

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOREST ROW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 28th APRIL 2026 AT 7.30PM IN THE GARDEN ROOM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: Cllrs. Eichner (Chair), Christie, Evans, Gilbert, Killick, Jaffay, Matthews, Rainbow, Scott, Summers and Waters

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. La Djoï, Lewis & Marshall

NOT PRESENT: Cllr. Volkers

IN ATTENDANCE: The Deputy Clerk & Assistant Clerk. District Cllr. Coleman & 2 members of the public

C35/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members of the public spoke about their concerns regarding Lower Road – safety of pedestrians, frequency and speed of traffic and parking. They would like measures to be investigated to alleviate these issues. Cllr. Matthews said that this would be put on the next Place committee meeting agenda and it would be investigated if the Parish Council could do anything.

C36/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were reported and accepted from Cllrs. La Djoï (ill health), Lewis (medical appointment) & Marshall (prior commitment)

C37/26 RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF 13TH JANUARY & 24TH FEBRUARY 2026

Minutes of the meeting of 13th January 2026 & 24th February 2026 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Waters, seconded by Cllr. Eichner and AGREED.

C38/26 TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS OR REQUEST DISPENSATION PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Cllr. Waters declared a personal interest item 3.4 on the agenda.

C39/26 DELEGATED DECISIONS

The Clerk advised that one delegated decision had been taken, to repair the Community Centre heating. This had been approved by Cllrs. Eichner (Chair), Matthews and Gilbert. Work would take place next week

C40/26 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Noted

C41/26 CHAIRS COMMENTS

Cllr. Eichner reported that the Annual Parish meeting had gone very well. He thanked the Councillors for their contribution.

C42/26 CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

This had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

C43/26 SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

This had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

C44/26 REPORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNCILLORS

District Cllr Coleman gave a report. She updated Council on the Government reorganisation, the Local plan and food waste collections. NOTED

C45/26 TO NOTE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND ANY REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Reports had been previously circulated and were NOTED.

Cllr. Killick reported that there would be a Resilience working group meeting on 5th May.

C46/26 TO APPOINT AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER AS A REPRESENTATIVE ON FRSGA

Cllr. Eichner proposed that Cllr. Matthews be appointed. This was seconded by Cllr. Killick and AGREED.

C47/26 TO APPROVE THE RESERVES BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

This had been previously circulated. Cllr. Eichner proposed that this be approved. This was seconded by Cllr. Gilbert and AGREED.

C48/26 TO CONSIDER FURTHER ON EXTERNAL HR ADVICE

After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr. Waters would contact the external HR company to make representations that the original instructions had not been properly fulfilled.

If relevant, Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the committee believes that the public and press to be excluded from the meeting on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

The public and Cllr. Waters left the meeting.

MINUTE NUMBER C49/26 IS ATTACHED AS A CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE

C50/26 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY FULL COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE

Cllr. Killick asked that matters mentioned at the APM be taken to the relevant committees.

Cllr. Matthews said he would like to investigate the matter of a photography competition.

Cllr. Christie asked for the date of the Annual Meeting of Council to be confirmed.

Cllr. Eichner said that he was pleased that IT4U was finally being run by the Library.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

SIGNED:

DATE.....(Chairman)

