



## **Ferring Roads Scheme Association**

### **2026 Annual General Meeting**

10.00am on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026, in the Ferring Retirement Club, Greystoke Road, Ferring.

#### **1. Chairman's Welcome:**

The Chairman welcomed the attendees. Committee members present were: Jackie Ring (Chairman), Sue Samuels (Treasurer), Simon Thompson (Gardens Manager), David Champ (Website & IT), Nicki Hall (Road Wardens), Clive Butcher (Roads Liaison), Shirley Ellerbeck (Publicity). It should be noted that there were twelve members present for the meeting.

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

Received from Graham Groom (Roads Manager) and Pauline Edwards (Secretary).

#### **3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record, proposed by Mr Martin, seconded by Mrs Cummings, and signed by the chairman accordingly.

#### **4. Reports**

##### **Roads Manager - presented by Clive Butcher**

Following consultations with Civil Engineering Consultant and specialised contractors the FRSA commissioned key maintenance activities in 2025; white lining, road sweeping, drainage maintenance, and essential minor road repairs: such repairs will continue in 2026. Following the appointment of a Roads Liaison Officer, communication between FRSA and its members has proven to be extremely beneficial for all concerned.

##### **QUESTIONS RAISED BY SCHEME MEMBERS**

1. Would the high expenditure of £69,000 on roads in 2025 be maintained. Clive said that costs should gradually fall as work backlogs were dealt with but that additional maintenance work would probably arise in the future.

2. Would the FRSA endorse the installation of a mirror on Sea Lane to improve visibility northwards for vehicles exiting Beehive Lane. The Chairman advised that this is not a matter for the FRSA. However, as the Ferring Parish Council is currently considering the provision of traffic safety mirrors, members should raise their concerns directly with the Parish Council. She added that she would also advise the Parish council this matter had been raised at this meeting.

##### **Gardens Manager - presented by Simon Thompson**

Weather conditions throughout 2025 provided some challenges for all five garden sites but thanks to the hard work and help from the appointed gardener David Saunders, regular maintenance and the start of some special projects showed good outcomes: in particular, Barbary/Clover Lane site. Additional work is planned on this site along with a major overhaul on Ocean Drive/Pantiles site.

A scheme member said that the gardens work was much appreciated.

##### **Treasurer - presented by Sue Samuel**

Membership fees had been increased to £95 for 2025; due to rising costs for repairs/maintenance in all areas within the FRSA remit.

Treasurer was pleased to report that £4350 from fee arrears and £3890 from solicitor fees had been collected during this financial year.

Funds of £59,000 have also been set aside for future works on drainage and road repairs.

## **Chairman – Jackie Ring**

The Chairman thanked those for attending this AGM and continuing to show an interest in the work of the association.

Considerable time and effort from the committee was spent behind the scenes before any visible work commenced on gardens and roads. The Chairman wanted to thank the committee for volunteering and providing an elevated level of their personal time on behalf of all have benefited within the FRSA.

It should be noted that all maintenance can only take place following timely receipt of fees. So, thanks were also extended to members who had paid their fees in 2025.

### **5. The Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2025**

Presented by the Treasurer who drew attention to the following:

- Members' fees had been maintained at £95 for the forthcoming year (2026)
- The percentage of subscriptions received had increased compared to previous year.
- The largest spend in 2025 was £70,000 on drains and gullies and £44,000 on road maintenance..
- The FRSA are trying to get as many members as possible on email, now having reached seven hundred.

It was proposed by Mr Crackett and seconded by Mr Morley that the accounts be accepted as an accurate record.

### **6. Special General Meeting – update to Constitution and Rules**

A copy of the proposed amendments was provided to each attendee.

The Chairman said our constitution was first formally drafted for approval at the 2021 AGM. Overall, over the last four to five years, working with and implementing the rules and process outlined on this original document has been fit for purpose. However, it became quite clear that certain areas required minor alterations to provide an improved and clearly outlined service for all members and to aid those volunteering to serve on the committee.

Over the course of the last nine months the committee had worked on this 2021 document and it finally felt that we could present an improved and more workable version of the FRSA Constitution and Rules to all those at this SGM.

Some alterations were highlighted at this SGM: -

Clause 4.3 clarifies how the committee can fully identify a member of the FRSA.

Clauses 9.2, 9.4, 9.6 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 provide further details on how the committee can operate on behalf of the FRSA membership.

Clause h and I within the appendix elaborate and make clear the process involved should FRSA membership cease due to non-payment of fees.

As no objections were raised, it was resolved that the revised Constitution (2026) be formally adopted as the Association's current working constitution.

### **7. Election/ Re-election of Members of the Executive Committee for 2026**

It was noted that there were no vacant posts.

### **8. Appointment of the Honorary Auditor**

Martin Newman was re-appointed as Honorary Auditor.

### **9. Any Other Business**

There were no other matters relating to FRSA business additional to those already raised.

### **10. Close of Meeting**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.45 and gave thanks to all attendees.