



FERRING ROADS SCHEME ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Monday, 11th September 2023
at 5 Herm Road.

Members Present: Trevor Martin (Chairman) Graham Groom (Roads)
David Champ (IT & Website) Sue Samuel (Treasurer)
Jackie Ring (Roads Registrar) Nikki Hall (Road Wardens)
Pauline Edwards (Secretary)

Apologies:

Apologies had been received from Simon Thompson and Stuart Salter.

Chairman's Welcome:

Trevor Martin welcomed all to the meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

July 2023 minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record: Trevor Martin signed and dated them accordingly.

Current Projects:

i) Chairman post – January 2024 onwards

Despite various forms of publicity, there had been no enquiries from Ferring residents or indeed applications for the vacancy. One of our existing committee members, Jackie Ring has agreed she would take on the role. The committee welcomed and fully supported Jackie's offer to be our new Chairman.

ii) Gas Mains upgrade

Delays were still evident from work being conducted in the village. The committee are not able to intervene to speed up this work but were pleased to see since our last meeting, work had been completed in some FRSA roads.

iii) New Housing Developments – service charge

Work in 58 Ferringham Lane appears to be in progress, so contact will be made with developers with regards to FRSA membership.

iv) Remembrance Day Wreath

As in previous years the FRSA will purchase a wreath on behalf of their members. Two committee members will attend the wreath laying ceremony on 12th November 2023.

v) Beach Huts – FRSA Membership

The constitution allows for residents to join the scheme, subject to having access to their property from an FRSA assigned road. It was decided that the beach huts near to Blue Bird Café do not fulfil that criteria so no further action will be required on this matter.

vi) 2024 Membership Fees

Following on from a drain survey that was conducted last year, it highlighted that Ferring has an ageing drainage system which has deteriorated quite badly in several areas. Significant expense is forecasted to make these repairs and costs for such work have risen considerably in 2022/23. With this in mind, the committee agreed that the membership fee for 2024 should be set at £90.

vii) Village 20mph limit - Parish subcommittee Roads, Communities and Sports.

Chairman and Roads Registrar attended this meeting held on 14/8/23. They attended to ensure the views of FRSA scheme members who attended their 2023 AGM were heard, in relation to a 20mph speed limit be introduced in the village. The matter of work required to implement the 2015 TRO which resulted in a 30mph speed limit within the village was raised by the Parish Council. To gather further data, they agreed in the first instance, to extend the use of the Speed Device (Vehicle Activated Speed Sign) in various locations in the village over the coming months. It was understood that data collected will be published in a future edition of All About Ferring. If

the FRSA receive any queries on this matter, then they will suggest that residents/scheme members should email the Parish Council directly to emphasise their feelings and concerns.

Members Reports:

Treasurer:

The August 2023 monthly report had been circulated showing that 2023 membership fees of £100143 and arrears of £1270 had been received to date. The second reminders were sent out during August for any unpaid 2023 service charges. The FRSA target is always to obtain 100% of the membership fees and every effort is made to achieve this with the procedures we have in place. Final reminders will be sent out in October 2023 for any unpaid fees.

Roads/Drains

Delays in the start of Gas Mains upgrade work has also affected the planned work due on Clover Lane to Ferringham Lane, a part of Florida Road and the corner of Ansisters Rd and Clover Lane. It was agreed to progress this work along with Beehive Lane remedial drains for completion by end of 2023. The FRSA will contract Central Line Markings to complete one or two days' work for white line work. A number of drains sites have also been identified for repair in 2023. It has been stated at previous meetings that the current drainage system requires a major overhaul. A planned list of work in priority order will be derived from both the Drainpoint survey and observations by the Chairman. Email dated 31/8/23 from Trevor Martin to Committee outlined all costs and current priority lists for work to be completed. The Chairman requested that annual road sweep should be brought forward to December 2023, to ready the FRSA roads for efficient wastewater drainage during the winter months.

Gardens:

Simon Thompson provided a report for the committee which outlined work completed to date. A recent meeting with garden contractor has provided a list of perennial plants to be purchased and they are expected to be available for planting in late November. Two new barrel planters for Highdown Way and Langbury Lane have been purchased and in use. The Chairman outlined an issue with overgrown vegetation near the pond in The Warren. He will investigate this further along with obtaining quote for removal of excess growth to aid the road sweeping exercise planned for December 2023.

Website/IT:

The website has been fully updated and various material now archived. The main spreadsheet for invoicing has been improved and simplified, ready for 2024 invoicing.

Roads Manager:

Second reminder letters have been delivered. Nikki Hall will provide material for recruiting further road wardens, to be included in the FRSA article for November 2023 issue.

Property Register:

We are trying to increase communication to our members via email. Jackie Ring had hand delivered around eighty letters to residents who currently receive communication by paper letters, resulting in a further 11 email addresses, current total now 600. She had also contacted thirty estate agents regarding FRSA involvement within the village. Such publicity should enable new residents to be fully informed prior to moving into area and receptive to membership of the FRSA scheme in place.

Any Other Business:

Chris Headon has resigned from his role as advisor on the FRSA Roads Sub-committee since joining in March 2023. The committee would like to express their thanks for his support. Venue for 2024 meetings may need to involve hiring Ferring Retirement Club Room. Pauline Edwards also offered a meeting space for occasional meetings in 2024.

Future meetings :Wednesday 15th November at 5 Herm Road; December 2023 yet to be agreed. The meeting concluded at 8.30pm.