

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 14th OCTOBER 2025 IN THE GARDEN ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Christie, Eichner, Jaffay, Killick, Rainbow, Scott & Volkers

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Ia Djo

NOT PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, the Deputy Clerk & 9 members of public

Representatives from the Forest Row Festival were seeking an alternative venue and The Clerk would contact the owners of the suggested land to ask their permission.

154/25 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THIS COMMITTEE

Cllr. Jaffay proposed Cllr. Volkers as Chair – she declined.

Cllr. Killick proposed herself as Chair – no seconder.

Cllr. Jaffay proposed Cllr. Scott as Chair – he declined.

Cllr. Eichner proposed Cllr. Killick as Chair and Cllr. Rainbow as Vice.

Cllr. Killick proposed Cllr. Cllr. Rainbow as Chair and Cllr. Killick as Vice.

This was voted upon – Cllr. Killick 1 for and Cllr. Rainbow 6 for.

Cllr. Rainbow was elected Chair and Cllr. Killick vice Chair of the Community Services Committee.

155/25 PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

A member of the public asked for a room in the Community Centre rent free for a ‘toy swap’ – probably in early November. She was advised to contact the office, and this could be arranged.

A member of public advised that she wished to start up a ‘Share Shop’/ ‘Library of Things’. She was trying to meet with On My Side to see if this was something that could be worked on together. She would also be sent details by Cllr. Rainbow of contacts for another similar initiative in the village.

156/25 APOLOGIES

Cllr.Ia Djo (illness)

157/25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

158/25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 8th JULY 2025

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8TH July 2025 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Eichner, seconded by Cllr Volkers and AGREED

159/25 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

These had been previously circulated, and it was NOTED that these were in hand.

160/25 CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

This had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

161/25 FINANCIAL REPORT

This had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

162/25 COMMUNITY SERVICES BUDGET FOR 2026/27

This was discussed and a few amendments made. Cllr. Killick proposed that this draft budget be adopted. This was seconded by Cllr. Scott and AGREED.

163/25 GAGES COMMUNITY LUNCHES

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

164/25 THURSDAY CLUB

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

165/25 LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SERVICE

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

166/25 YOUTH SERVICE

A report was circulated and NOTED

Alex Waters (jnr) advised that the Youth Forum had arranged two events over the summer – neither of which was very well attended. He would wind the group down but would still help out with youth activities.

167/25 THE FUTURE OF THE OUTREACH & COMMS WORKING GROUP

There was much discussion about the future of this working group. Cllr. Eichner proposed that the Outreach & Comms working group lay dormant until requested to meet with line items be put on the Community Services agenda.

Cllr. Volkers counter proposed that meetings be held on an 'as needed' basis and a line item be included on the Community Services agenda. This was seconded by Cllr. Jaffay and AGREED.

168/25 COMMUNITY SERVICES DEVELOPMENT

New initiatives were suggested and discussed. The discussion would be continued.

169/25 A VOLUNTEER FAIR

This was discussed with the possibility of village organisations (including the Council) having stalls in the Community Centre, and the event being advertised extensively to try and recruit volunteers. The office to begin actions.

170/25 ITEMS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

Cllr. Scott advised that as the Christmas lunch was not taking place, the grotto would be the main Christmas event.

Cllr. Volkers said she would like to see the low-cost Council supported services include support for young families. She would contact a person in the village who was involved in this.

Cllr. Killick said she would discuss with the Youth Supervisor regarding teaching 'life skills' to older youths.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman