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FERRING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of FERRING PARISH COUNCIL held on **Monday 7th April 2025** at the Village Hall. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Councillor Ruth Arnold (Vice Chairman), Councillors, Lesley Young, Roger Elkins, John Tero, Andy Walker, Simon Ash, Marlon Foakes, Graham Bootle, Simon Bromley & Stuart Davies.

West Sussex County Councillor: Councillor Roger Elkins

Arun District Councillors: Councillors Roger Elkins & Mark Turner

Residents: There was one resident in attendance

Councillor Ruth Arnold, Vice Chairman, welcomed all present to the meeting and commenced the formal proceedings.

01-04-2025 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Clare Royal. The apologies were accepted.

02-04-2025 Declarations of interest

Councillor Lesley Young declared an interest in agenda item 12, Ferring Village Hall.

03-04-2025 Public Questions

A resident referred to the last meeting held 3rd March 2025, minute item 06-03-2025, d.Roads, Community & Sports Committee, d.Provision of Dropped Kerb – 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 and asked for this to be explained in more detail.

Councillor Roger Elkins advised that due to limited forward visibility whilst crossing the road, that a dropped kerb at this location is not an option. Moving the crossing further into Langbury Lane was also considered, however, due to existing utilities, this is not a viable option.

04-04-2025 Minutes of the Full Council 3rd March 2025

The Minutes of the Full Council 3rd March 2025 was approved by Council. The minutes were signed by the Vice Chairman presiding as a correct record.

05-04-2025 Actions update from the last meeting

There was nothing to mention.

06-04-2025 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, meeting held 17th March

a. Blue Boat Project – The Parish Office has passed the detailed plan to replace the sleepers to their contact at ADC with a view to the ADC's Contractor providing a quotation for the work.

b. Hanging Baskets - Councillor Andy Walker is currently liaising with Ferring Nurseries and East Preston Parish Council and will feedback to the Environment Liaison Committee.

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b.Planning & Licensing Committee – Councillor Ruth Arnold, meetings held 31st March & 7th April 2025

Appeal Ref: APP/M3835/W/21/3281813 Land North West of Goring Station, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, Chatsmore Farm – Appeal Dismissed.

Market Garden, Goring Gap alcohol license has been approved by Horsham Magistrates. The license is for 28 days per year but not on consecutive days.

c.Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee – No meeting held

Council noted that the local plan is currently being reviewed. Councillor Roger Elkins advised that when the Parish Council reviews their Neighbourhood Plan to be mindful of the key criteria.

d.Roads, Community & Sports Committee - Councillor Clare Royal, no meeting held

- a. VE Day Event Progress with the arrangements & Event Planners - The Clerk provided an update on the progress of the arrangements and circulated the Event Planners for each event.
- c. Council unanimously agreed that the Henty Arms will provide the Catering for the Commemorative Tea Party on 3rd May..

The above was **RESOLVED** by Full Council.

e.Finance & General Purposes Committee (including the authorisation of orders of payments and recommendations from the Committee). Councillor Lesley Young, meeting held 31st March

- a. **Accounts and Finance** – Income & Expenditure January & February 2025 *Approved*
- b. **Grant Application** – Football Club AED battery at £258.00. *Approved*
- c. **Annual Parish Meeting** – Format - *Approved*

The above was **RESOLVED** by Full Council.

07-04-2025 Council noted payments made under dispensation for expenditure.

(Environment Liaison Committee 17th March)

- a. Plants for Warren Pond, Conservation Group at £66.80

(Finance & General Purposes Committee 31st March)

- b. To Publicise Parish Council Projects/Plaques at £184.95 excluding VAT

08-04-2025Devolution –

- a. The article prepared by the Clerk for Council communication channels was approved.
- b. Council noted the Open Consultation, Sussex and Brighton devolution consultation, Published 17th February, this consultation will last until 13th April 2025

The above was **RESOLVED** by Full Council.

09-04-2025 Meeting with Beccy Cooper MP

The meeting was held 4th April 2025 with the following discussion points: Devolution, Housing, and Transport Links.

It was agreed that a further meeting will be arranged following the publication of the Government Devolution White Paper on the roles of Towns and Parishes due in July 2025.

FPC Action points:

1. Compile a list of existing assets.
2. Compile a list of the local government assets in the Village and consider what FPC might take responsibility for.
3. A FPC Devolution Working Group is formed.

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10-04-2025 Appoint Internal Auditor – Smithe & Co (Jennifer Smith) was appointed as the Internal Auditor for 2024 – 2025.

The above was **RESOLVED** by Full Council.

11-04-2025 FPC Financial Regulations March 2025 – Council approved the revised Financial Regulations 2025.

The above was **RESOLVED** by Full Council.

12-04-2025 Ferring Village Hall Parish Council Liaison (*Councillor Ruth Arnold*)

Friday 4th April, the Village Hall held a 'call for the wall' celebration, the invitees included all the residents/groups/organised that donated to the cost to build the wall.

13-04-2025 Reports from District and County Councillors.

Arun District Councillor Mark Turner advised the following:

- It has been reported that Travellers have arrived at Rosemead Park, Littlehampton.
- ADC are currently holding a youth survey.
- ADC improvement project at Littlehampton seafront is near completion and the Angmering Sports Hub has been delayed due to an ecological survey.
- Biffa has been awarded the cleansing services contract from February 2026.
- A new refuse system will be announced which will commence in 2026.

Arun District Councillor Roger Elkins advised the following:

- Application by Rampion Extension Development Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm Project. A copy of the Development Consent Order (DCO) approved Land Plans and Statement of Reasons will be available at Littlehampton Library from 24th April.

WSCC County Councillor Roger Elkins advised the following:

- WSCC has appointed a new Highways Contractor from 1st April, the work will include Gully cleaning with vehicles that have CCTV capabilities.
- There is a consultation reference to health & wellbeing.
- WSCC has asked the Government to consider the care sector being exempt from the NI increase due the impact that this will have on the small care providers.
- The final Devolution proposal will be discussed at Full Council on 29th September 2025.

14-04-2025 Urgent matters arising, since the preparation of this Agenda & Items to be referred to next agenda.

There was nothing to mention.

The next meeting date is 19th May 2025

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.35pm

Mrs Nadine Phibbs,
Clerk to Ferring Parish Council

Minutes approved

Chairman **Date**