

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF FOREST ROW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 17th JANUARY 2023 AT 7.30PM IN THE GARDEN ROOM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Davies, Josephson & Moore

NOT PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, Asst. Clerk.

C14/23 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

C15/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Davies (transport issues), Josephson (medical) & Moore (holiday).

C16/23 TO RESOLVE TO DEAL WITH THE MINUTES & TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEETING OF 10TH JANUARY 2023

This was proposed by Cllr. Waters, seconded by Cllr. R Lewin and AGREED.

C17/23 TO RESOLVE TO POSTPONE CLARIFICATION OF ACTIONS FROM THAT PREVIOUS MEETING AT THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

This was proposed by Cllr. Waters, seconded by Cllr. Pritchitt and AGREED.

C18/23 TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS OR REQUEST DISPENSATION PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

C19/23 TO NOTE CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

The Clerk's Report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

C20/23 FINANCIAL REPORT TO END MONTH 9

The financial report had been previously circulated and was NOTED

C21/23 PRINCIPAL COUNCILS

A report from County Cllr. Taylor had been previously circulated and was NOTED. She reported that various permissions and licences were required for the former recycling site, and these were being applied for. There were still issues surrounding the access road.

C22/23 STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance & Policy – Cllr. Spackman had nothing to report.

Amenities & Services – Cllr. Wogan's report had been previously circulated.

Community Services – Cllr. T Lewin advised that the post of market manager would be advertised shortly. If no one was in post for the March market, he would run the market. Cllr. Eichner offered to help.

Cllr. T Lewin also advised that a new dishwasher was required in the Community Centre kitchen. This was being sourced.

Property & Assets – Cllr. Williams had nothing to report.

Planning Group – Cllr. R Lewin advised that there had been a meeting on 16th January where two contentious applications that affected the whole village had been discussed. Members of public had been in attendance.

C23/23 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. T Lewin advised that there had not been a recent meeting of the Ashdown Forest Liaison group.

Cllr. T Lewin advised that he was also on the Parish Cluster group but no meetings had been held recently.

C24/23 TO APPROVE THE REVENUE BUDGET AND SET THE PRECEPT FOR 2023-2024

Cllr. Waters asked for a recorded vote for the next two items.

Cllr. R Lewin proposed that the budget for 2023-2024 as agreed at the last meeting be adopted. This was seconded by Cllr. T Lewin.

For: Cllrs. Eichner, R Lewin, T Lewin, Pritchitt, Spackman, Summers, Tyler, Waters & Williams

Against: Cllr. Wogan

Cllr. R Lewin proposed that the precept for 2023-2024 be set at £ 446,000.

This was seconded by Cllr. Pritchitt.

For: Cllrs: Eichner, R Lewin, T Lewin, Pritchitt, Spackman, Summers, Tyler, Waters & Williams

Against: Cllr. Wogan

C25/23 TO APPROVE A VIREMENT FROM GENERAL RESERVES

A virement of £ 24,000 was required from General Reserves to the salary budget to cover the current year's pay award. This would then be recredited back to General Reserves in 2023-2024.

This was proposed by Cllr. Williams, seconded by Cllr. Waters and AGREED.

C26/23 TO ADOPT THE POLICY AMENDMENTS AGREED ON 17TH NOVEMBER 2022

Cllr. Williams proposed that the policy amendments made on 17th November be adopted.

This was seconded by Cllr. Summers and AGREED.

C27/23 TO CONSIDER THE REVIEW OF THE REMAINING COUNCIL POLICIES

Cllr. Wogan proposed that she review the Youth Policy with the Clerk and bring back to the Finance & Policy meeting in March.

This was seconded by Cllr. T Lewin and AGREED

Cllr. T Lewin proposed that the balance of the policies not otherwise reviewed, be accepted as per the Clerks amendments of 5th July 2022.

This was seconded by Cllr. Waters and AGREED.

C28/23 TO CONSIDER & RESOLVE ON THE POSITION FOLLOWING RECENT RESIGNATIONS

Following the resignations of Cllrs. Hopkins & Withers, Cllr. T Lewin proposed that the Council did not co-opt new councillors, as an election was due in May 2023.

This was seconded by Cllr. R Lewin and AGREED.

C29/23 TO CONSIDER & RESOLVE WHETHER TO FILL NEW COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Following the resignation of Cllr. Hopkins, there were vacancies on Standing Committees.

Cllr. Wogan proposed Cllr. Pritchitt join the Amenities & Services Committee.

This was seconded by Cllr. Summers and AGREED.

Cllr. Waters proposed Cllr. R Lewin join the Community Services Committee.

This was seconded by Cllr. T Lewin and AGREED.

Cllr. Wogan proposed Cllr. Summers join the Finance & Policy Committee.
This was seconded by Cllr. Pritchitt and AGREED.

Cllr. Summers proposed Cllr. T Lewin join the Personnel & Grievance Committee
This was seconded by Cllr. Pritchitt.

Cllr. T Lewin proposed Cllr. Davies join the Personnel & Grievance Committee.
There was no seconder for this.

A vote was taken on Cllr. Summers's proposal and AGREED with 1 abstention.

C30/23 TO CONSIDER & RESOLVE ON A RESIDENT'S PROPOSAL

A proposal had been received from a resident to use the Community Centre kitchen, with food from the community fridge, to offer free meals to parishioners.

Cllr. Pritchitt proposed that this be accepted subject to the correct licences being obtained.
This was seconded by Cllr. Wogan and AGREED.

C31/23 TO CONSIDER & RESOLVE ON A MEMORIAL BENCH FOR THE LATE QUEEN

Cllr. Summers proposed that this decision be deferred pending consultation.
This was seconded by Cllr. R Lewin and AGREED.

C32/23 NOTICES, CONSULTATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

None.

C33/23 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY FULL COUNCIL OR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

Cllr. Wogan asked if the office could reiterate complaints to both East Sussex County Council and Wealden District Council regarding the clearing of gullies/drains on the A22 from Brambletye bends to Wall Hill junction. Water was running across the road and freezing causing a dangerous situation.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

SIGNED:

DATE.....(Chairman)