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FERRING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of FERRING PARISH COUNCIL held on **Monday 19th October 2026** the Village Hall. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Councillors, Clare Royal (Chairman), Ruth Arnold (Vice Chairman), Roger Elkins, Simon Ash, Simon Bromley, John Tero, Jack Boyle, Graham Bootle & Denise Loydell.

West Sussex County Councillor: Councillor Roger Elkins

Arun District Councillor: Councillors Roger Elkins & Mark Turner

Residents: There were two residents in attendance

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

01-10-2026 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

02-10-2026 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

03-10-2026 Public Questions

There were no public questions.

04-10-2026 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 21st September 2026.

The Minutes of the Full Council meeting 21st September 2026 were approved by Council. The minutes were signed by the Chairman for this meeting presiding as a correct record

05-10-2026 Actions update from the last meeting

There was nothing to mention.

06-10-2026 To receive and consider reports from Committees including the authorisation of orders for payment:

a. **Environment Liaison Committee** - Councillor John Tero, meeting held 28th September.

a. **Hanging Baskets** – Environment Liaison Committee recommendation to pursue with hanging baskets 2027 and include in 2027 - 2028 Precept.

b. **FPC Contractor/Handyman Vacancy** – Council was advised that a number of excellent applications had been received for the FPC Contractor/Handyman vacancy. Councillors John Tero, Ruth Arnold and Clare Royal interviewed the five shortlisted applicants, using an agreed scoring system to assess each candidate. Following careful consideration of the interview results, the preferred candidate was selected based on achieving the highest overall score.

c. **Boardwalk Project** - Unfortunately, the project will no longer be able to proceed due to a single objection from one landowner, which has prevented us from moving forward. Despite the high level of support, this one objection means that we are unable to pursue the project any further at this stage.

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

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b.Planning & Licensing – Councillor Ruth Arnold, meetings held 5th & 19th October 2026
A Planning and Licensing Committee meeting was held earlier this evening. It was agreed that clarification would be sought in relation to one of the planning applications. The ADC Planning Committee meeting scheduled for 21st October was also noted, and it was agreed that Ferring Parish Council would request that a condition be imposed on the relevant application should planning permission be granted.

c.Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee – no meeting held.
There was nothing to mention.

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

a. Committee Working Group Parking Village Centre & Sea Lane/Rife Way Junction
Consultation/Questionnaire update.

Ferring Parish Council initiated a Roads Matters Questionnaire and Consultation, which closed on 30th June 2026. Approximately 18% of households responded, providing valuable feedback on local road and traffic issues.

The Parish Council's working group is currently reviewing and analysing the responses and preparing a report identifying the key themes, concerns and suggestions raised by residents and stakeholders. A number of the issues and potential solutions highlighted are being considered as part of this process.

The report, including recommendations, will be presented to the Roads, Community & Sports Committee in early December 2026 before being submitted to Full Council for approval.

Once approved, the report will be available for residents to review. Copies will be published on the Ferring Parish Council website and made available at the Parish Council office and Ferring Library.

Ferring Parish Council is committed to keeping residents informed throughout the process. Updates on the Questionnaire/Consultation recommendations and outcome will be shared in future editions of the Parish Flyer and on the Parish Council website.

e.Finance & General Purposes Committee (including the authorisation of orders of payments and recommendations from the Committee). Councillor Graham Bootle, Meeting held 5th October

a. Accounts and Finance – Income & Expenditure August 2026 – Approved

b. FPC Signatories – Councillors Simon Ash & Graham Bootle will become Ferring Parish Council bank signatories.

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

07-10-2026 Parish Clerk Report including Financial Matters – The Clerk will report
There was nothing to report.

08-10-2026 Council noted payments made under dispensation for expenditure for Committee minuted instruction.

(Environment Liaison Committee)

Allotment Hose £50.00

09-10-2026 Arun District Council Budget Consultation 2027/2028

Council noted the consultation.

10-10-2026 Ferring Village Hall Liaison *(Councillor Ruth Arnold)*

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 21st October. Councillors were invited to advise of any matters they wish to be raised at the meeting.

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11-10-2026 Reports from District and County Councillors

District Councillor Mark Turner advised the following:

- ADC has appointed a new Monitoring Officer, who will be contacting Clerks in due course.
- Thanks were extended to the Parish Council for organising the Remembrance Day event.
- Noted that FG/87/26/PL, Demolition of the existing dwelling and garages and erection of 4 No. terraced dwellings at the site's frontage, and 2 No. detached dwellings at the rear. Access from Sea Lane. Replacement garage to serve No.36 Sea Lane Gardens. In CIL Zone 4 and is CIL Liable as new dwellings.42 Sea Lane Ferring has been Withdrawn. Should the application be readvertised, it was suggested that data be compiled to highlight the volume of traffic using Sea Lane.

Arun District Councillor Roger Elkins advised the following:

- The Government's National Scheme of Delegation for planning functions in England comes into force on 31st October 2026

WSCC County Councillor Roger Elkins advised the following:

- Thomas A Becket School has received funding to assist with the improvements of safety measures.
- WSCC is offering free support from Smokefree West Sussex.
- The Government has released 90% of the outstanding funding owed to WSCC, amounting to £182 million, to support special educational needs provision.
- Concerns have been raised regarding the excessive down times at the level crossing and the resulting disruption to traffic flow and local residents. WSCC has been urged to pursue the matter with Network Rail as a matter of priority, seeking clarification on the reasons for the delays and what measures could be taken to reduce the waiting times and minimise the impact on the local community.
- The recent burst water main at Long Furlong caused considerable disruption to local roads and traffic. It was noted that the necessary repairs have now been completed and the road has reopened to traffic.
- Secondary school applications for places must be submitted by 31st October.

12-10-2026 Urgent matters arising, since the preparation of this Agenda & Items to be referred to next agenda.

There were no items.

The next meeting date is 30th November 2026.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm

Mrs Nadine Phibbs,
Clerk to Ferring Parish Council

Minutes approved

Chairman **Date**