

FORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on January 23rd, 2024

Venue; Yapton & Ford village hall.

Present.

Cllr D. Smith. Acting Chairman.

Cllr. S. Langmead.

Cllr. D. Armstrong.

Cllr. E. Stewart.

County Councillor J. Pendleton.

1. **Welcome & Apologies.** The Clerk sent her apologies.
2. **Acceptance of vice chairman Cllr D. Smith as new Chairman.** Cllr Smith was voted in as the new Chairman.
3. **Declarations of Interest.** There were no new declarations.
4. **Public Sessions.** Community warden Sean attended the meeting. He reported that he has had some success dealing with anti-social behaviour in the area together with his associate Phil. They patrol the villages hoping to act as a deterrent, whilst observing problem such as defective street lighting, potholes in the roads etc. They have conducted a campaign for fraud awareness and have visited schools focusing on 9/10-year-old children. Sadly, it may be that only one warden is going to be around after budget cuts in March. He will report to the parish council if he has any problems.

A resident asked about noise problems and District Councillor Pendleton asked if she could go to see the hot spots along with Cllr Smith. She advised the resident to go to Environmental Health regarding the noise problems. Also mentioned was the potential risk of flooding at the Ford Airfield development. Has anyone taken this into consideration.?

It was asked why the contractors have pulled out of the Ford airfield site. There were no obvious answers. They may have been bothered by the water table as new surveys had been undertaken.

5. **Minutes of the last meeting.** These were agreed and signed off by the Chairman.
6. **Matters arising from the last meeting.** The road markings at the Peregrines estate; Cllr Smith and Cllr Pendleton made a comprehensive list of problems. Cllr Pendleton will report back after consulting WSCC highways. **ACTION; Clerk to write to Highways and CC Cllr Pendleton.**
7. **Finance.** Current account stands at £27510.60, Savings account at £2624.95.
8. **County Councillors Report.** Cllr Worne did not attend.
9. **District Councillor's Report.** Cllr Pendleton reported that we have again obtained agreement to fund the Armed Forces if the council would like to nominate someone.
10. **Chairman's Report.** Cllr Smith paid tribute to our late chairman Trevor Ford, who passed away recently. Cllr Armstrong said that if it were not for Cllr Ford, the incinerator at Ford Airfield would have gone ahead. He was instrumental in getting this refused. Cllr Langmead said he was grateful for Cllr Ford in helping him join the Parish Council, and Cllr Pendleton paid tribute to his intelligence and effectiveness as a Parish Council Chairman. His funeral was on January 22nd and the substantial number of family and friends that attended is testament to how well respected and loved he was. He will be greatly missed.
11. **Correspondence.** St John's Ambulance have applied for a donation towards their latest project. £100 contribution agreed by all if the request is a new one.
12. **Planning.** Nothing discussed or agreed on.
13. **Allotments.** Sam to reach out since Trevor's passing.
14. **Memorial Garden.** The weather has been prohibitive, but Cllr Smith will sow seeds as soon as it becomes calmer. She reported that people like the garden and would like the other side cultivated.
15. **A.O.B. Black bin collection.** If these are not collected, residents must contact environmental health and report this within 24 hours.

Cyclists are once again using a footpath (footpath 175). A cycle club with approximately 10 cyclists went through ignoring protests. Cllr Armstrong would like a sign erected declaring that the footpath is not for use by cyclists and is for pedestrians only. Cllr Pendleton said he should do this through WSCC. Cllr Langmead will enquire as to the owner of the land. Cllr Pendleton suggested

writing to Chris Sproules as he would know of local cycling clubs. **ACTION; Clerk to write to him.**

Meeting closed at 20.30.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday 18th March.