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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 25th March 2024 at the Parish Office.**

Present	Councillors	Terry Jackson (Vice Chairman)
		Andy Walker
		Lesley Young
		Graham Bootle
	Glebelands/Football Club.	Andy Wincell
	FRSA	Jackie Ring
	FRSA	Graham Groom

1	<p>Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Councillors Ruth Arnold, Clare Royal & Graham Bootle. Martin Self & Charlie Bacon, Tennis Club. The apologies were accepted. In the absence of Councillor Clare Royal, Chairman, Councillor Terry Jackson, Vice Chairman chaired the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
3	<p>Public Question Time There were no residents in attendance.</p>	
4	<p>To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting held 4th December 2023 The Minutes of the Roads, Community & Sports Committee Meeting held 4th December 2023 were approved by the Committee as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman</p>	
5	<p>Actions update from the last meeting At the last meeting minute item 9g, Clappers Lane Level Crossing - Safety Campaign The Clerk advised that Network Rail had 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. Network Rail has now advised that there will be an increase in services during the summer and this will be a great opportunity for their team to visit the site to promote a safety campaign at the crossing.</p>	

6	<p>Items for information – to note the following</p> <p>a. Village Speed Limit & Analysis from the Vehicle Activated Sign – Full Council decision 29th January, minute item 07-01-2024, d.b. Council approved that this project will not be pursued. It was agreed that the Clerk will write an article reference to the village limit for the next edition of the parish flyer which will detail the recent speed review from the speed activation monitor informing this decision.</p> <p>b. Car Park at Glebelands Full Council decision 29th January, minute item 07-01-2024, e,d. Council thanked the Task Group for their work with the questionnaire. However, it was considered that such a questionnaire should be supported with detailed context and it was noted that the Parish Council has already completed a consultation in relation to parking. There were also concerns that ADC has confirmed 25.05.23 that they do not hold a budget for this the project, therefore it is likely that it would be funded entirely by the Parish Council.</p> <p>c. Dogs matters Full Council decision 29th January, minute item 07-01-2024, d.c. Council approved not to pursue with Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) and associated signage. However, it was agreed that the Roads, Community & Sports Committee would look at the possibility of advisory signs to combine similar matters such as litter.</p> <p>d. Church Lane – One way traffic issues. The Committee noted that there are the sufficient road markings and signage to alert vehicles that this is a one way road.</p>	
7	<p>Roads Matters</p> <p>a. Footpath adjacent to Benton Weatherstone As reported at the last meeting, minute item 7, a Councillor Roger Elkins has been 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. The Committee noted that Council has agreed that this project should be investigated further. The next step is to identify a volunteer Councillor to take this project forward</p> <p>b. Provision of Dropped Kerbs As reported at the last meeting, minute item 7, 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>	

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.

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.

c. Drainage Matters – Drainage Ferringham Lane

The Clerk advised that a Ferring resident has approached FPC for their support in relation to drainage within the village specifically in Ferringham Lane by the Pantiles. The resident notes that the water does flow from Little Paddocks but does not reach the stream at the Pantiles.

The resident has discussed this with ADC & WSCC and they have agreed that the area needs investigation, ideally camera and survey to identify the issues

The resident would like to arrange a meeting with all interested parties, WSCC, ADC, Little Paddocks Freeholders, Little Paddocks Way, FRSA & FPC. WSCC, ADC has agreed to the meeting. The resident has approached the Little Paddocks Freeholders and FRSA so far.

Overall objective, is for interested parties to work together and the resident is asking for FPC to support this project .

The Committee noted that the Parish Council has no drainage expertise, however, will be willing to attend a meeting and support the project.

FRSA advised that Drainage within the village is a high priority and that they have met with the resident and are willing to be involved.

d. TRO Proposal – TRO double yellow lines Ferring Street.

The Committee discussed the option of a TRO for double yellow lines on the west side of the central paving in Ferring Street to lessen the congestion of vehicles using Ferring Street.

The Committee felt that this is a good idea but noted that a TRO requires community support and concerns may be voiced at the loss of parking spaces in the centre of the village.

