

## **Furzehill Residents Association**

### **Minutes of the FRA Committee Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 Commenced at 7:30 pm.**

**Venue: Iona**

#### **Committee Attendees:-**

Nigel Allman (NA) (secretary), Stan Bielecki (SB), John Cardwell (JC), Geoff Chopping (GC) Andy Hine (AH) , Anne Wilson-Croome (AWC), Jonathan Wilson-Croome (JWC)(treasurer)

1. AWC elected chair for the meeting.
2. Minutes of the FRA committee 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2021 – **Agreed**
3. **Matters arising**

#### **3.0**

NA reported that Stefan Morawiec had submitted his resignation from the FRA committee. Stefan has decided to step down from the committee because of his move out of our community. The committee was sorry he was departing and expressed thanks for the significant efforts that Stefan had put in to guide the committee, the setting up of the Furzehill Residents Facebook and becoming a Parish Councillor for Colehill.

**3.1 Boundary Proposals-** GC reported that his recent attendance to the Holt PC on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 proved useful in helping the Parish Council to agree unanimously with the principle of extending its boundary to include all of Furzehill. Through the FRA, Holt PC is now canvassing the opinion of Furzehill residents in both the Colehill PC and Holt PC to submit their views on joining Holt PC area to the Holt Parish Clerk before 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

An advisory email to residents - **Action JWC**

A follow up email reminding residents 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2021- **Action JWC**

GC encouraged committee members and residents if possible to attend the next Holt PC meeting to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.

GC also reported that residents can express their views on the Dorset Council Community Governance Review, deadline for submissions 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.

(information:- The likely removal of the constituency boundary from the heart of our community could also remove a complication to uniting the whole of Furzehill within the rural Holt Parish, instead of maintaining its current status as a small peripheral rural 'lobe' of an otherwise overwhelmingly urban Colehill Parish. It was the constituency boundary that provided the main complication in 2017, when over 70% of both sections of our village signed a petition to unite within a single parish. The principle reason for the wish was to belong to a parish with a rural mind-set and, in particular, to resist further encroachment on our Green Belt. )

#### **3.2 New Committee Members**

AWC reported no progress so far on enquiries made, awaiting replies.

JWC reported awaiting a reply from a prospective new member.

### 3.3 Stocks PH defibrillator

JWC reported that a picture of the defibrillator located at the rear of the Stocks Inn is now on the FRA website. A suggestion to the Stocks making the unit's access code be easily displayed to aid matters in an emergency.- **Action JWC**  
A note to add to the FRA website to reflect the personal reasoning of the Stocks owner for the defibrillator - **Action JWC**  
Defibrillator site to be added to the Furzehill address map when the opportunity arises- **Action SB**

### 3.4 Speedwatch

JWC referred to the costs and commitment required to set up a Furzehill Speedwatch, as noted in the minutes of 21 June 2021. These, and the shortage of suitable vantage points in Furzehill (Road), in contrast perhaps to Grange and Smugglers Lane, render the viability of a Furzehill Speedwatch highly questionable. After discussion, it was also noted that no-one is prepared currently to take on the necessary organisational role. It was therefore agreed to abandon the idea for the time-being. **Agreed by All**

### 3.5 Communications to Residents

SB awaiting response on membership of local WhatsApp group

### 3.6 Neighbourhood Watch.

AH reported that notices were being sent out in lower Furzehill but didn't appear to be happening universally throughout the area.  
JWC stated that there are Dorset Alert emails which are sent out approximately twice per week. It is a Dorset Police community messaging initiative which covers crime reports and also appeals for information, missing person reports, alerts for scams being conducted locally etc. <https://www.dorsetalert.co.uk>

### 3.7 Open Garden 2022

AWC reported that a meeting with GC and Maddy Chopping suggested that the proposed Furzehill Garden event next year should be for residents only viewing. Various family activities were suggested to be included with a site(s) for afternoon teas. Favoured date would be Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022 with perhaps 10-12 gardens on view.  
Interested Furzehill Residents to be invited to participate through Facebook, Website and email- **Action SB, JWC**

### 3.8 Furzehill Telephone Box

The fate of the box is currently in the hands of Holt PC however a resident has shown an interest in the box .Discussion deferred to next FRA committee meeting.

### 3.9 Heavy Goods traffic and road vibration

NA and SB both reported contacting Dorset Highways dept. Currently NA has received a response stating that the matter was being investigated.

## 4.0 Treasurers Report

Current funds stand at £914.13

## 5.0 Website and FaceBook update

FRA website is up to date; Furzehill Facebook group is ok.

JWC has delayed purchase of an SSL certificate to protect the FRA Website at an annual cost of £42 until an alternative has been evaluated- **Action JWC**

## 6.0 AOB

None

## Next Meeting

11<sup>th</sup> October, 2021

Venue: John Cardwell's, Ashleigh Grange

Meeting ended at 9:55 pm