

Furzehill Residents Association

Minutes of the FRA Committee Meeting 11th October, 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) , Hon Leung (HL), Anne Wilson-Croome (AWC), Jonathan Wilson-Croome (JWC)(treasurer),

1. AWC elected chair for the meeting.
 - 1.1 AWC Welcomed Hon Leung as a new member of the FRA Committee.
2. Minutes of the FRA committee 16th August, 2021 – **Agreed**
3. **Matters arising**

3.1 Boundary Proposals

An advisory email to residents was sent by JWC to submit their views on joining Holt PC area to the Holt Parish Clerk before 8th September 2021

A follow up email reminding residents 1st September was sent by JWC.

33 emails were sent by residents.

AWC and JWC attended the Holt PC meeting on 8 September. Speaking on behalf of the FRA JWC, felt he had a good hearing in pursuing the proposal to unite Furzehill within Holt Parish.

HPC did decide to make a submission to the CGR which notes the strength of feeling in both parts of Furzehill and notes that HPC would welcome the inclusion of 'the lobe' within Holt Parish. At the time HPC declined to propose a change in Boundaries.

3.2 New Committee Members

SB reported that he may have a potential new member – **Action SB.**

3.3 Stocks PH defibrillator

An update on the FRA website house names map to reflect the position of the defibrillator yet to be done – **Action SB**

JWC wrote to the Stocks on behalf of the FRA congratulating them on their installation of the defibrillator.

JWC has suggested to the Stocks that they consider unlocking the device to aid reduced delay in an emergency.

JWC raised the issue of First Aid Training for residents. Interest in training take-up to be determined via FaceBook – **Action SB**

A potential First Aid Instructor to be contacted – **Action JWC**

3.4 Communications to Residents

SB reported no progress on local WhatsApp group.

SB explained that we as an organisation were not able to reach to all the residents with communication tools we have available to us.

SB proposed a Furzehill Residents WhatsApp group for residents only since the current FB did not reach everyone. Issues were discussed on the pros and cons. A motion was made to defer this topic to a later meeting - **Agreed**
It was suggested to circulate FB promotion notices of the FRA FaceBook via email to residents – **Action SB**

3.5 Open Garden 2022

(Correction to previous meeting minutes – Actions should read SB and AWC, not SB and JWC).

Furzehill Residents were invited to participate through Facebook to show their interest in an Open Garden.

54 viewed, 10 likes, 4 offered up their gardens for viewing, 2 offered up their garden for tea and coffee. It was agreed to stick to the plan on a proposed date of 12th June 2022. HL suggested he may consider having a barbeque outside the Furzehill Stores on that day.

3.6 Furzehill Telephone Box

The Broomhill example of refurbishment of their telephone box proved to be encouraging for the prospective refurbishment of the Furzehill Box.

LH confirmed that both Holt and Colehill PC had agreed to share the cost of refurbishment (detail not known).

LH proposed to make the Furzehill Box a feature outside the Furzehill Stores if that was possible.

3.7 Heavy Goods traffic and road vibration

NA reported that he had contact with Dorset Council Community Highway Safety Inspector.

He stated that there were 4 persons covering the Dorset Council area inspecting the roads every 3 months. Their intervention levels would require the roads to be in noticeably bad states before taking action. Disappointing result particularly as it was agreed that our roads are not fit for the purpose for the heavy traffic we now experience in our neighbourhood.

4.0 Boundary Proposals of recent meetings of Holt PC and Colehill PC

GC reported that on the 28/09 he discovered that there was a full Council meeting on the 30/9. He noted that on the agenda it listed CGR and that there were 3 proposals to be voted on. On the day of the meeting he was able to obtain details of the proposals and circulated them to FRA, Holt Parish Council and a HPC councillor. GC attended the meeting and spoke on behalf of the FRA. As a consequence of GC's shock at the unilateral decision by CPC to propose the annexing of the northern part of Furzehill from Holt PC. This galvanised FRA into launching a campaign to advise Furzehill residents and give them an opportunity to lodge their views with both Parish Councils.

Particular thanks and congratulations go to both GC and JWC in the outstanding and sterling work they both did in spearheading the task of communicating the local boundary issues to residents and developing the 'one-step-form' in a short timescale.

Currently HPC support FRA's position on the Furzehill Lobe becoming part of the Holt Parish, but as yet to submit that as a proposal to DC. Concern was raised that if this was not achieved a status quo would exist and the two halves of Furzehill could

remain in their respective parishes. A statement to the Holt Parish Council at their next meeting on the 13th October 2021 on behalf of the FRA is planned – **Action JWC, GC**

4.1 FRA has now drafted its own proposal on the Boundary Review to be submitted to DC by the 28th October deadline. A copy of this draft is to be supplied to Holt PC for their meeting on the 13th October – **Action GC**

This proposal will become available on the FRA website- **Action JWC**

5.0 Treasurers Report

Current funds remain at £914.13

6.0 Website and FaceBook update

6.1 Policy on Communications

JWC stated that he was the gatekeeper on any alien emails wishing to contact FRA committee's google group. There were some specific external persons/organisations that could have their emails allowed in without scrutiny by him. There was agreement to action this on specific external persons only – **Action JWC**

Internal FRA google group emails would continue to be sent within the committee only.

JWC raised the issue of another person taking over the gatekeeping- deferred to a later meeting.

6.2 SSL Certificate

JWC also reported that he was able to successfully install an SSL onto the FRA website at no additional cost to the FRA.

6.3 New FB members

SB reported that he had four new FB members.

7.0 AOB

The proposal to have a New Year's Day walk was accept by all. Details to be discerned – **Action AWC**

Next Meeting

10th January, 2022

Venue: The Rookery, Furzehill

Meeting ended at 9.52 pm