FORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday September 19th 2023.

AGENDA

Present.

Cllr D. Smith. Vice Chairman.

Cllr S. Langmead

Cllr A. Worne

Cllr D. Armstrong

Cllr E. Stewart

Clerk. Mrs C Hatton.

1. **Welcome and apologies**. Apologies from Trevor Ford, Chairman. The meeting was chaired by Cllr Dawn Smith.
2. **Declarations of interest.** There were no new declarations of interest.
3. **Public Sessions. Drop in session.** The public were invited to ask questions regarding the revision of the Neighbourhood Plan. There was much discussion regarding The Landings development, and questions were asked regarding the time scale for commencement of the building; the effect on the water table, which is already high, and noise pollution during the construction.

A question was asked from one resident about noise pollution from one of his neighbours. It was suggested that he contacts Environment Health at Arun District Council, who are equipped to deal with such issues.

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

a. Parking. A resident asked about a problem he has outside his house with a camper van permanently parked. The Clerk reported that she had contacted Parking at ADC who informed her that nothing could be done about such issues unless there was signage with restrictions. He also asked about the re painting of white lines which had faded; Cllrs Pendleton and Smith will visit the site and report back.

He also asked about 10 garages at the back of his house where only two seem to be used. There is a dumped car on one parking bay. By laws say that these bays are for residents only and should be used by visitors and residents.

There is also a bay for Fire engine use which must always be kept clear. Stratton own the land and ground rent would be paid by the renters of the garages to them. Cllrs Pendleton and Smith to confer.

The Wildflower Meadow. Cllr Worne reported that the purchase of the land has been agreed.

5. **. Minutes of the last meeting.** These were agreed and signed off by the chairman.
6. **County councillors report**. Cllr Pendleton reported that WSCC fire services are deemed to be one with the highest standards in the country. They employ many fire fighters but find it hard to recruit. **Flooding; In** the updated budget there is still money for watershed projects for flooded houses and overflowing ponds and Rifes. Central government have changed many of the local boundaries, but Ford remains unchanged.

   She reported that Highways have spent 2.4 mill on potholes.
7. **District councillors report**. Cllr Worne reported that there is a problem with anti-social behaviour, in Yapton.

   There is an eco-group in Yapton that is being proactive. She suggested that in Ford we follow their example and plant bulbs, cut back brambles, and take ownership of this as the district council seem uninterested in helping.
8. **Chairman's report.** Cllr Ford was unable to attend.
9. **Correspondence.** There were two requests for donations. The Council agreed to donate £100 to St John's Ambulance. A request from Ford and Yapton for their original gift of £500 (there is £166 left), be upped to make the balance £500 again. The Council declined but said they could keep the £166. The Clerk is to investigate another request from an Arundel Counselling group.
10. **Planning**. F/11/23/PL Clymping dog sanctuary. No objections to this application.
11. **Finance**. The Clerk reported that the current account stands at £34260, the second half of our precept having been received. £8930.. The savings account has £3725 allocated as a grant from Groundwork for the Neighbourhood Plan revision.
12. **Allotments**. Nothing to report.

13. **Mem garden**. Cllr Smith will be cutting the grass and removing material from the area. For the remembrance service on the 12th of November both Cllr Pendleton and Cllr Worne will be laying wreaths. Clerk to purchase wreath. The Clerk reported that she has secured the services of the bugler for the Last Post.
14. **A.O.B**. Cllr Armstrong that the young lad who went on the World scout jamboree in South Korea had raised all his own funding. The Clerk is to contact J R Computing services with a view to purchasing a laptop for Cllr Stewart.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.42.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 21st, 2023.