

FORD PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of meeting held on March 18th 2024.

Venue: Yapton & Ford Village Hall.

Present.

Cllr D. Smith. Chairman.

Cllr S. Langmead.

Cllr D. Armstrong.

Cllr E. Stewart.

District Councillor. A. Worne.

County Councillor. J. Pendleton.

Process Matters. Mrs M Chaffe.

Clerk: Mrs C. Hatton.

- 1. Welcome & Apologies.**
- 2. Election of Vice Chairman.** Cllr S. Langmead was unanimously voted as Vice Chairman. He accepted the position.
- 3. Declarations of Interest.** There were no new declarations.
- 4. Public Sessions.** No members of the public attended.
- 5. Minutes of last meeting.** These were agreed & signed off by the chairman.
- 6. Matters arising from the last meeting. Road markings on the Peregrine Estate.** Cllr Pendleton reported that these had been deemed adequate and do not warrant re painting as they are not a priority.
- 7. Neighbourhood Plan.** Process Matters attended the meeting and suggested that the council hold off moving forward with Reg 15 and try to get this done in April. ADC want to take the 1500 housing allocation out of the NP. She recommended that we leave that commentary in the plan. It would seem senseless to ask the parish to find more sites for housing if ADC can't get the 1500 agreed. She suggested that Yapton should not have meetings with Vistry without consulting us first. The Community Land Trust met trying to move forward since the sad death of the chairman Trevor Ford. Process Matters asked if the Parish Council could allocate sometime within the **AGM** to discuss the aims of the CLT

and allow them to attend the meeting. The Council resolved to move forward with the REg 15.

8. **Finance.** The Clerk reported the current account stands at £2350.30 and the savings account is at zero after repaying the balance from the Groundwork grant.
9. **County Councillor's Report.** Cllr Pendleton reported that after an Ofsted report, WSCC was found wanting regarding special needs education and Childrens' services. Potholes are being repaired but only temporarily as the 'sticking plasters' they are using keep failing.
10. **District Councillor's Report.** Cllr Worne said that the wildflower meadow installed last year was a big success, and a further 3000 poppy seeds will be planted. It was suggested that a plaque be situated at the memorial garden in honour of our late chairman Trevor Ford. Cllr Langmead will deal with this. Process Matters are to be advised of this and add it to the NP as a protected space. Cllr Armstrong suggested that we have an honours board with the names of chairmen past and present. Cllr Worne to ask Yapton how they obtained their board. She also said we need more councillors for the Partish Council. A leaflet drop was suggested to invite residents to come to an open day with tea and cake. Applecart and Door 2 Door were suggested as companies who deal with leaflet drops. Ford has about 450 houses. **ACTION; Clerk to follow this up.**
11. **Chairman's Report.** The chairman had nothing new to report.
12. **Correspondence.**
 - a. A resident had emailed the Clerk asking if the Parish Council could do something about constant noise on the Ford Airfield Site. The police do not seem to be a presence often enough to deter the site being used for parties, drug taking and cars and bikes racing around. Cllr Pendleton suggested that the resident along with her neighbours be advised to report this daily to 101. This is not a local authority issue; it is a police issue.
 - b. Footpath 175. There is no signage on this footpath deterring cyclists as it is not a problem for single cyclists to use this path. The problem lies with cycling clubs using it with many cyclists riding along at the same time. Vistry to be asked when the reserve matters go in if they could arrange signage on this site advising NO CYCLISTS.
13. **Planning.** F/4/24/S73. No objection from the council subject to this not being a permanent dwelling.

14. **Allotments.** Correspondence received asking to extend the lease. Cllr Langmead advised that this is a little early as it is a 25-year lease. There are four berths available at present. This to be advertised on the PC website. **ACTION; Clerk to deal with this after checking with Geoff Martin at Hobbs.** If all berths are let, they will no longer need our financial help.
15. **Memorial Garden.** Cllr Smith reported that she has planted more plants and seeds.
16. Meeting closed at 08.59.p.m.