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**FERRING PARISH COUNCIL  
ROADS, COMMUNITY & SPORTS COMMITTEE  
(Advisory Powers Only)**

**Minutes of the Roads, Community & Sports Committee meeting held at 7.00pm  
on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at the Village Hall.**

Present	Councillors	Clare Royal (Chairman)
		Andy Walker
		Graham Bootle

1	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Apologies were received from Councillors Ruth Arnold, Lesley Young, Roger Elkins & Terry Jackson. Martin Self & Charlie Bacon, Tennis Club and Andy Wincell, Glebelands/Football Club. The apologies were accepted. FRSA were not in attendance with no apologies.	
2	<b>Declarations of interest</b> There were no declarations of interest.	
3	<b>Public Question Time</b> There were no residents in attendance.	
4	<b>To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023</b> The Minutes of the Roads, Community & Sports Committee Meeting held 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2023 were approved by the Committee as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman	
5	<b>Actions update from the last meeting</b> There was nothing to mention.	
6	<b>Items for information</b> – to note the following a. <b>Gated play area</b> – The gated play area project is now complete with exception of the installation of two new benches on the west side. ADC has confirmed the purchase and that the benches will be installed in due course.  b. <b>TRO application</b> – Committee noted that the TRO application for parking restrictions for double yellow lines at the junctions of Church Lane, Baptist Church and Glebelands Centre in Greystoke Road has been submitted and that the Clerk attended a site visit with a WSCC Engineer on 11.10.23.	
7	<b>Roads Matters</b>	

<p><b>a. Footpath adjacent to Benton Weatherstone</b> In the absence of Councillor Roger Elkins, the Clerk advised that Councillor Roger Elkins has provided WSCC land registry information that indicates that the properties own up to the hedge row/verge and that the strip of land in question is in 'no mans land', however, it is possible that the property deeds may provide dissimilar information.</p> <p>If helpful, WSCC Legal Team may be able to provide appropriate advice and FRSA may have further information with dealing with land ownership.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that this project should be investigated further.</p> <p>The above will be recommended to Full Council for approval.</p> <p><b>b. Provision of Dropped Kerbs</b> An initial survey has been carried out to identify where dropped kerbs and tactile pads would benefit those who have mobility issues and/or are visually impaired.</p> <p>Councillor Roger Elkins, accompanied by a WSCC Highways Manager, has visited some of the locations highlighted in the initial survey. It was noted that many of the locations identified do not meet the standard criteria, therefore, cannot be pursued.</p> <p>However, one location near the Henty Public House was considered as a possibility and if it meets the required criteria, the works could be included in next years budget, Councillor Roger Elkins will be able to provide more information in January. There is all the possibility to use CIL funds if it helps to deliver the project.</p> <p><b>c. Car Park at Glebelands – Task Group Meeting Report</b> The Committee noted that the Car Park proposal was first discussed as part of a wider proposal under the Ferring Neighbourhood Plan in 2014 and was designed as such to service the proposed community centre. In the absence of the new community centre, the car park proposal will be a stand-alone project that will require planning permission and that that ADC, the land owner, do not have a budget for this project and that it will be financed in its entirety by the Parish Council.</p> <p>It had been agreed that a Task Group is formed to discuss the feasibility of the project. The Task Group met 23.09.23 with the primary question that needed to be answered was if a car park at the proposed location would be a resolution to village parking issues and of benefit which will justify the significant cost involved and loss of public open space.</p> <p>The Task Group suggestion to add a questionnaire to the next Parish flyer to see what the views of the village are was supported by the Committee. The Task Group will provide the Clerk with the questionnaire no later than mid January 2024.</p>	<p>GB/AW/ JT</p>
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	<p>The above will be recommended to Full Council for approval.</p> <p><b>d. Suggestion of Caution pedestrians sign</b> – Councillor Graham Bootle As most of the south of the village has no footpaths, drivers that are new to the area seem to be shocked to find pedestrians in the road.</p> <p>Councillor Graham Bootle is concerned for those that cannot move out of the way as easily eg. wheelchair users, pushchairs etc and would like 'caution pedestrians in road' signs to be erected on the busier through roads.</p> <p>Councillor Graham Bootle will look at suitable locations for the signage and report back at the next Committee meeting.</p> <p><b>e. Correspondence from Ferring CE Primary School</b> – Report from the Clerk following WSCC site meeting 16.11.23 The Committee noted the letter received from Ferring CE Primary School in relation to the ongoing issues being experienced with anti-social driving and parking outside the school at the beginning and end of the school day. The Committee recognised that there are no speed restrictions surrounding the school and currently no school patrol crossing facility.</p> <p>The Clerk &amp; Councillor Roger Elkins met with WSCC Highways and Ferring CE Primary School on 16.11.23. As a result of a successful meeting, WSCC has provided contacts which has details as to how to formally request amendments to School Safety Zones as well as how to enquire about the status of School Crossing Patrol. The ownership of the street light is also being investigated with the hope to get the light working.</p> <p>As a result of the meeting, WSCC and the school are now in conversation with regards to what improvements can be achieved near the school.</p> <p>There is no further Parish Council action on this item.</p> <p><b>f. FRSA Refence to the village Speed limit &amp; Analysis from the Vehicle Activate Sign</b> – Committee to discuss the analysis and consider action required. At the Previous meeting, the Ferring Roads Scheme Association (FRSA) informed the FPC Roads, Community &amp; Sports Committee that at their AGM that they would like to revisit the village speed limit and have it revised from 30mph to 20mph for the whole of the village including the WSCC and FRSA roads.</p> <p>Back in 2015 with the implementation of the speed TRO there were a number of points that resulted in a 30mph introduction as WSCC were opposed to the requested 20mph as it was considered not self-enforceable under the regulations at that time. Average speed checks having been carried out by WSCC.</p> <p>As a result of the previous Committee meeting, it was agreed that in the first instance, FPC took the action to extend the use of the Speed Device (Vehicle</p>	GB
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	<p>Activated Speed Sign) to gather further data.</p> <p>Councillor Andy Walker provided data from the Vehicle Activated Speed Sign that has been located in Sea Lane, Goring Way &amp; Ocean Drive.</p> <p>Whist this has been a useful exercise, the data provides little evidence of excessive speeding that will support a new TRO application for 20 mph, therefore, after discussion, the Committee agreed not to pursue with the TRO application.</p> <p>The above will be recommended to Full Council for approval.</p> <p><b>g. Clappers Lane Level Crossing - Safety Campaign</b>          The Clerk advised that Network Rail has written to the Parish Council seeking their support in raising awareness about how people can keep themselves and others safe when using railway footpaths including Clappers Lane crossing in Ferring.</p> <p>Network Rail has launched their safety campaign ‘Beware of the Bubble’ which reminds public of the dangers following five principles as below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Concentrate - it’s easy to drift off and take more notice of your phone, music or conversation than what’s going on around you.</li> <li>2. Stop, look and listen - Every crossing is different so always read the signs and follow the instructions</li> <li>3. Check both ways before crossing - if there is a train coming, don’t cross. Stay behind the gate or fence line until the train has passed. Remember t there may be more than one train – and they may be coming from different directions.</li> <li>4. If there are any warning signs (lights, barriers, alarms) make sure you understand what they mean - Always follow instructions at each level crossing completely.</li> <li>5. Cross quickly and safely - Make sure your exit route is clear and do not stop when crossing.</li> </ol> <p>The Committee agreed to support the campaign.</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p><b>Community Matters</b>  <b>a. Dogs matters</b>          At the previous Roads, Community &amp; Sports Committee meeting, it was agreed that the Parish Council will approach ADC to request that a further Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation is undertaken and in addition, to ask ADC if signage asking residents to keep their dogs on leads could be erected in various locations of the village including the beach and the Glebelands.</p> <p>On receipt of ADC response and further exploration, the Committee agreed not to pursue this item.</p> <p>The above will be recommended to Full Council for approval.</p>	

