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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 17th June 2024 at the Parish Office.**

Present	Councillors	Ruth Arnold
		Clare Royal
		Andy Walker
		Lesley Young
	FRSA	Jackie Ring
	FRSA	David Champ

1	<p>Elect a Chairman Councillor Clare Royal was elected as the Chairman for the Roads, Community & Sports Committee</p>	
2	<p>Elect a Vice Chairman Councillor Lesley Young was elected as the Vice Chairman for the Roads, Community & Sports Committee</p>	
3	<p>Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Councillors Terry Jackson & Graham Bootle. Martin Self & Charlie Bacon, Tennis Club & Andy Wincell, Glebelands/Football Club. The apologies were accepted.</p>	
4	<p>Declarations of interest Councillor Lesley Young declared an interest in agenda item 11e, Community Training Opportunities.</p>	
5	<p>Public Question Time A resident raised concerns and asked the Committee if there were any actions that could be taken to address the rising issues in Langbury Lane in relation to restricted parking, volume of traffic and pavements issues. After a brief discussion, the Committee noted that Langbury Lane is a WSCC highway and agreed that in the first instance the Clerk will write to WSCC Highways Engineers to request a site visit to assess the situation.</p> <p>It was also suggested that the Speed Aware Website may provide useful information and that the Bus Company could be contacted as they may offer their own views and support to resolve any issues.</p>	CLERK

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6	<p>To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting held 25th March 2024 The Minutes of the Roads, Community & Sports Committee Meeting held 25th March 2024 were approved by the Committee as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
7	<p>Actions update from the last meeting There was nothing to mention.</p>	
8	<p>Review and agree Committee Terms of Reference The Committee agreed the Terms of Reference.</p>	
9	<p>Items for information – to note the following a. Tennis Courts – new nets have been passed to the Tennis Club</p>	
10	<p>Roads Matters a. Footpath adjacent to Benton Weatherstone As reported at the last meeting (minute item 7a) Councillor Roger Elkins has been provided with WSCC land registry information that indicates that the properties own up to the hedgerow/verge and that the strip of land in question is in ‘no man’s land’. However, it is possible that the deeds of individual properties may provide dissimilar information.</p> <p>Whilst it has previously been agreed that this project should be investigated, after further discussions at this meeting, it was agreed not take this project forward at this time on the grounds of the funding, land ownership and the uncertainty of the overall project.</p> <p>b. Provision of Dropped Kerbs As reported at the last meeting (minute item 7b) 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 year’s budget. Councillor Roger Elkins will be able to provide more information in January. There is also the possibility to use CIL funds if it helps to deliver the project.</p>	

	<p>c. TRO Proposal The Committee has 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.</p> <p>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. It was therefore agreed not to pursue with this project at this time.</p> <p>e. Suggestion of caution pedestrians' signs As reported at the last meeting (minute item 7e) 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 e.g. wheelchair users, pushchairs etc and would like 'caution pedestrians in road' signs to be erected on the busier through roads.</p> <p>In the absence of Councillor Graham Bootle, the action to look at suitable locations for the signage and report back at the next Committee meeting will remain.</p> <p>e. Highdown Hill/A259 junction The Clerk advised that the Parish Office has received correspondence from a resident requesting consideration for improvements at the junction of Highdown Hill and A259.</p> <p>The Committee noted that this is a WSCC highway and suggested that the request is passed to the County Councillor Roger Elkins to take to WSCC for their consideration.</p>	<p>CLERK/ RE</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Community Matters a. Tennis Courts There are areas of the courts 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. This causes balls to bounce off this area at a most unusual angle.</p> <p>Following a meeting with the court maintenance company on 10th April 2024, two quotations have been supplied to 1. Repair the court. 2. Repair the court and treat both courts to provide a better finish and longevity of the court surface.</p> <p>The Committee noted that the court maintenance company has been nominated at quotation stage to complete works at the tennis courts for several years including resurfacing in 2014, clean and repaint 2020 and the installation of new fencing in 2022. It was also noted that any maintenance to the tennis courts is self-funded from Tennis Club annual subscriptions and court usage charges. After a brief discussion, the Committee felt that the</p>	

