

## **FORD PARISH COUNCIL.**

**Minutes of the meeting held on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 7.30.p.m.**

**Venue; Yapton & Ford Village Hall.**

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- 1. Welcome & Apologies. Cllrs Worne, Marner & Pendleton sent their apologies.**
- 2. Declarations of Interest. Cllr Langmead declared an interest in planning applications; F/18/25 & F/19/25.**
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting. These have been reviewed and agreed.**
- 4. Matters arising from last meeting.**
  - a. Cllr Henry Jones was duly proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Langmead. He is now a member of the parish council.**
- 5. Finance. The Clerk reported that the current account stands at £37373.09. To date.**

**6. Public Sessions.**

**A member of the public attended the meeting and commented that there was an error on the last minutes and that the contact number for the clerk was not the correct number. **This will be investigated and corrected by the clerk.****

**A resident has asked that it be recorded, that he is happy with the result of a letter sent by the council to Arun District Council noise pollution regarding a problem close to his residence.**

**It was noted that Paul Marshall and Katy Bourne, have put themselves forward as candidates for the position of Mayor in the forthcoming devolution process.**

- 7. Both the County & District Councillors were absent. Cllr Henry Jones reported that we are ill informed regarding the devolution and the impact it will have on Sussex. Yapton Ford and Climping had formed an advisory group, but this is now postponed until September. Cllr Langmead reported that a meeting with Amanda**

Griffiths had been productive, and that bin collections would now be weekly and dry recycling would commence next year. General wet waste every two weeks, and every three weeks a new type of waste stream for food waste. **Cllr Jones to confirm this new schedule.**

8. **Chairman's report.** The chairman thanked all Councilors for their support. She has had several meetings with Vistry, and is hoping that the hedges will now be regularly maintained and cut every three years.

9. **Correspondence.** There was no new correspondence.

10. **Planning.** Cllr Armstrong asked why the approach road to the new school is routed through the housing estate. It was suggested we involve Process Matters to review the neighbourhood plan, to see if this is a contravention. Cllr Langmead commented that he is of the opinion that we should support over roofing, as planning application F/16/25/PL has applied to install.

Cllr Jones commented that the proposed use of aluminium on Atherington house is a surprise, as this is a listed building.

11. **Allotments.** Cllr Smith has not visited recently.

12. **Memorial Garden.** Cllr Smith reported that the gardener has been contacted and asked for a quote to remove a hedge and erect a fence in its place.

13. **Devolution.** Cllr Armstrong said he felt that the process is being pushed through with no public consultation. There will not be a facility for local issues to be dealt with locally. More responsibilities are to be given to parish council, whether they agree to take these on or not. Cllr Jones is to attend a team's meeting to discuss.

The next meeting is scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 @ 7.30.p.m.