

Ferring Roads Scheme Association Committee Working hard on your behalf

The committee would like to express their thanks to all scheme members who attended the AGM in May 2023. Whilst we were able to provide a summary of the key activities completed during 2022, it also gave us the opportunity to share some plans for 2023.

We did have plans to start work on some road repairs but in the light of key maintenance work being conducted on mains gas supply, we are now rescheduling this until late Autumn/Winter. We are also consulting with Southern Water to request information on any proposed work to be fully aware where it is best to carry out FRSA maintenance on behalf of scheme members. Attendees raised a number of points and questions, which overall were addressed at the meeting. It was great to hear that the parking restriction work completed on South and West Drives seemed to be having a positive effect in the area. Our chairman was also asked how feasible it would be to impose a 20mph speed limit within the FRSA road network. This had been considered in previous years and a feasibility study showed there would be many issues to address, both in signage and policing of the speed limit. It was decided that the Chairman would approach the Parish Council to gauge their support for a 20mph for the whole village.

Income for the garden maintenance fund also provided a very healthy discussion point. As scheme members will be aware, the five garden areas are currently maintained from donations. Whilst a new contractor has been employed to manage these sites, in 2022 the fund had a shortfall of around £1600. This needed to be addressed and a vote at the AGM showed that perhaps a nominal fixed sum could be added to the 2024 annual road fee to cover the required expenditure. Consideration would be given again on this in future committee meetings.

This is just a small snap-shot of what was discussed at the AGM and for a full report you will find a copy of the minutes on the FRSA web site: www.frsa.uk.

We do occasionally receive questions or complaints regarding parking issues on FRSA roads. This matter is not managed by the committee so scheme members should refer their concerns onto Arun District Council on 01903 777655, car.parks@arun.gov.uk.

The drainage system around GEM Garage and Brook Lane area has now been completed. Whilst a soakaway will never operate as efficiently as that of mains drainage system after large deluges of rain, this area did show a reasonable and effective response to the lengthy Spring rains we endured in Ferring.

On behalf of the FRSA, I would like to wish you a great summer, whether it be spent in our beautiful village and coastline or further afield. Pauline Edwards secretary@frsa.uk.