

FORD PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 16th September 2024 @ 7.30.p.m.

Yapton & Ford Village Hall.

Clerk to the Council; Mrs Carol Hatton.

AGENDA.

1. **Welcome & Apologies.** Cllr Pendleton sent her apologies.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** There were no new declarations.
3. **Public Sessions.** No members of the public attended.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting.** These were agreed and signed off by the chairman.
5. **Matters arising from the last meeting's minutes. Johnson Way-Rollaston park.** This was discussed at the last meeting, and it was agreed that Cllr Langmead would investigate the possibility of the Parish council undertaking the upkeep of this land, which belongs to Stratton. Cllr Langmead reported that he is taking legal advice on this issue.

Honours Board. Cllr Marner reported that her husband is dealing with the making of the board.

History of Ford Airfield. She has spoken to Tony, and he is giving her access to all his books dealing with the history of Ford airfield.

6. **Finance.** The Clerk reported that the current account stands at £37915.66 which includes the precept of £10,000.00.

7. **County Councilor's Report.** Cllr Pendleton apologized for her recent absences. She reported that a full investigation is ongoing regarding the recent fire at Climping. Arun Waste are the tenants. The land is owned by James Baird. All, together with the fire service, are involved with the investigation. She will keep us apprised of any findings.

She reported that the cost of adult social care is increasing exponentially. There is also concern with vulnerable children not receiving adequate support from parents or guardians.

Cllr Armstrong commented that the traffic from the Ford roundabout on the A259, backs up eastbound up to the new crematorium. He suspects this will increase as the prison is expanding, and the Horsemere Green development will also impact on this. Cllr Pendleton requested that residents should inform her and Cllr Henry Jones, when this happens so that they can deal with this.

8. The district councilor was not present. Cllr Henry Jones attended in her place. Cllr Pendleton said it was important to continue with Neighborhood Plans, as it shows the residents that the Council is doing its best to control planning. Cllr Armstrong commented that many builders are unable to sell houses they have built. When a planning application is submitted, there is always a requirement to deliver social housing. This is not always the case.

9. Chairman's Report t. Cllr Smith reported that she had attended the Yapton and Ford Advisory Group and had asked them to clarify what they have done to put in place play areas for disabled children on the new sites. She was told that they had been included.

10. Correspondence. Cllr Armstrong asked if we were given a discount on the fee for hiring the hall, and we do not receive any discount.

Clerk to investigate if all associations are charged the same rates. Cllr Langmead commented that there could be some CIL funding coming from Yapton which has a great deal of residential housing being built.

It was agreed to contribute £100 to Air Ambulance.

Water; There is a new system in place in many European countries which treats sewage, making it fit for drinking. **Clerk to contact our MP and Southern Water., to ask for more information.**

11. Planning. F/14/24/RES. A working party has been set up to go through this application.

F/12/24/PL. Glamping Pods. **Process Matters to be consulted on this application.**

Cllr Marner was asked if she would like to take on planning.

12. Allotments. Cllr Stewart has not been able to find the lease agreement. She will continue to search.

13. Memorial Garden. Cllr Smith has planted many bulbs for the memorial service. Process Matters suggested that when the new Ford village hall is built, we should hold the service there. We can then get the original garden made a protected space. Vistry to be approached to see if they might be amenable to building a wall at the new garden and getting new plaques made. Cllr Langmead suggested that he would be delighted to commemorate Mark Staker's daughter at the memorial on Ford Lane.

14. Fly Tipping. In the last few months, there have been many problems with this in Rollaston Park. Cllr Jones said that all events should be reported. The main problem is when commercial businesses try to use Community tips. Cllr Armstrong said that with the issue of disposal of electrical goods, in the past it was possible to put them in a plastic bag with your recycling bin. He asked if this was still the case. **Clerk to investigate.**

Traveler encampments. Cllr Langmead reported that travelers had tried to pitch up on his land at Crossbush. They had started to erect concrete posts before being turned off.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 18th, 2024.