

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOREST ROW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 15th AUGUST 2023 AT 7.30PM IN THE GARDEN ROOM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: Cllrs. Eichner, Christie, Cocks, Evans, Gilbert, Hugo, Jaffay, la Djoï, Summers, Volkers, A J Waters & A M Waters

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Lewin & Scott

NOT PRESENT: Cllr. Harvey

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk & Asst. Clerk. 1 member of public

C115/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr. Christie spoke on behalf of a member of public concerning the squatters in the old Catholic church site. There had been reports of extreme anti-social behaviour and the police were aware. It was agreed that Cllrs. Evans, Hugo, and A J Waters would visit the site to speak to the people concerned and the Clerk was asked to write to the Police Divisional Inspector to ask what action was being proposed.

C116/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Lewin (family) & Scott (holiday).

C117/23 RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS & CLARIFICATION OF ACTIONS

Cllr. Eichner proposed that the minutes & transcript of the meeting held on 25th July 2023 be considered at the next ordinary meeting along with clarification of actions from that meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. A M Waters and AGREED.

C118/23 TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS OR REQUEST DISPENSATION PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW None.

C119/23 PROCESS PROPOSAL FROM 'TO & FROW' WORKING GROUP

There was discussion about this matter. Cllr. Jaffay proposed that the terms of reference set out in the backing papers be adopted as far as proposal 1 inclusive. Proposals 2 and 3 being deferred to a later date. This was seconded by Cllr. A M Waters and AGREED.

C120/23 TIMING OF A SECOND COUNCIL 'RETREAT'

After discussion, Cllr. Christie proposed that a 'retreat' be planned for 17-19 November 2023 and that the Discovery Group take on the process of planning the 'retreat' agenda. This was seconded by Cllr. Eichner and AGREED with 1 against.

C121/23 NEXT STEPS FOR THE 'CRITTALL' WINDOWS REPLACEMENT

Cllr. Summers proposed that the Council appoint a Building Conservation Consultant on the terms previously circulated. This was seconded by Cllr. Gilbert and AGREED.

C122/23 NEXT ACTIONS FOR THE CEMETERY LAND

The Clerk explained the history of this subject to Council. After discussion, Cllr. A J Waters proposed that the Clerk approach the previously identified alternative landowner to discuss any options. This was seconded by Cllr. Eichner and AGREED.

The consensus was that if this approach was unsuccessful, a community consultation would be needed.

C123/23 THE FUTURE OF THE 'GLEESON LAND'

This matter was NOTED for future discussion.

C124/23 FORMATION OF A LOCAL ENERGY GROUP

Cllr. Christie spoke on this matter. It was AGREED that he would explore this matter further together with Cllrs. Cocks, Eichner, Gilbert, Hugo, Volkers & A M Waters.

C125/23 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE 'GAGES' KITCHEN

Costs had been supplied and Cllr. Eichner proposed that a kitchen assistant post be advertised for 10 hours per week. This was seconded by Cllr. A J Waters and AGREED.

C126/23 DETAILS & FUNDING FOR SEPTEMBER SKATEPARK EVENT

Cllr. A J Waters proposed that this event go ahead with a budget of up to £600. This was seconded by Cllr. la Djoï and AGREED.

C127/23 REQUEST FOR A CIRCUS ON FORESTERS GREEN

Cllr. Eichner proposed that this application be approved, subject to sight of documents and references. This was seconded by Cllr. Evans and AGREED.

C128/23 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY FULL COUNCIL OR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

Cllr. A J Waters asked that the matter of a Youth Forum be put on the next Full Council agenda.

Cllr. Gilbert commented that the Meet and Greet sessions should be promoted more.

Cllr. Eichner asked that the matter of playpark equipment for the disabled be looked into by the relevant committee.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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DATE.....(Chairman)