flats – to do the Rife across Chatsmore Farm. Anybody can join in but need to register via Eventbrite when we have details.
- We have asked St Andrew's Church to consider making part of the church yard as a wildflower meadow.
- Planning applications, especially the large ones on Littlehampton Rd are taking a lot of time and effort. Hundreds of objections are in for Lansdowne Nursery and Highdown Vineyard, and we hope that Arun hold their nerve and stand by their policies.
- A tree was planted in Tricia's memory at Little Twitten.

Tree Warden – Phillip Ellis referred to a number of applications including:

FG/2/23/T

Pollard 1 No. Holm Oak (T1) back to previous pollard points to leave height 20m and spread 20m.

North Hangleton 63 Langbury Lane Ferring

FG/174/22/T

Various works to various trees.

28 Little Paddocks Ferring

FG/92/20/T

Fell 1 No. Himalayan Cedar

3 Lavender Court Ferringham Lane Ferring

FG/12/23/T

1 No. Ilex Oak tree (T3) - Crown reduction to leave height 6.5m and spread 4.8m.

Home Farm House 63 Ferringham Lane Ferring

FG/176/22/T

Fell 1 No. Monterey cypress.

Quiteways 1 Sea Lane Close Ferring BN12 5DT

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	Glebelands/Football Club – no representative present. Tennis Club – no representative present.	
11	All about Ferring Magazine – Warren Pond at a later date.	
12	Urgent matters arising, since the preparation of this Agenda & Items to be referred to next Agenda There was nothing to mention.	
13	Date of Next Meeting – Monday 22 nd May 2023 Meeting closed at 8.05pm. Mrs Amanda Thomas Administration Assistant	
	Minutes approved Chairman Date	