Minutes of meeting January 18th, 2022.

Held at Yapton & Ford Village Hall.

Present

Cllr Trevor Ford. (Chairman)

Cllr S. Langmead.

Cllr D. Smith

Cllr D. Armstrong.

Clerk; C. Hatton.

AGENDA.

1. **Welcome & Apologies.** Cllr A. Worne & Cllr J. Pendleton sent their apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** There were no new declarations.
3. **Public Sessions.** None attended.
4. **Minutes of last meeting.** It was noted that the estimate for dog waste bins had been minuted as costing £25: It should have been £250 and will be amended on last meeting's minutes. Otherwise, the minutes were agreed and signed off by the chairman.
5. **Matters arising from last meeting's minutes.**

a). Purchase of body mic. The clerk reported that this should cost the region of £250. ACTION: Clerk to purchase.

b). Precept. This was agreed at £17340.00. The 2% increase to allow for the purchase of a new laptop for councillor use. It was agreed that a second laptop would be purchased from existing funds to replace the tablets, which are proving unfit for purpose. Cllr Langmead suggested we get the tablets wiped and donate them to schools or a charity. This is to be decided. ACTION; Clerk to contact J&R to request costing for the two laptops. ACTION; Clerk to inform ADC of our Precept request.

c). **New flag**. The Clerk reported that she has ordered a new Union Jack flag which is costing £15.

d). **Rampion.** This was discussed with the conclusion that in principle the Parish Council supports the idea of windfarm energy, but that the proposed route is in doubt as to its suitability. ACTION: Cllr Ford is to draft a letter giving our views and reservations which will then be circulated to the

other councillors for their agreement, then forwarded by the clerk to the relevant body (Rampion).

e). Neighbourhood Plan Revision. A grant of £1100 from Groundwork has been approved and will be deposited in the bank. ACTION; Clerk to contact Donna Moles of ADC to investigate grants to support the Neighbourhood Plan Revision.

6. **Finance.** The clerk reported that the bank account stands at £24,826.47. The application for the further bank account with NatWest is ongoing.
7. **County Councillor Report.** Cllr A. Worne was unable to attend.
8. **District Councillor Report.** Cllr J. Pendleton was unable to attend.
9. **Chairman's Report. Cllr Ford reported that WSCC objected to The Landings development as it stated that there are insufficient secondary school places, and ADC has failed to secure a new site. Cllr's Worne and Pendleton had stated at the liaison group meeting, that they would investigate and get back with an explanation to Ford Parish Council. Regarding the Ford/Arundel Road junction problem; ACTION: Cllr Ford is to draft a letter for the clerk to forward to the relevant body.**
10. **Correspondence.** The clerk has received a thankyou from the bugler, Louise, who played at the memorial service. We had sent her a cheque for £25.
11. **Memorial Garden.** Cllr Smith reported that she has planted sunflower and lupin seeds and they will be added to the memorial garden as soon as they are rooted. Cllr Langmead said he had not yet contacted Redrow with regard to a donation towards the repair of the pathway at the garden.
12. **Allotments**. Cllr Langmead had nothing to report.
13. **A.O.B.** Cllr Smith requested that the clerk sources 5 Dog 'Clean up' signs. ACTION: clerk to source.

The meeting closed at 20.35 and the next meeting is scheduled for March 15th 2022.