

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOREST ROW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11th JUNE 2024 AT 7.30PM
IN THE GARDEN ROOM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT: Cllrs. Eichner, Christie, Gilbert, Jaffay, La Djoï,
Rainbow, Summers, Taylor-Smith, Volkers & Waters

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Cocks, Evans & Hugo

NOT PRESENT: Cllr. Scott

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, Asst. Clerk. District Cllr. Patterson-Vanegas, District Cllr. Coleman and 4
members of public

C75/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of public asked when the results from the 3D consultation would be publicised. Cllr. Jaffay advised that this would be done via social media, noticeboards and at an event at Seasons (as part of the Forest Row Festival) on Friday 14th June. It would also be the subject of the next Meet & Greet on 3rd July.

A member of the public questioned the staff salaries as they were paid partly out of the precept. The Clerk advised that all salaries were paid in line with The National Joint Council for Local Government Services agreement.

She also asked if the grass cutting of the verges by County was checked. She was advised that we checked that the work had been done, but had no control over the quality of it.

C76/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Cocks (work), Evans (work) & Hugo (work)

C77/24 RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Meetings of 30th April, 16th May and 21st May 2024 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Eichner, seconded by Cllr. la Djoï and AGREED.

**C78/24 TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS OR REQUEST DISPENSATION PERTAINING TO THE
ITEMS BELOW**

None

C79/24 DELEGATED DECISIONS

None

C80/24 CHAIRS COMMENTS

None

C81/24 CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

1. The casual vacancy – we should be advised if there is an election by 12th June
2. Insurance renewals – quotes had been requested and were still awaited.
3. Medway Park – negotiations are ongoing. The owners had implied that they were open to a longer lease, but not to sell the land.

C82/24 SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

This had been previously circulated and was NOTED

C83/24 ANY URGENT MATTERS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNCILS

District Cllr. Coleman advised that responses were still being received for the Local Plan. A summary document would be released after that. Wealden would have £ 600,000 in sports grants available for applications later in the year.

She also advised that Rachel Millward was now the leader of Wealden District Council.

District Cllr. Patterson-Vanegas congratulated the Parish Council on their first anniversary and thanked them for their work and contribution.

C84/24 ANY URGENT MATTERS FROM COMMITTEES OR WORKING GROUPS

Cllr. Gilbert advised that there was a Gleeson land working group meeting on 12th June.
The Clerk advised that that he was negotiating terms with *On My Side* for the Hambro Hall lease, and was awaiting a response from FrowResource regarding the future of The Cube
Cllr. Christie advised that a decision was awaited on the application for funding for the energy project

C85/24 ANY URGENT MATTERS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

None

C86/24 APPROVAL OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Chairman asked all Councillors if they agreed with the assertions.

Assertion 1 – Cllr. Eichner proposed, Cllr. Summers seconded	AGREED unanimously
Assertion 2 – Cllr. Eichner proposed, Cllr. Gilbert seconded	AGREED unanimously
Assertion 3 – Cllr. Eichner proposed, Cllr. la Djoï seconded	AGREED unanimously
Assertion 4 – Cllr. Eichner proposed, Cllr. la Djoï seconded	AGREED unanimously
Assertion 5 – Cllr. Eichner proposed, Cllr. Taylor-Smith seconded	AGREED unanimously
Assertion 6 – Cllr. Eichner proposed, Cllr. Volkers seconded	AGREED unanimously
Assertion 7 – Cllr. Eichner proposed, Cllr. Volkers seconded	AGREED unanimously
Assertion 8 – Cllr. Eichner proposed, Cllr. Volkers seconded	AGREED unanimously
Assertion 9 does not apply to this Council.	

The Chairman signed and the Clerk countersigned the Governance Statement.

C87/24 APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL RETURN

Cllr. Eichner proposed this be approved. This was seconded by Cllr. Gilbert and AGREED
The Chairman accordingly countersigned the Accounting Statement

C88/24 ADOPTION OF REVISED (2024) FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Cllr. Eichner proposed that these be adopted. This was seconded by Cllr. Waters and AGREED.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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

Minute No: C89/24 is appended as a confidential minute.

C90/24 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY FULL COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE

Cllr. Volkers advised that she was compiling a rota for articles in the Forest Row Local.
Cllr. la Djoï advised that she would be inviting musicians etc to perform in the Jubilee Gardens on Sunday afternoons for about an hour (cancelled if inclement weather). .

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

SIGNED: DATE.....(Chairman)

