

Furzehill Residents Association

**Minutes of the FRA Committee Meeting 22nd February, 2022
Commenced at 7:30 pm.**

Venue: The Rookery, Furzehill

Committee Attendees:-

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

1. AH elected chair for the meeting.
2. Apologies, Hon Leung (HL)
3. AH, on behalf of the whole committee, thanked Anne Wilson-Croome for the many years of service she has put into the committee and in particular her work in organising FRA social events. The committee was pleased to know that Anne planned to continue to be involved in future FRA activities.
4. Minutes of the FRA committee 11th October, 2021 – **Agreed**
5. **Matters arising from the last minutes**

3.2 New Committee Members

SB reported that he was still seeking a second administrator for the Furzehill FaceBook group – **Action SB.**

There is still a need for additional committee members.

3.3 Stocks PH defibrillator

Stocks PH defibrillator now updated to FRA website house names and position of defibrillator.

- 3.3 There was a low level of Interest shown on FB for any First Aid training organised by the FRA. In the light of this it was proposed not to continue with this item. **Agreed by All**

3.4 Communications to Residents

FB promotion notices of the Furzehill FaceBook are now being circulated via email to residents.

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

- 4.1 A FRA draft proposal on the Boundary Review was to be submitted to Holt PC by GC for their meeting on the 13th October 2021
- 4.2 Statements to the Holt Parish Council at their meeting on the 13th October 2021 were also made on behalf of the FRA by JWC and GC.
- 4.3 A FRA draft proposal on the Boundary Review was submitted to DC by the 28th October deadline.
This proposal can now be read on the FRA website.

6.1 Policy on Communications.

There were some specific external persons/organisations that could have their emails allowed in (to contact the FRA committee) without scrutiny by JWC. There was agreement to action this on specific external persons only. This was actioned, however recent communications issues have caused concern and the email system is now being reverted back to only persons within the FRA committee. **Agreed, Action –JWC**

7.0 **AOB** The proposal to have a New Year's Day walk was accepted by all. In the light of the high levels of Covid infections at the time, this was not organised.

6.0 Dorset Council's CGR Recommendation

Dorset Council's decision based on the Dorset Council's draft recommendation (Recommendation 14 - Colehill and Holt) to make a change to the current governance arrangements to move "the Lobe" of Furzehill currently in the parish of Colehill to the parish of Holt, and also to change warding arrangements for Colehill and Holt.

This announcement was seen by the committee as a justification for all the hard work put in by the committee in particular GC and JWC. AH thanked them for their determined and detailed efforts.

The overwhelming number of email statements by residents to DC in support of the proposed move of the "the Lobe" of Furzehill to the parish of Holt was a testimony to the level of feeling in the community wanting to move away from the authority of Colehill Parish Council.

After some discussion it was agreed that the FRA committee would remain vigilant particularly as DC would soon be asking residents to express their views on the draft proposal. The committee's main focus will now be on the residents and achieving the move of the "the Lobe" into Holt Parish.

Its expected residents will need to send their views in by mid May 2022.

The committee expects to notify/remind residents via emails/ letter of this need in approximately two to three weeks (mid to the end of March). Draft statement to be done –**Action JWC**

It was proposed that a letter to the leader of DC, Spencer Flower, expressing how delighted our community is by the DC's CGR recommendations for Furzehill, and to register our continued strong desire in achieving community adhesion and reaching a satisfactory outcome for all the residents of Furzehill. Draft copy to be circulated to committee members- **Action JWC**

The committee will maintain a watching brief on the local parish councils, in particular what proposals would HPC be making in respect to the DC request for views on the draft proposals. Next HPC meeting 16th March, 2022. HPC to be asked if they are likely to debate the DC draft proposal- **Action JWC**

7.0 **Open Garden 2022/ Platinum Jubilee Party**

The committee discussed the merits of organising an open garden and decided that in view of the time and available effort it was not going to pursue this, but enquire to the possibility of joining the Holt Parish Jubilee Party.

Please also note that a number of Furzehill ladies are looking to organise a Platinum Jubilee Party for FRA residents on the 5th June. More details are to follow.

8.0 **Treasurers Report**

Income & Expenditure - Period 01/01/21 to 31/12/21. Approved accounts stand at £892.80.

9.0 **Furzehill Telephone Box**

GC reported that he and another resident were planning to start to renovate the 'phone box by removing its glass. The committee encouraged GC to ask when any additional assistance may be required and it would be posted on the Furzehill FB.

10.0 **Website and FaceBook update**

SB reported that Furzehill FB membership has now risen to 73.

JWC reported that ISP charges including SSL were rising from £26.33 to £90.80 annually. He was concerned at the steep rise but acknowledged that this was now typical. A vote was taken to accept. **Agreed by all**

11.0 **AOB**

The next FRA AGM may soon be needed. However because of Covid, the committee agreed to delay a possible meeting until the autumn 2022.

The list of FRA committee members posted on the Furzehill Post Office and Stores is out of date and needs updating. NA to contact HL to change- **Action NA**

Residents were made aware of a planning application to change Walston Poultry Farm into a Distribution and Storage facility. The impact, if approved would mean a large increase in HGV movements through the area. There is currently considerable opposition to the application.

Next Meeting

25th April, 2022

Venue: Iona,

Meeting ended at 10.10 pm