

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOREST ROW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 9th DECEMBER 2025 AT 7.30PM IN THE GARDEN ROOM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: Cllrs. Eichner (Chair), Christie, Jaffay, Evans, Gilbert, Killick, la Djoï, Lewis, Matthews, Rainbow, Summers, Volkers & Waters

APOLOGIES: None

NOT PRESENT: Cllr. Scott

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk & Deputy Clerk. 2 members of public & 4 candidates for co-option

C124/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

C125/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

C126/25 RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of 18th November 2025 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Eichner, seconded by Cllr. Killick and AGREED.

C127/25 TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS OR REQUEST DISPENSATION PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

None.

C128/25 DELEGATED DECISIONS

None

C129/25 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A list had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

C130/25 CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Four candidates were interviewed for co-option. After discussion and voting, Gabrielle Marshall was co-opted on to the Parish Council.

Cllr. Waters proposed that the 3 unsuccessful candidates be asked if they would like to be co-opted onto Committees. This was seconded by Cllr. Christie and AGREED.

Cllr. Eichner proposed that agenda items 5.3 & 5.4 be dealt with at this point of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Waters and AGREED

C131/25 RECONSIDERATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR 'PODS'

After discussion and questions to the applicant, Cllr. Matthews proposed that a grant of £2,000 be awarded. This was seconded by Cllr. Christie and AGREED with 7 for, 3 against and 4 abstentions.

C132/25 REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO RESTORE/ENHANCE BUS SHELTER

Cllr. Eichner proposed that a control quote be obtained and the office have delegated authority to use their discretion. This was seconded by Cllr. Killick and AGREED.

C133/25 CHAIRS COMMENTS

As there were time constraints, the Chair decided to move onto the next item.

C134/25 CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

This had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

Cllr. Eichner proposed that the internal audit be formally accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Killick and AGREED with 1 abstention.

C135/25 SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

This had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

C136/25 CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

There was discussion on this matter. Cllr. Killick proposed that the budget as previously circulated be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Gilbert and AGREED with 8 for, 3 against and 3 abstentions.

C137/25

Cllr. Eichner proposed this meeting be adjourned until Tuesday 16th December 2025 at 7.30pm.

This was seconded by Cllr. Killick and AGREED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.55pm

SIGNED:

DATE.....(Chairman)