FORD PARISH COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING NOVEMBER 15TH 2022.

Held at Ford Village Hall, 7.30.p.m.

Clerk to the council. Carol Hatton

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AGENDA.

1. **Welcome & Apologies.** Cllr A Worne sent her apologies.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** There were no new declarations of interest.
3. **Public Sessions.** There was one member of the public present.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting.** These were agreed and signed off by the chairman.
5. **Matters arising from the last meeting.**

a. Bad odour emanating from local factory. As it is now Winter, there appears to be no odour coming from this establishment.

b. Fly tipping in Mustang close. The Clerk has written to Stratton asking if they would deal with this issue. So far there is no response. Cllr Pendleton suggested we ask ADC to deal with this problem but as it is on private land they will not intervene. Clerk to ask the Fire service if they would help. Cllr Smith is to photograph the offending items in Mustang Close and send to the Clerk .ACTION; CLERK TO WRITE TO FIRE SERVICE. Cllr Smith to supply photographic evidence.

c. Proposed Police patrol in the area to deal with speeding issues. Cllr Smith is awaiting a response from Inspector Neil Durkan.

d. Memorial Plaque. Cllr Langmead is still dealing with this.

e. Memorial Garden. Cllr Smith has liaised with the gardener and found that the ground is full of hardcore and that there is no trace of the water tap.

6. **Finance.** The Clerk reported that the current account stands at £30,582, and the second account at £1300.00.
7. **County Councillor's Report.** Cllr Pendleton reported on the flood in Ford Lane, and that Redrow the contractors appear not to have complied with specifications.

ADC is noticeably short staffed, but measures are in place to mitigate the situation. The street works in Littlehampton are almost finished, but the area is already quite untidy with the paving not being cleaned of chewing gum etc.

Cost of Living Crisis. There are initiatives in place. Government has put in place tax credits for low-income families and pensioner cost of living payments have been increased. WSCC are putting in place extra provision in county libraries (Bognor), to provide a warm space for those in need. There is advice on the internet. Cllr Ford asked how the elderly and those without internet access can get information on help with the crisis. Age Concern and Adult Social Care and neighbours who live close to vulnerable people seems to be the only way this can be done. Cllr Pendleton is to send the Clerk material to put on the website informing those in need where to go for help, the Clerk will also post this information on the noticeboards. **ACTION; Cllr Pendleton to send information to the Clerk.**

8. District Councillor's Report. Cllr Worne was unable to attend due to ill health.

9. Chairman's Report. The Chairman had a meeting with ADC regarding the money allocated to Clymping Cricket Club and Angmering Sports facility. He appealed against this decision as the money was from Ford Parish. As we have no sports facilities or ground to build one, this decision stands. He had a meeting with the Community Land Trust regarding the 106 agreements. This does not list the needs for certain facilities. We have a solicitor looking at the proposed community building to ensure there is no problem with the parish obtaining this. Cllr Langmead reported that he had attended a meeting regarding the update on the A27 Bypass. He suggested that Parish Councils becoming statutory representatives is a promising idea, and he will investigate this.

10. Planning. F/18/22/PL. There was no objection from the Council.

F/16/22/HH. Approved conditionally.

F/13/22/HH. Approved Conditionally.

F/11/22/OUT. The Parish Council is sending an objection to the application. ACTION; Clerk to send objection,

11. Correspondence. There was none.

12. Allotments. Cllr Langmead had nothing to report.

13. Wildflower Meadow. WSCC is prepared to give the land to us for this purpose. Cllr Smith said we would need to skim the land and would need a skip, Cllr Langmead said he would investigate South Coast Skips to see if one

might be available as a favour. Cllr Smith is to estimate costs and get back to us before a definitive decision is made, and she is to be given the final say on how the meadow is put together. ACTION: Cllr Smith to give an estimate of costs before the next meeting.

A.O.B. Review of Clerk's salary. As next year's pay scales are not yet available, it was decided to use last year's percentage rise so that the Clerk can formulate next year's budget.
There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.34 hours.
The next meeting is scheduled for January 17th 2023.