



## **FERRING ROADS SCHEME ASSOCIATION**

### **2021 Annual General Meeting**

10.00 am on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall

#### **1. Chairman's welcome.**

The chairman welcomed all those present who had ventured out in these unusual pandemic circumstances. The last AGM was held in 2019 and the 2020 AGM was deferred because of the Covid pandemic restrictions. The May 2021 AGM was deferred to September 2021 in anticipation that there would be less government pandemic restrictions in force.

#### **2. Apologies.**

Were received from Mr. & Mrs. McBrien; Mr. & Mrs. D Card; Anne Harris; Jackie Ring; David Champ;

#### **3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

The minutes were unanimously approved.

#### **4. Reports**

##### **Chairman's Report – Trevor Martin**

The committee reconvened in June 2020 and has subsequently met monthly welcoming new members; Jackie Ring – Treasurer; Simon Thompson – Gardens; David Champ – Website & IT; Denise Ibbertson – Property Register; and Graham Groom – Roads. In the meetings the committee has reviewed all aspects of how the Ferring Roads Scheme operates and we have achieved the following

- In response to the declining financial support, we decided to adopt an invoicing system to be ready for use in January 2021. The invoice was designed by our former treasurer Tim Harris and implemented in December 2020. This resulted in more than 50 payments being received in December 2020 thus reversing the decline in financial support for the FRSA. The improvement has continued in 2021 and 91% have so far paid and we have recovered several thousands of pounds in arrears.
- We have merged two databases which is stored safely on the internet and we have 1360 properties on our database. Denise Ibbertson has checked property ownership via the Land Registry and we monitor property sales via Rightmove.

- More than 700 pay their road fees by bank transfer and more than 300 members have given us permission to use their emails for communication.
- The new invoicing system is complicated to operate and we are trying to find a stand-alone system which is easy to transfer to a new committee member.
- We want to move to a more digitally based organisation and communicate using your email. If more than 700 pay by bank transfer would it be reasonable to expect that a similar number of emails could reduce our printing costs and the use of paper?

### **Roads Manager**

Chris Headon resigned from the committee in September before the AGM. In his absence, Stuart Salter gave a presentation about the importance of supporting the FRSA to maintain its role in maintaining the roads to a high standard.

### **Gardens Manager – Simon Thompson**

Simon gave a general presentation about the future plans and thanked everyone for contributing to the gardens fund which for the first time exceeded £7,000.

### **Roads' Warden – Nikki Hall**

Nikki thanked all the road wardens for delivering the invoices, reminders and newsletters saving the FRSA in excess of £1,000 in postage as well as reporting changes of ownership and any potential repairs to the roads.

## **5. Treasurer's Report and adoption of the accounts for 2019 & 2020.**

The audited accounts were adopted and seconded.

## **6. Election of Members of the Executive Committee for 2021 – 2022.**

There was a proposal and seconded to accept that all the committee members for a three year period of service

## **7. Appointment of Honorary Auditor**

Martin Newman was proposed and seconded

## **8. Special General Meeting to discuss and accept the revised FRSA Constitution**

Stuart Salter presented a summary of the proposed changes. These were accepted and approved unanimously

## **9. Any other business**

Mr Hart made some proposals about different levels of payment for the roads fee. This was not accepted as the committee wanted to retain the current system.

## **10. Close of meeting**

The Chairman thanked the members attending and closed the meeting at 11.00 am.