FORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING SEPTEMBER 20TH 2022.

Held at Yapton & Ford Village Hall.

Present;

Cllr T Ford. Chairman.
Cllr D, Smith. Vice Chairman.
Cllr S. Langmead.
Cllr D. Armstrong.
Cllr A Worne.
Clerk: Mrs C Hatton.

Also present.

Mrs M Chaffe. Process Matters.
Cllr J Pendleton. WSCC.
Inspector N Durkan. Sussex Police.

AGENDA.

1.Welcome & apologies. There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of interest. There were no new declarations.

3. Public Sessions. Inspector Neil Durkan attended and spoke about traffic and speeding to the Council, and members of the public who had attended. Several questions were put to him regarding these issues. To summarise; Inspector Durkan seemed willing to take on board the worries the residents of Ford have about speeding in certain areas. He emphasised that it is difficult with limited resources, to police all the areas mentioned. It was particularly noted that the level crossing at Ford is a dangerous area, as when the gates open, waiting motor bikes and sometimes cars, see this as a race to get away, and the noise level together with the danger to the public is of great concern to those living in the area. He agreed that his mobile number could be added to the parish website. Regarding drug taking in the area, Operation Clayton is in force and Inspector Durkan would welcome any information on locations and times drug taking is witnessed. The Chairman thanked him for his time.

A member of the public mentioned that she has concerns with the trees, and she was advised to speak to Cllr Worne who will investigate this.

4. **Minutes of the last meeting**. These were agreed and signed off by the Chairman.

5. **Matters arising from the last meeting.**

a. **Dog waste bin**. Cllr Worne reported that she is having issues with the cleansing department. She has asked if the dog bin in question could be moved, and Arun District Council have refused. The need now is for a larger bin or another to be put on site.

b. **Review of Update of the Neighbourhood Plan.** Process Matters, Mrs Chaffe attended and gave an update on the plan. She reported that the first grant had been secured from Groundworks, but she is concerned that getting movement on the 106 regulation, which might mean getting the site for housing but without the infrastructure. There is concern that the monies are going to Angmering for sports facilities. At present we are only promised a community hall. She suggested that some additional policies should be implemented; those being, that the site is built as one cohesive site, and that there should be biodiversity and trees. She is preparing a draft for a proposed meeting to discuss this. We should continue chasing ADC for the 106. Cllr Worne said she is trying to secure a meeting with David Easton to discuss why Ford money is going to Angmering. Mrs Chaffe to give us a date for this meeting in a month's time.

c. **Memorial Plaque.** Cllr Langmead reported that he has ideas for this and will circulate them to the other councillors. He is aiming to get the developers to fund this.

d. **Bad odour.** Several residents have complained to Arun District Council regarding this offensive smell which is coming from a nearby factory. Cllr Armstrong to research the number of concerned residents who might support this complaint. Cllr Pendleton

suggested that this should be taken up with Environmental Health at ADC.

e. **Memorial Garden footpath.** The clerk reported that there is a scheme proposed by ADC that might be of use. She will apply for this in October. Meanwhile the Chairman suggested that Redrow, the contractors might be approached to help fund this.

6. **Finance.** The clerk reported that the bank balance stands at £33,104.94. We have now had the first part of our precept.

7. **County Councillor's Report**. Cllr Worne reported that she has investigated the HGV parking in Rollaston Park, but evidence is needed to deal with this issue. She suggested the best approach is to contact the drivers of the offending vehicles when they are in situ.

8. **District Councillor's Report.** Cllr Pendleton reported that the offending cars had been removed from the Johnson Way area.

9. **Chairman's Report.** The Chairman had nothing to report.

10.**Planning**. Application WSCC/009/22. The Chairman is to ask all councillors for their views on this application.

11. **Correspondence**. There was none.

12. **Memorial Gardens**. Castle water still claim £5 per month on a direct debit for water we cannot access. Cllr Smith to ask the gardener Matt Lubbe is he can allocate the supply. Cllr Smith to Action.

13. **Allotments.** Cllr Langmead said there are some available.

14. **A.O.B.** There are fly tipping problems in Mustang Close. This is on Stratton land. Inspector Durkan suggested that the Fire Service are asked if they can remove the offending items as they are a potential fire hazard. Mark Andrews is the contact. Clerk to write to Stratton first.

Inspector Durkan asked if there is a liaison person who could give him an idea of designing a patrol in the area. Clerk to contact the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 21.10p.m.

Next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for November 15th, 2022.