

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOREST ROW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 17th MAY 2022
AT 7.30PM IN THE GARDEN ROOM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT: Cllrs. Josephson (Chairman), Hill, Hopkins, R Lewin, T Lewin, Pritchitt, Summers & Wogan

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Davies, Waters & Williams

NOT PRESENT: Cllrs: Moore, Spackman & Withers

IN ATTENDANCE: The Asst. Clerk. District Cllr. Patterson-Vanegas

PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

None

C84/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Davies (ill health), Waters (family) and Williams (work).

C85/22 RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 5th April 2022 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Hill, seconded by Cllr. T Lewin and were AGREED as a true record with 2 abstentions. There were no objections to the deletion of the digital transcript of that meeting.

C86/22 CLARIFICATION OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

None

C87/22 TO NOTE & APPROVE LIST OF DELEGATED DECISIONS.

This had previously been circulated and was NOTED

C88/22 TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS OR REQUEST DISPENSATION PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

C89/22 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS

Cllr. Josephson advised that the Business Group were organising a photograph competition. The closing date will be the Jubilee weekend. Photos will be on display 17/18 June and parishioners will vote for their favourites. These will then be made into postcards, jigsaws and birthday calendars.

C90/22 TO NOTE CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

The Clerks Report had been previously circulated.

1. Internal Audit Outcome – The Asst Clerk advised that this had gone well and the report would be circulated when available.
2. Cemetery land purchase – awaiting consent to borrow from the Ministry
3. Complaints to East Sussex – A reply had been received from East Sussex County Council which the Clerk had informed Councillors of. No response so far regarding the complaint about the way in which negotiations for a lease to the Sports Ground Association have been handled.

C91/22 SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

This had been previously circulated and was NOTED. Cllr. Wogan asked that the increased cemetery rates be reflected in next years budget.

C92/22 REPORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNCILS

District Cllr. Patterson-Vanegas – reported that:

- Bin collection dispute – this was ongoing, and the Wealden website was updated daily.
- Local plan – still waiting for central government to say that less numbers of houses are required.
- The next Parish cluster meeting is 14th June
- EV charging points will be installed in Wealden car parks across the district – to include Forest Row
- Let Cllr. Patterson-Vanegas know any queries regarding the Ukrainian refugee crisis and she will pass them on to the relevant persons.
- National Dementia Week is 16-22 May

C93/22 REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Amenities & Services: Cllr. Wogan advised that there was not a lot to report at the moment. The focus this year of the Committee was the purchase of cemetery extension land. The Clerk has restructured the outdoor maintenance team. The Clerk was hoping to apply to the Lund Foundation for a grant for Gilham Bank but a bio-diversity report was required. This was being investigated.

Property & Assets: Cllr. Hill advised that there was nothing to report, and the next meeting is in June.

Community Services: Cllr. T Lewin advised that there was not much to report as most activities were on hold now. There would be a Youth Services report at the APM next week.

Finance & Policy: Cllr. R Lewin advised there was nothing to report at the present time.

Planning: Cllr. R Lewin advised that there would be a Zoom meeting of the Planning Group on Monday 23rd May.

C94/22 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

None

C95/22 REPORT FROM COMMUNITY WARDEN

This had been previously circulated and was NOTED

C96/22 TO DECIDE ON CO-OPTION

Cllr. Josephson proposed that the co-option be advertised as soon as possible with a closing date of 24th June. The co-option would take place on 5th July. This was seconded by Cllr. R Lewin and AGREED.

C97/22 TO RESURRECT SLR (STRENGTHENING LOCAL RELATIONSHIPS) MEETINGS OR NOT?

Cllr. R Lewin proposed that these meetings between East Sussex County Council (mostly Highways) and the Parish Council be restarted. This was seconded by Cllr. T Lewin and AGREED

C98/22 TO RESOLVE ON DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This was discussed:

- The office to supply name badges for Councillors
- Information on what the Parish Council does would be provided
- Remits of Standing Committees
- Tea, coffee, biscuits, squash will be provided
- 3 Councillors to bake cakes
- A display board with post-it notes for questions to be provided

C99/22 COUNCILS ROLE IN UKRAINIAN REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

A report had been previously circulated from a Director of the Community Fridge which was NOTED

C100/22 NOTICES, CONSULTATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

None.

C101/22 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY FULL COUNCIL OR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

Cllr. Hopkins advised that the Charity Shop was formally opening on 27th May.

Cllr. Wogan reported that litter picking was being done regularly by a group of residents from the Charity that leases The Cube.

Cllr. Josephson asked that the procedure of the appraisal of the Clerk be put on the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

SIGNED:

DATE.....(Chairman)

