

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOREST ROW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023  
AT 7.30PM IN THE GARDEN ROOM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Waters (Vice Chairman), Davies, Eichner, R Lewin, T Lewin, Pritchitt, Spackman, Summers, Williams & Wogan

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Josephson & Tyler

**NOT PRESENT:** Cllrs Moore & Withers

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk, Asst. Clerk. Member of public – Mr Keen

**C1/23 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Mr Keen spoke about the bad state of the pavements during the recent spell of snow and ice. Although he appreciated that this was not within the remit of the Parish Council, he asked if pressure could be put on the relevant authority to clear the pavements.

**C2/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Josephson (ill health) & Tyler (family emergency).

**C3/23 RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Waters, seconded by Cllr. Pritchitt and were AGREED as a true record. There were no objections to the deletion of the digital transcript of the above meeting.

**C4/23 CLARIFICATION OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING**

None.

**C5/23 TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS OR REQUEST DISPENSATION PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW**

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

**C6/23 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS**

None.

**C7/23 TO NOTE CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION**

The Clerk's Report had been previously circulated and was NOTED. The following points were added:

- The audit had now been received without any adverse comment
- Cllr. Wogan asked that the minutes of the recent SLR meeting be sent out to all Councillors
- Cllr. Wogan asked that she be sent the Health & Safety audit report.

**C8/23 REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2023-2024**

There was discussion about this.

Cllr. Spackman proposed that option B (precept of £ 446,000) be put forward for adoption at the next Full Council meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Davies.

Cllr. T Lewin counter-proposed that option A (precept of £ 456,000) be put forward for adoption at the next Full Council meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Eichner.

Cllr. T Lewin's proposal was voted on (precept of £ 456,000) – 2 for, 6 against and 2 abstentions.

Cllr. Spackman's proposal was voted on (precept of £ 446,000) – 8 for and 2 against. – AGREED

**C9/23 TO ELECT CLLR. EICHNER TO COMMITTEE**

Cllr. T Lewin proposed that Cllr. Eichner join the Community Services Committee in place of Cllr. R Lewin. This was seconded by Cllr. Waters and AGREED.

**C10/23 TO DISCUSS THE ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY WARDEN**

There was much discussion around this matter.

Cllr. R Lewin proposed that the Personnel & Grievance Committee be formally requested to carry out an evaluation of the role of Community Warden and a report be brought back to Full Council, with the views expressed being taken into account. This was seconded by Cllr. T Lewin and AGREED with 7 for and 3 abstentions.

*Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the committee believes that the public and press to be excluded from the meeting on the grounds of the confidential nature to be transacted.*

**C11/23 FOREST ROW MARKET**

This is appended as a confidential minute

**C12/23 NOTICES, CONSULTATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**C13/23 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY FULL COUNCIL OR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE**

None.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

SIGNED: .....

DATE.....(Chairman)

