

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FORD PARISH COUNCIL.**

**TUESDAY JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> 2020.**

**Ford & Yapton Village Hall.**

**Present: Cllr Ford. Chairman. TF**

**Cllr Armstrong. DA**

**Cllr Smith. DS**

**Cllr Merritt. JM**

**Cllr Langmead. SL.**

**Clerk. CH**

**District Cllr Pendleton. JP**

1. **Apologies for absence.** Henry Jones, Amanda Worne.
2. **Declarations of interest.** Cllr Langmead declared an interest a stakeholder Ford Airfield. Cllr Smith declared an interest as treasurer of the Community Land Trust. Cllr Ford declared an interest as Chairman of the Community Land Trust. Cllr Merritt declared an interest as a board member of the Community Land Trust.
3. **Minutes of last meeting** were agreed and signed off.
4. **Police Report.** JM reported that he had not seen any evidence of any PCSOs in the area. **ACTION.** TF to write to Natalie Shrimpton and invite them to speak to us. JP had asked Jon Carter to send her the names of the PCSOs but had not had any response. JM asked JP to investigate the condition of the road speeding signs which are faded and overgrown. He said that this sort of thing should be reported to I LOVE WEST SUSSEX. JP will investigate report back to the clerk.

5. **County Councillor Report.** JP advised of the new Good Neighbour Scheme, devised to help those vulnerable members of the community. JM asked how we as a council could help with this. TF suggested that social prescribing would be best when we had our own hall, and JP replied that if the PC would do something voluntarily then the County Council would help but not meet any incurred cost. **ACTION.** Clerk to contact WSCC to ask what info they can supply to help with this.
6. **District Councillor's Report.** Amanda Worne was not present.
7. **Chairman's Report.** TF said that over 428 people came to view the exhibition for the Ford site. There was much discussion regarding the lack of footpath access on the housing site. JP stated that she would very much like to see the buffer zone from Horsemere Green Lane made larger therefore returning Climping and Yapton to their village status. She also commented that there seems to be no provision for any religious meeting place. JP said that the community hall would be ideal for multi faith use.
8. **Memorial garden.** Cllr Smith said that the bulbs are now coming up but that the offending tree is still needing attention. TF is waiting for a quote and is working on contacting a second tree surgeon. DA said he thought there should be a barrier around the garden to protect it from any possible development. JP said that as the PC owns the garden, they should consider making it a community asset. JP said we need to get AW and HJ involved.
9. **Allotments.** SL had nothing to report.
10. **Community Resilience Plan.** DA requested funding for refreshments for the training. DA to present this to the clerk for payment as it was agreed we should fund this. Sheena to send receipts to the clerk.

- 11.**Planning Applications.** None. TF suggested that the councillors all are provided with tablets. **ACTION.**TF to research prices. TF suggested a laptop be provided for the clerk's use. This was agreed.
- 12.**Report on Village Hall Management Committee meetings.** Cllr Ambler not present.
- 13.**Footpath Report.** DA reported that there were two problems; footpath on Wicks farm A365 very dangerous and slippery. The A3552 and A355 were very overgrown. The ranger Darryl to be contacted.
- 14.**Finance.** Clerk reported that the bank balance is at £17,977.03p. She suggested that we might consider putting some into a savings account to earn some interest. **ACTION.** Clerk to investigate best deals.
- 15.**Budget.** Precept.The Precept for 2019 was set at £16k and this year we are asking for £17692.63k.This will mean a 5p per week increase **for the Band D** properties parish.
- 16.**Lakeside visit** for viewing of Grundon site. SL, DS and JM all would like to go.
- 17.Meeting closed at 20.47 p.m.