

FORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MAY 26TH 2025

Yapton & Ford Village Hall.

Clerk to the Council. Mrs Carol Hatton

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Present.

Cllr D. Smith. Chairman.

Cllr S. Langmead. Vice Chairman.

Cllr Armstrong.

Cllr J. Pendleton. West Sussex County Councillor.

- 1. Welcome & Apologies. Cllrs A Worne and L Marner sent their 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.**
 - a. VE and VJ flags were purchased, and Cllr Smith will erect them on the appropriate days.**
- 6. Finance. The Clerk reported that the current account stands at £39,739.76.**
- 7. Neighbourhood Plan. There was nothing new to report.**
- 8. County Councillor's report. Cllr Pendleton reported that Paul Marshall is putting himself forward to be considered for mayor of the redesigned council. There is no clarity so far being handed down to parish councils on what their role will be after the devolution. CEO's and directors will not have roles in the new council set up. The mayor will be the one reporting directly to parliament. We should be ready to accept or decline what is offered to us.**

The main report on the Baird business park fire concluded that it was known that the warehouse was not operating efficiently, and enforcement officers were about

to be sent in. Then there was a fire. She is going to request that fire officers attend to check other facilities.

9. District Councilor was not present.

10. Chairman's report had been circulated and read by all.

11. Correspondence. The Clerk reported that Citizen's advice has asked for a donation and the council resolved to send £50.

12. No new planning applications.

13. Allotments. Cllr Smith will attend and check that the footpath is open.

14. Memorial garden. Cllr Smith has asked Matt Lubbe for a quote to take out a hedge and erect a fence in its place. Cllr Armstrong reported that since taking over the land, Vistry have not taken care of the garden.

It was minuted that Cllr Henry Jones had been approached and asked to join the parish council. So far there has been no response either way.

The meeting ended at 20.16.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday July 14th, 2025.