

Minutes of Ford Parish Council meeting September 15th 2020.

Held remotely.

Present: Cllr Ford. Chairman. TF.

Cllr Langmead. SL.

Cllr Smith. DS.

Cllr Armstrong. DA.

County Councilor. Jacky Pendleton. JP.

District Councilor. Amanda Worne. AW.

1. **Apologies for absence.** There were none.
2. **Declarations of interest.** Cllr Ford declared an interest as Chairman of the Community Land Trust. Cllr Langmead declared an interest as a stakeholder at Ford Airfield. Cllr Smith declared an interest as treasurer of the Community Land Trust.
3. **Public sessions.** No attendance from the public.
4. **Minutes from July meeting.** Will be signed off when delivered to TF.
5. **Police report.** JP reported that she has had lots of involvement with the PCSO designated to our area, and said that she has been very active with all the parishes she covers.
6. **Finance.** Clerk reported that the bank account stands at £23002.67. The second half of our precept having been included.
7. **County Councilor Report.** JP reported that most of her time has been spent dealing with the Grundon/Viridor issues. She has pulled together a case objecting to the build.
8. **District Councilor Report.** JP reported that there are several issues with youths trying to burn the stubble on a farm, and three motor bikes are causing concern riding around the villages at great speed late at night. She reported that the Ford Prison coffee shop should re open soon to visitors and then hopefully to the public. She will endeavour to gain interest with the local media.
9. **Chairman's update.**
 - Cllr Ford reported that the SALC meeting was attended by chairmen from 50 parish councils. A white paper on planning is due out in October, and SALC will publish their response to this on the website. Affordable housing is being upped from 11 to 14.
 - He said that there is also a white paper being put together to abolish district councils.
 - Clerk to look at Standing Orders to see if there is provision for the public to address questions to the council. **ACTION; Clerk to investigate.**

- We cannot hold a remembrance service in the memorial garden this year due to Covid restrictions, and TF asked if the district and county councilors are intending to lay wreaths at our memorial.
- TF asked why Grundon was in attendance at the Advisory Group meeting. The date for the next meeting has yet to be set, but Grundon will only be allowed to participate for the initial part of the meeting, and then leave, enabling the group to discuss strategy between themselves. JP stated that the promise to supply energy through the proposed energy site is not what it seems, as the energy goes through to the national grid and is supplied to householders through normal channels. Cost wise this is no different to any other energy supplier.

10. **Planning Applications.** There were none.
11. **Report on Hall Management.** Nothing to report.
12. **Projects suggestions for CIL funding.** TF asked the other councilors for suggestions on how to spend any CIL money that could come our way. DA suggested renovation of the memorial. SL suggested furthering the interest of the alignment of the canal. It was suggested that the 'plane at the entrance to Ford airfield could do with smartening up, but SL said it is owned by Peter Haig. He will contact Peter Haig and copy in AW. **ACTION; SL to contact Peter Haig.** The time limit on spending any CIL money is unclear, **ACTION; Clerk to investigate.**
13. **Change of banking.** Clerk said she was unhappy with the Co-op banking system and would be happier changing to an easier banking site. All agreed it should be changed. **ACTION. Clerk to instigate.**
14. **Correspondence.** There was none.
15. **Memorial Garden Report.** DS had been planting in the memorial garden, but unhappily her plants have been stolen. JP suggested CCTV on the garden. JP suggested CIL money to go on this.
16. **Allotments.** SL had nothing to report but will go and check.
17. **Community resilience plan.** DA had nothing to report.
18. **AOB.** DS reported that A275 public right of way is getting blocked. **ACTION. JP suggested meeting with DS to discuss.**
19. Meeting closed at 20.28.
20. Next meeting 17th November 2020.