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FERRING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of FERRING PARISH COUNCIL held on **Monday 4th March 2024** the Village Hall. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Councillor Clare Royal (Chairman), Councillor Ruth Arnold (Vice Chairman), Councillors, Lesley Young, Andy Walker, John Tero & Roger Elkins.

West Sussex County Councillor: Councillor Roger Elkins

Arun District Councillors: Councillor Roger Elkins & Mark Turner

Residents: There was one resident in attendance

Councillor Clare Royal, Chairman, welcomed all present to the meeting and commenced the formal proceedings.

01-03-2024 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Terry Jackson, Simon Bromley and Graham Bootle. The apologies were accepted.

02-03-2024 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

03-03-2024 Public Questions

A resident referred to the recent SGN Gas Works near her home and expressed her gratitude to the contractors for a very satisfactory service and the politeness of the gentleman working at the site.

04-03-2024 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 29th January 2024

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 29th January 2024 were approved by Council. The minutes were signed by the Chairman presiding as a correct record with two minor amendments: Residents: There were five residents in attendance & 04-01-2024 Blue Bird is one word Bluebird.

05-03-2024 Actions update from the last meeting

There was nothing to mention.

06-03-2024 To receive and consider reports from Committees including the authorisation of orders for payment: – Relevant minutes have been circulated with no further comments or questions.

a.**Environment Liaison Committee** - Councillor John Tero, no meeting held

Councillor John Tero advised that quotes are currently being obtained to replace the fencing on the north side of the Warren Pond.

b.**Planning & Licensing** – Councillor Ruth Arnold, meeting held 19th February & 4th March
Councillor Ruth Arnold advised that the Committee had agreed to submit an objection with reference to WBC application AWDM/0099/24 - Land South East Corner of Amberley Drive Marine Drive Worthing West Sussex

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c. Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee – no meeting held

It was noted that the ADC Planning Policy Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 6th March includes a discussion reference to the Direction of Travel Document Consultation which is due to be released soon.

Councillor Roger Elkins will keep the Clerk informed of the consultation dates and it was agreed that details of the consultation will be included in the next edition of all about ferring.

d. Roads, Community & Sports Committee - Councillor Clare Royal, no meeting held
There was nothing to mention.

e. Finance & General Purposes Committee (including the authorisation of orders of payments and recommendations from the Committee). Councillor Lesley Young meeting held 19th February.

a. **Accounts and Finance** - Income and Expenditure December 2023 & January 2024 *Approved*

b. **Grant application Glebelands Centre** – This item will be included on the next Finance & General Purposes Agenda 8th April

c. **D-Day 80 flag of peace** – Council agreed to purchase two flags, one for the flagpole and the other for the parish office window.

The above was **RESOLVED** by Full Council

07-03-2024 Council noted payments made under dispensation for expenditure for

There were no payments.

08-03-2024 Public CIL Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP) Consultation 2024

Council agreed not to make any comment.

The above was **RESOLVED** by Full Council

09-03-2024 Ferring Village Hall – Parish Council liaison (*Councillor Ruth Arnold*)

There was nothing to report.

10-03-2024 Reports from District and County Councillors

Arun District Councillor Roger Elkins advised the following:

- ADC has agreed their 2024 – 2025 budget making savings and reductions.
- ADC continue to recruit a new CEO.

Arun District Councillor Mark Turner advised the following:

- In relation to the recent graffiti within the village, District Councillor Mark Turner is co-ordinating with ADC to arrange for the removal of the graffiti and asked the Clerk to include in the next parish flyer as how to report this type of issue online.
The Clerk advised that the Parish Office has been co-ordinating with ADC and the Parish Contractor since January to remove the graffiti. She went on to say that the graffiti has mostly been removed from the parish council assets and that ADC has advised that the removal at other locations can take time due to ownership permission of the land/assets.
- In relation to the application of a licensing act for Marine Drive, Goring-by Sea. (Adjacent to Amberley Drive) allowing the sale of alcohol for consumption 'On & Off' the premises, many of the objections have been rejected as the reasons for objection do not meet the relevant criteria.

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- Railway Networks are looking at a scheme to improve safety awareness for the railway pedestrian crossing west side of Ferring and Councillor Mark Turner asked that once further details have been received, the information could be included in the parish flyer. The Clerk advised that she is already in conversation with Railway Networks with regards to Clappers Lane crossing and the safety campaign as reported in the FPC Roads, Community & Sports Committee meeting 4th December. The Clerk will include in the parish flyer when details of the campaign are received.
- The ADC Flood Protection Group which looks at prevention projects into the future is primarily concentrating on the western part of the district. However, Ferring s welcome to join the forum if they wish.

WSSC County Councillor Roger Elkins advised the following:

- WSSC has approved the budget for 2024 – 2025 with an increase of 2.99% and 2% for Adult Social Care.
- It was noted that the Government has agreed an additional six million pounds. Whilst not yet allocated, it is expected that the extra funds will be used for Adult Social Care and Home to School Transports.
- As they move into a new financial year, WSSC are financially sound.
- WSSC has issued a press release in relation to highways works including repairs to pot holes within the county.

11-03-2024 Urgent matters arising, since the preparation of this Agenda & Items to be referred to next agenda.

Councillor Roger Elkins advised that there will be an increase in the railway services with the reintroduction of the Brighton to Littlehampton service. WSSC are aware and will communicate with Network Rail.

The Clerk asked the Council for their thoughts in relation to the current flag flying at the war memorial. Council noted that the Ukrainian flag is to mark the two-year (February) anniversary of the war and that the flag should now be removed. It was also agreed that the parish office would look at the option to have a Ferring flag made. This will be an item for the Environment Liaison Committee.

Council noted the following.

12-03-2023 Exclusion of the Public and The Press

The Committee, Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Resolved that Members of the Public and accredited representatives of the Press be excluded from the Meeting because of the confidential nature of the next item of business to be transacted.

13-03-2023 Personnel Sub-Committee – Office Employment Contracts

The Clerk's holiday entitlement for 2023 - 2024 was reviewed. Council **RESOLVED** to allow 5 days to be carried over.

The above was **RESOLVED** by Full Council

The next meeting date is 15th April 2024

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

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Mrs Nadine Phibbs,
Clerk to Ferring Parish Council

Minutes approved

Chairman **Date**