

Furzehill Residents Association

Minutes of the FRA Committee Meeting Monday 24th April, 2023
Meeting commenced at 7:30 pm.

Venue: Ashleigh Grange, Furzehill

Committee Attendees:-

Nigel Allman (NA) (secretary), Stan Bielecki (SB), John Cardwell (JC), Andy Hine (AH), Lia Jenkins (LJ), Jonathan Wilson-Croome (JWC)(treasurer),

1. JC elected chair for the meeting.
2. Minutes of the FRA committee 4th May, 2022 – **Agreed**
3. The meeting welcomed Lia Jenkins to the committee. Lia has agreed to getting involved in organising the social aspect of the FRA.
4. Geoff Chopping has decided to step down and resign from the committee having now become a Parish Councillor for Holt Parish Council. The whole committee were sorry he was departing and on behalf of the FRA residents the committee expressed their thanks for the significant efforts that Geoff had put in to guide the committee. As an original FRA committee member his technical understanding of Town and Country Planning regulations and political geographical boundaries has been invaluable. He was instrumental in the successful transference of the Furzehill Lobe from Colehill Parish to within Holt Parish.
5. **Matters arising from the last minutes**
None
6. **EDC Council Offices Update**
A Dorset County spokesperson has confirmed that legal and other issues concerning the impediment to the sale of the old EDC council offices are being resolved and expects the property development to go out to tender in June 2023.
7. **Furzehill Phone Box**
Holt Parish Council (HPC) have actioned the straightening up of the Furzehill Phone Box.
Questions to be raised with HPC/ Geoff Chopping regarding its planned use.
Action NA
8. **Next AGM**
A provisional date set for 20th October, 2023
A booking needs to be made.
Action LJ/JWC
9. **Social Events**
Regular events and options to be explored – Action LJ
10. **Treasurers Report**
Currently FRA funds stand at £802. The amount is down from a previous amount of £892.8 due to the cost of renewing the FRA website domain/ISP, SSL Certification and website hosting. The FRA financial year now runs from January to December.

11. Website and FaceBook update

JWC reported that FRA website was up to date with no immediate plans to alter it.

The number of registered Furzehill residents' email contacts stands at 130. Up to date list to be sent to SB-

Action JWC

SB reported that Furzehill FB membership has now risen to 92. SB also explained how he verifies bona fide requests to become members and has had to refuse 18 bogus or suspect requests in the past year, maintaining the FB group specifically for Furzehill Residents.

12.0 AOB

12.1 20mph Speed limit

Dorset Council aims to ensure that 20mph schemes have the maximum benefit for the affected communities, such as: • improving quality of life • the promotion of healthier lifestyles • sustainability and environmental benefits • improvements to the social interaction and economic wellbeing of an area The above points are important considerations alongside: • reduction of collisions • regulation of traffic speeds.

An investigation with Dorset Council for the use of simple traffic signage that is known to reduce speed.

Action LJ, NA

12.2 Transfer to Holt Parish

The CGR for Dorset Council has since been completed which means that from April 2024 the Furzehill Lobe will be part of Holt Parish.

Contact to be maintained with Geoff Chopping regarding the progress of the transfer to Holt Parish.

Action NA

12.3 Crofton 2 application to build an additional two dwellings in Dogdean behind the five being built currently.

Crofton 2 3/20/1255/OUT: On the DC planning website the appeal decision dated 24/02/2023 states Appeal Dismissed.

Next Meeting

TBD

Meeting ended at 21:40