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	<p>second quotation was preferable. However, the Clerk was asked to revert back to the court maintenance company to obtain further information in relation to the guarantee of the works and the longevity the extra work will provide.</p> <p>This will be an agenda item at the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting on 1st July.</p> <p>b. Bus Shelter Professional Advertisement Boards Councillor Lesley Young will explore the options available for professional advertisement boards and report at the next Committee meeting.</p> <p>b. Christmas Event 2024 The Parish Office will be meeting with the Village Hall on 19th June to discuss Christmas arrangements. The Parish Office is exploring the suitability of a Christmas Tree on the village green and entertainment for the event.</p> <p>c. Suggested Skate Park Councillor Clare Royal has provided information from the 2021 census data to assess the percentage of young people within the village.</p> <p>In the absence of Councillor Graham Bootle, this will remain as an agenda item.</p> <p>d. Active Communities The Clerk advised that the WSCC Active Communities Team has issued the Salt Audit for 2024 - 2025. The Clerk will check the levels of salt in the five village salt bins and complete the audit accordingly.</p> <p>e. Community Training Opportunities Following a successful Crime Prevention talk focusing on Digital/Online safety training event held at the Village Hall in 2022, it is suggested that further training sessions could be organised, for example AED & First Aid training.</p> <p>The Clerk is meeting with the Village Hall Committee later this week to discuss the options and will report back to the Committee.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>LY</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
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: (Jackie Ring) Surfacing, sweeping road, marking and drainage works has been completed for 2024. Concerns have been raised in relation to flooding at GEM garage/Brook Lane. Work has been completed at this location; however, the Contractor will undertake further investigations and any work as necessary.</p>	

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	<p>FRSA has completed a detailed drainage and gully report held on Google Maps.</p> <p>In relation to the recent gas works, any issues with the standard of the reinstatement of disturbed land are to be raised directly with the contractor.</p> <p>At the recent FRSA AGM meeting, the matter of a 20mph speed limit was raised.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that Ferring Parish Council has issued their position in the Spring 2024 edition of the parish flyer and is outlined below:</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>At a recent Parish Council Roads, Community & Sports Committee Meeting, it was suggested that the Parish Council could consider revisiting 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>It was agreed that in the first instance, Ferring Parish Council took the action to extend the use of the Speed Device (Vehicle Activated Speed Sign) to gather further data.</p> <p>Councillor Andy Walker has kindly provided data from the Vehicle Activated Speed Sign that has been located in Sea Lane, Goring Way & Ocean Drive. This data can be found on the Parish Council website under 'I want to page'. Whilst it was noted that this has been a useful exercise, the data provides little evidence of excessive speeding that will support a new TRO application for 20 mph.</p> <p>b. Glebelands/Football Club: <i>(Andy Wincell)</i> There was nothing to report.</p> <p>c. Tennis Club: <i>(Charlie Bacon)</i> In the known absence of a Tennis Club Representative, the Clerk advised that tennis court matters were discussed earlier this evening under minute item 11a.</p>	
12	<p>All about Ferring Magazine Councillor Lesley Young will produce an article for All About Ferring magazine to help raise awareness of the parish council.</p>	LY
13	<p>Urgent matters arising, since the preparation of this Agenda & Items to be referred to next Agenda Councillor Andy Walker asked for the following items to go on to the next</p>	

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	<p>committee agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council Social Events & engagement from Councillors – internal & external events. 2. To raise awareness of our achievements 3. Options to recruit Councillors to accomplish activity and projects. 4. Council suggestion box. 5. Vehicle Activated Sign <p>The Clerk advised that the AED at the Village Hall is due for the pads to be replaced, this will be included under financial matters at Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting.</p>	
14	Date of Next Meeting – Monday 19th August 2024	
	The meeting closed at 8.40pm.	
	<p>Minutes approved</p> <p>Chairman Date</p>	