

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOREST ROW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 16th MAY 2024 AT 7.00PM
IN THE MAIN HALL AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Cocks, Evans, Scott & Volkers

NOT PRESENT: Cllr Christie

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk & Asst. Clerk. District Cllr. Patterson-Vanegas and 10 members of public

C68/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

C69/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Cocks (work), Evans (work),
Scott (work) & Volkers (family).

**C70/24 RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS & CLARIFICATION OF ACTIONS FROM THE LAST
MEETING**

Cllr. Waters proposed that these be deferred until the next ordinary meeting of Council. This was seconded by
Cllr. Eichner and AGREED

**C71/24 TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS OR REQUEST DISPENSATION PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS
BELOW**

The Clerk spoke about this matter. He advised that Cllrs. Lewin, Waters & Taylor-Smith clearly had
a personal interest by reason of their involvement in the relevant groups/ organisations. However, they
clearly needed to be able to participate in the discussion, and if it were deemed necessary he would grant
them dispensation for them to vote (if they felt it was appropriate) pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 s.33.

C72/24 THE FUTURE OF THE HAMBRO HALL

The Chairman summarised each of the 4 proposals. He then asked each Councillor to express their initial
views on each proposal. There was a mixed response, but the general consensus was that community
benefit was the principal criterion over financial considerations.

Representatives from the Forest Row primary school, Kiddie Capes nursery, On My Side and FRowResource
put forward their points of view and gave details of their proposals. On My Side provided a written addition to
the summary previously circulated. Further general discussion ensued.

Cllr Eichner summarised the discussion and said that in his view a consensus had emerged from which the
following proposal could be formulated:

*that a lease on the Hambro Hall be offered to On My Side (with surrender of the lease of The Cube), the
lease of The Cube be offered to FRowResource with the facility to sublet to the shed project, subject to
appropriate financial negotiations.*

This was seconded by Cllr. Hugo and AGREED.

C73/24 D-DAY COMMEMORATION

This was discussed, bearing in mind that the Royal British Legion did not have the capacity to arrange
anything locally to commemorate this event.

Cllr. Eichner proposed that the Peace flag be raised at 9am on 6th June and the lantern be lit at 9.15pm. This
would be advised to Parishioners. This was seconded by Cllr. Gilbert and AGREED.

C74/24 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY FULL COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE

Cllr. la Djoï would like consideration to be given to arranging a late summer fete.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

SIGNED:

DATE.....(Chairman)