FORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the THE MEETING JULY 11TH 2023.

Held at Yapton & Ford Village Hall.

1. Welcome and apologies. Cllr Worne & Cllr Armstrong sent their apologies.

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

3. Co-option of new councillor. Elaine Stewart has lived here 7 years. She has been found to meet all the qualifications to join the council. She has been unanimously voted onto the council.

4. Public Sessions. No members of the public attended.

5. Minutes of the last meeting. These were agreed and signed off by the chairman.

6.Matters Arising from last meeting.

a. Parking vans and cars. Cllr Langmead asked if there was any legislation or regulation to stop parking for health and safety reasons. Mr Edwards asked that the Clerk is thanked for writing to the council to help with his problem in Douglas close. Clerk to contact relevant dept at ADC (Arun District Council).

b**. SSE Substation.** It was reported that children had broken into the substation in Sproule Close and were holding parties in the grounds. Clerk to report to SSE.

c. Wildflower Meadow. It has been proposed that we reach out to Stratton regarding a piece of land they own in Johnson Way, that is unkempt and overgrown. Stratton have suggested that we take this over, and the Parish Council have indicated that they would like to cultivate this as part of the wildflower meadow. Cllr langmead suggested that we proceed with caution regarding asking about the new piece of land and that we investigate the responsibilities and implications of doing this. Clerk to contact Cllr Worne to seek permission to use this land. Cllr Smith offered to deal with maintenance of this land.

7. Finance. The Clerk reported that the current account stands at ££27,598. The savings account at – 0.5p.

8. County Councillor's report. The councillor did not attend.

9. District Councillor's report. The councillor did not attend.

10. Chairman's report. The Chairman had nothing to report.

11. Correspondence. There was none.

12. Planning.

F/7/23/PL. The council voted not to object to this application. The clerk had written to say this. We have had confirmation that this had been received.

F/8/23/PL. Wicks Farm. Cllrs were asked to look at the application and compare with our policies in the Neighbourhood Plan. They should decide to object or not to object based on their findings. Clerk to send copy of the Neighbourhood Plan to new councillor Stewart. All Councillor to inform Clerk of their decision and she will relate this to ADC.

F/9/23/PL. Hangar one business park. Councillors to look at policies as above and inform clerk of decision.

F/6/23 This application was originally for E class users (shops, leisure etc), and now is B 1, 2 and 8. (office and light industrial). Cllr Ford believes that this is outside of our Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Langmead declared an interest in this application.

13. Allotments. Cllr Langmead had nothing to report.

14. Memorial Garden. Cllr Smith is putting more plants in the garden.

A.O.B. Regarding the public review of the Neighbourhood Plan. Clerk to contact Process Matters to liaise with them for a date for viewing of the Plan for the public. Clerk to book relevant hall for this event. Process Matters to arrange letter to all residents.

Clerk to write to West Sussex County Council to ask if we can have permission to cut the grass.

No 19 Wills close. Cllr smith reported that there is a business being run in this house. There are four large dogs here and the dogs bark and the fence appears to be unstable**. Clerk to investigate licensing for this business.**

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Next meeting September 19th. Time to be advised.