FORD PARISH COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING

June 15th, 2023, at Yapton & Ford Village Hall.

Clerk to the Council. Mrs Carol Hatton.

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Present.

Cllr T Ford. Chairman.
Cllr D Smith. Vice Chair.

Cllr S Langmead

Cllr D Armstrong.

Cllr A. Worne.

Cllr J Pendleton.

Cllr H Jones

Clerk: Mrs Carol Hatton

1. **Welcome & apologies for absence. There were none.**
2. **Declarations of interest. There were no new declarations of interest.**
3. **Public Sessions. A resident has brought to our attention the unlawful removal of a fence in Douglas Close. This is now being used as a 'rat run' by cars and motor bikes. Cllr Pendleton suggested that a temporary fence is erected whilst we communicate with the owners of the land (Stratton), asking them to deal with this. ACTION; Clerk to write to Stratton quoting health and safety issues.**
4. **Minutes of the last meeting. These were agreed and signed off by the chairman.**
5. **Matters arising from the last meeting;**

   a. Memorial Plaque. Cllr Langmead reported.

   b. Proposed police patrol. Cllr Smith will investigate new liaison.

c. Wildflower Meadow. Cllr Smith reported that the grass has been removed, seed sown, and they have started to germinate.

6. Finance. The clerk reported that currently there is £28738 in the current account and 30p in the savings account.

7. Neighbourhood Plan: Process Matters asked if the council wished her to continue to Reg 14. It was agreed that she should proceed, and that she would add the open spaces discussed, to the NP.

8. County Councillor's report. Cllr Pendleton reported that she is dealing with potholes in Main Road Yapton, and that the scheduled re-surfacing of the whole road would be more beneficial than repairing potholes.

She is holding a conference on June 30th for military supporters to say thank you to all who help in a military context. Cllr Smith volunteered to attend this meeting to be held at the White Swan Arundel.
She also is to ask WSCC to cut the grass on the verges in Rollaston Park.

9. District Councillor's Report. Cllr Worne reported that a van used to advertise his business, is permanently parked in Rollaston Park.
She reported that the community wardens engage with drug users and the homeless and help deal with problems residents experience with these individuals.

10. Chairman's Report. This has been circulated to all councillors.

11. Correspondence. The letter of complaint from a resident re Douglas Close has been dealt with in item 3.

12. Planning. F/1/23/PL. This application was clarified by two representatives from Henry Adams, the managing agent. There is to be no increase in size, character or change of tenant to the site, but it is a change of usage. The proposal is for two new buildings, one for salt store and the other for office use. The routing will not change and therefore no extra traffic is anticipated. National Highways will use the site as a tenant as opposed to WSCC. Process Matters suggested that the council should oppose this as it goes against the Neighbourhood Plan. We are to contact Neil Crowther at the end of the month with our decision. Cllr Ford asked if there is anything on the HELA re land supply for the future.

13. Allotments. Cllr Langmead had nothing to report.

14. Memorial Garden. Cllr Smith reported that she has planted many bulbs

A.O.B. Cllr Armstrong asked if we could write to the Ranger asking if things could be improved on the footpaths where cyclists are riding two abreast and causing problems for walkers.

Meeting closed at 10pm.