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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 24th February 2025 at the Parish Office.**

Present	Councillors	Clare Royal (Chairman)
		Ruth Arnold
		Stuart Davies
		Lesley Young
		Marlon Foakes
	County Councillor	Roger Elkins (<i>left the meeting 7.55pm</i>)
	Glebelands/Football Club	Andy Wincell

1	Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Councillors, Graham Bootle, Andy Walker, Jackie Ring, FRSA & Charlie Bacon & Mandy Harkess, Tennis Club. The apologies were accepted.	
2	Declarations of interest Councillor Lesley Young declared her interest in agenda item 8, Events.	
3	Public Question Time There were no residents in attendance.	
4	To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting held 11th November 2024 The Minutes of the Roads, Community & Sports Committee Meeting held 11 th November 2024 were approved by the Committee as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	
5	Actions update from the last meeting There was nothing to mention.	
6	Items for information – to note the following a. Bus Shelter Professional Advertisement Boards – Eight noticeboards have been installed across three of the wooden bus shelters, two at Village Green and one at south end of Ocean Drive and the remaining two shelters will have a notice to advise that any advertisements will be removed. It was suggested that a noticeboard key could be given to other groups, ie, village hall. The Committee agreed that this will be discussed at a later date.	

	<p>b. Langbury Lane Flooding – WSCC Highways Team advised that CCTV & root cutting for gullies is planned for this location.</p> <p>c. Clappers Lane – The Committee noted the closure of Clappers Lane crossing. Councillor Roger Elkins advised that he has received a resident email to advise of an identical situation in another area of the country. He will forward the email to Network Rail for their information.</p> <p>d. Stagecoach proposal – The Committee noted the proposal for changes in the bus times and routes.</p>	
7	<p>Roads Matters</p> <p>a. Suggestion of caution pedestrians' signs – The Committee agreed that this item will be removed from the agenda.</p> <p>b. Langbury Lane Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – The Committee will recall that at a previous meeting a resident raised concerns and asked the Parish Council 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.</p> <p>County Councillor Roger Elkins and the Clerk attended a teams meeting with WSCC Highways Representatives where it was identified that the most effective solution would be a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for yellow lines.</p> <p>It was noted that a TRO application would require support from local residents. In the first instance, Councillor Clare Royal and the Clerk produced a questionnaire which was delivered to seventy homes in Langbury Lane, Brookside Close & Hangleton Grange in January.</p> <p>Resident feedback received was limited with the majority not being in support of the suggested TRO. Residents have supplied other possible solutions, however, the Committee noted that these are not in the Parish Council's remit and took the decision that due to a lack of support, not to pursue with the TRO.</p> <p>The above will be recommended to Full Council.</p> <p>c. Pavement condition – The Parish Office has been made aware of the uneven and broken paved area outside James & James Estate Agents. The landowner has been identified. The Committee agreed that the Clerk will send a letter to advise the landowner.</p> <p>d. Parking in the village in General - (Councillor Roger Elkins) Councillor Roger Elkins advised that at a recent resident open event; concerns raised included the general congestion and parking within the centre of the village and he asked that the FPC Roads, Community & Sports</p>	CLERK

	<p>Committee consider looking at this matter.</p> <p>The Committee noted that the Parish Council has reviewed parking matters over the years, including new design of the parking bays, limited parking and a proposal for a car park on the Glebelands.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that Councillor Roger Elkins will liaise with WSCC Highways with a view to them visiting Ferring to provide advice regarding parking and congestion within the village.</p> <p>The above will be recommended to Full Council.</p> <p>Councillor Roger Elkins went on to raise the concern regarding speeding in the village, specifically heading south in Sea Lane and asked if the Vehicle Activated Sign (SID) could be sited at this location. The Clerk will ask Councillor Andy Walker if this is possible.</p> <p>e. Provision of Dropped Kerb – The Committee will recall that at Full Council 15th July 2024, Councillor Roger Elkins provided an update in relation to the Provision of Dropped Kerbs.</p> <p>As previously reported, 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, 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>One location near the Henty Public House was considered as a possibility and if it meets the required criteria. Unfortunately, due to visibility, a dropped kerb is not viable at this location.</p> <p>Councillor Clare Royal has identified another location near the GP Surgery that would benefit from two drop kerbs. It was noted that as this is private land and not WSCC land, therefore, the Parish Council will need to obtain permission from the landowner and fund the project.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that in the first instance, Councillor Clare Royal will forward details of the exact locations and photos and in turn Councillor Roger Elkins will provide details of the cost of a dropped kerb.</p> <p>The above will be recommended to Full Council.</p>	<p>RE</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CR/RE</p>
8	<p>Community Matters a.Christmas Event 6th December 2025 – The proposals for the Christmas Event 2025 will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.</p>	