	<p><b>b. Suggested Skate Park</b> – Councillor Graham Bootle It was noted that there are limited activities within the village for teenagers and is this something that the Parish Council can address.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that a few years ago, FPC held an open day for the youngsters in the village to give their thoughts to possible activities within the village.</p> <p>As a result of the open day, with the most popular wish being an older children’s play area, in partnership with ADC, FPC installed the play area along with wooden football posts on the village green. It was noted that at the open day, that a skate park was not a popular option.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that additional activities could be of benefit and in the first instance, Councillor Clare Royal explore current activities and look at the 2021 census data to see the percentage of young people within the village.</p> <p><b>c. Warm Place</b> – Councillor Graham Bootle It was asked if there are warm places for residents to visit with in the village. Councillor Clare Royal advised that ADC has released the details of the Warm Welcome Campaign <a href="https://www.warmwelcome.uk/#map">https://www.warmwelcome.uk/#map</a></p>	CR
9	<p><b>To report Payments made by dispensation</b> There are no payments to report</p>	
10	<p><b>Reports from external Representatives</b></p> <p><b>a. FRSA Roads:</b> (<i>Graham Groom &amp; Jackie Ring</i>) FRSA Representative was absent.</p> <p><b>b. Glebelands/Football Club:</b> (<i>Andy Wincell</i>) In the known absence of a Glebelands/Football Club Representative, the Clerk advised that there was nothing to mention.</p> <p><b>c. Tennis Club:</b> (<i>Charlie Bacon</i>) In the known absence of a Tennis Club Representative, the Clerk advised that there was nothing to mention.</p>	
12	<p><b>All about Ferring Magazine</b> There is not relevant article.</p>	
13	<p><b>Urgent matters arising, since the preparation of this Agenda &amp; Items to be referred to next Agenda</b> Councillor Clare Royal gave her apologies for the next meeting.</p>	

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14	<b>Date of Next Meeting – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	
	The meeting closed at 8.30pm.	
	<b>Minutes approved</b> <b>Chairman .....</b> <b>Date .....</b>	