The Committee agreed that the next steps are to conduct a survey and to identify a volunteer Councillor to take this project forward

e. Suggestion of caution pedestrians' signs

As reported at the last meeting, minute item 7,d as most of the south of the village has no footpaths, drivers that are new to the area seem to be shocked

	<p>d. FPC Bus Shelters – Maintenance of the shelters The Clerk advised that the FPC maintenance contractor has provided a quotation to stain all of the wooden bus shelters which will be discuss at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting. It was suggested that anti graffiti stain should be used.</p> <p>The Clerk raised the issue of advertisements within the parish council’s bus shelters. Whilst the Committee did not have an issue with the advertisements themselves, they did raise the matter of posters being removed and drawing pins/staples being left in the shelter which may cause a risk of injury to anyone using the shelters.</p> <p>It was suggested that the grounds of health and safety that professional advertisement boards could be put up in the shelters. Councillor Lesley Young will explore the options available.</p> <p>f. FPC Business Cards – Suggestion that we should hold business cards The Committee agreed that the Clerk will obtain a quotation for generic business cards.</p> <p>g. Parish Office Photocopier – to consider upgrading The photocopier in the parish office is now nine years old and the manufacturer in the next few months will discontinue any replacements parts and tonners.</p> <p>The photocopier has been very effective and with no issues. Whilst there are options to keep the copier or purchase a reconditioned copier, the Committee agreed that a preferable option would be to purchase a new copier. The Clerk has obtained a quotation for a new copier.</p> <p>Items a, d,f,g will be recommended to Finance & General Purposes Committee.</p>	LY
9	<p>To report Payments made by dispensation There are no payments to report</p>	
10	<p>Reports from external Representatives</p> <p>a. FRSA Roads: (<i>Graham Groom & Jackie Ring</i>) Surfacing Works Drivepoint have finally completed al their work including Florida Road, Clover Lane and Ansisters Road.</p> <p>Sweeping Penfold Verrall visited the village on three occasions (26th Jan, 2nd & 27th February). They swept all roads within the FRSA responsibility hampered in one or two areas due to parked vehicles. Their work is now complete</p> <p>Road Markings</p>	

	<p>Central Linemarking Ltd have completed all their work which included refresh or renewal of all junction markings within FRSA roads.</p> <p>Drainage Conway Ltd were appointed to gully suck approximately 300 gully plots they were on site 5th to 9th February. They are due back in the village on a date to be determined to conclude their work. They have provided details of broken, damage or blocked pipes which FRSA will prioritise to repair.</p> <p>Additionally, and as agreed we are concentrating on specific areas where there are known problems, including Malcom Close, Florida Road, West Drive, Sark Gardens and Sea Lane Gardens. Quotations will be obtained.</p> <p>b. Glebelands/Football Club: (Andy Wincell) Andy Wincell advised that due to the pitch being water logged that there has been no football games since October 2023. ADC, the landowner are aware of this matter.</p> <p>The Football Club is liaison with the police with regards graffiti at the Glebelands and club.</p> <p>c. Tennis Club: (Charlie Bacon) In the known absence of a Tennis Club Representative, the Clerk advised that there are a few matters to discuss:</p> <p>Court Access: The accessing of the tennis courts from Collindale Road has become very muddy and dangerously slippery over the past few weeks, resulting in mud being walked onto the courts, causing a potential slip-hazard there too. As our winters are now likely to become wetter due to Global warming, we would like to ask if the Council would consider the construction of an extension to the existing tarmac path from Collindale Road up to the South West gate to the courts?</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she has liaised with ADC with regards to a pathway (approx. 5 meters in length), whilst in principle they have no issues, there are no provision of funds for a pathway. The funds will need to come from the tennis club finances.</p> <p>Court Maintenance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. New nets are required – The Clerk has obtained a price of £276 for two sets of nets.2. There are areas of the court which could do with some maintenance, the top surface of the tarmac on the North East end of one of the courts is beginning to fail. It causes balls to bounce off this area at a most unusual angle. <p>The Clerk is liaising with the court maintenance company and meeting them on 10th April.</p>	CLERK
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	<p>The above items will be discussed at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting.</p> <p>The above will be recommended to Finance & General Purposes Committee</p>	
12	<p>All about Ferring Magazine There is no relevant article.</p>	
13	<p>Urgent matters arising, since the preparation of this Agenda & Items to be referred to next Agenda There was nothing to mention.</p>	
14	<p>Date of Next Meeting – Monday 17th June 2024</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.30pm.</p>	
	<p>Minutes approved</p> <p>Chairman Date</p>	