	<p>b. Events – VE Day year event arrangements Committee Members have received a detailed update of the arrangements for the VE Day events to be held over the early May Bank Holiday weekend.</p> <p>It was noted that the preparations for the Commentative Tea Party are progressing well with the invitations sent and tickets will be available from 31st March 2025. This will be an item on Full Council agenda 3rd March where Councillors will be asked to confirm their time commitment for the events.</p> <p>c. VE Day Flag – The Committee agreed to purchase a flag £78.00 (90" x 54")</p> <p>This cost will come under dispensation for expenditure of up to £450.00 for minuted instructions as resolved at the Roads, Community & Sports Committee Meeting 14th August 2023.</p> <p>d. Poppy Blanket – For information Councillor Clare Royal advised that residents are knitting and crocheting a poppy blanket that will be draped at the War Memorial.</p> <p>Poppies will be collected at the Parish Office and Councillor Clare Royal will produce a suitable poster that will be printed by the Parish Office.</p> <p>e. Email received from resident – Committee noted the email received and to open conversation and consider suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the various Ferring social media pages, create a campaign to welcome new neighbours. • Announce dates where new neighbours can meet other community Neighbours. • Challenge ways of thinking such as choosing boundaries over human connections and have online debates about it <p>It was agreed that a directory of local groups and organisations could be produced that can be available to new (and existing) residents advising them of the activities within the village.</p> <p>The directory will be uploaded to the parish council and village hall websites and held by local estate agents.</p> <p>Councillor Lesley Young will produce a local directory of groups and organisations.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CR</p> <p>LY</p>
9	<p>To report Payments made by dispensation There are no payments to report</p>	
	<p>Reports from external Representatives</p>	

10	<p>a.FRSA Roads: (Jackie Ring) Drainage – following CCTV works completed back end of last year, we commissioned Conway to undertake, pipe relining and root ingress clearance, which has now been completed, furthers works are to be commissioned for replacing collapsed pipes and repairs to broken pipe. As advised previously, one thing that was disappointing to find out was several gullies had been used to dispose of concrete, tarmac, rubble and builders waste.</p> <p>Road Sweeping – this is due to be undertaken in March.</p> <p>Road issues – we now have completed a road condition survey and have a complete list of issues; we will be addressing as many of the identified issues with the funds we have available.</p> <p>b. Glebelands/Football Club: (Andy Wincell) Flooding remains a major concern. Ferring Football Club, with the support of the Tennis Club and Cricket Club will be submitting an application for 4G all-weather pitch which will include a new clubhouse and a pathway all around the Glebelands recreation ground. It was also noted that there is existing approved planning permission to extend the current clubhouse.</p> <p>c. Tennis Club: (Charlie Bacon & Mandy Harkess) The Clerk has recently met with the Tennis Club, the club itself continues to run well with 33 active members, which is slightly down on previous years, and ideas to attract new members are being considered.</p>	
11	<p>All about Ferring Magazine The Clerk advised that there are many Parish Council items included in the next edition.</p>	
12	<p>Urgent matters arising, since the preparation of this Agenda & Items to be referred to next Agenda There was nothing to mention.</p>	
13	<p>Date of Next Meeting – Monday 2nd June 2025 (tbc)</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.30pm.</p>	
	<p>Minutes approved</p> <p>Chairman Date</p>	