

**FELPHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROJECTS & RESILIENCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.15PM.**

PRESENT: Councillors: Anne Barker, Mary Harvey, Michael Harvey, Graham Matthews, Kevin Watson & Dave Smart (Ex Officio). George Grundy
Councillor Bob Budd was also in attendance in the public gallery.

PR 321. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Gloria Moss, Councillor Jaine Wild.

The Vice Chair Cllr Anne Barker asked for it to be noted that the meeting started late because of the overrunning of an earlier meeting.

PR 322. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:

There were no declarations of interests.

PR 323. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no members of the public present, therefore no questions or issues were raised.

**PR 324. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON
17TH AUGUST 2021:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th of August 2021 were **APPROVED** as a true and an accurate record and these had been ratified by Main Council on 7th September 2021.

PR 325. MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising.

PR 326. CORRESPONDENCE:

There had been no other correspondence to report, other than that which would be brought up within the agenda items.

PR 327. EXTERNAL PROJECTS:

We are awaiting reports regarding safe usage of barbecue areas and public responsibility from Worthing and Adur District Council. The Clerk reported that Littlehampton Council had reported no anti-social behaviour associated with the outdoor barbecue area. There had been some additional rubbish generated which was anticipated. Groups had gathered which caused some issues during Covid restrictions.

Councillor Dave Smart suggested that the environment at Longbrook Park may be better suited to a barbecue area than the seafront. This could be sited at the pebbled/shingle area by the wall, where it would also be easier to lay a concrete base away from the beach huts, reducing any potential fire risk. Councillor Michael Harvey agreed that the high sea wall here would also reduce potential problems but queried who owned the land. Councillor Mary Harvey confirmed that barbecues already take place in this area. Councillor George Grundy requested that contact be made with the Foreshore Officer as he has responsibility for the whole seafront. Councillor Dave Smart suggested that quotations be sought, then approach made to Arun District Council to assess whether they would support this if we supplied the equipment. It could then be ascertained who owns the land. **Clerk to visit site, take pictures, prepare letter and obtain quotations.**

Councillor George Grundy had attended a throw ropes training session at Felpham Sailing Club and wished to extend the Parish Council's thanks to the Sailing Club for holding the event, to Andy Cuthbert for running the event and to Tom Barnes who checks the ropes daily and reports back any concerns. Councillor Dave Smart thanked Councillor George Grundy on behalf of the committee for his good work on this.

PR 328. PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION AND PROMOTION:

Longest Stall Event for the Queen's Jubilee. The Clerk has contacted the initiator, Sarah Bootle-Clarke, who is devising the longest tea party as part of the event. She is also working with Bognor Town Council and has advised that she will contact us in the New Year. There is a suggestion for a 'Mad Hatters' themed Felpham stall, featuring a fancy-dress competition for children and with residents bringing their own picnics.

Councillor Michael Harvey stated that he did not think the parish should be involved in financing the event, as there had been no sums agreed. Councillor Dave Smart agreed that this idea should not incur any costs and that Felpham Parish Council should facilitate the event, not undertake it, by encouraging the Beachcroft, Lobster Pot, beach huts, Beach House Café, Sailing Club, Beach Estate and Summerly Estate to run the event along the length of Felpham.

Councillor Kevin Watson suggested that these parties may have their own plans and ideas, perhaps following the Jubilee theme, and that they should be free to opt in and out. Councillors were reminded that the intent was to have a continuous stall with no breaks.

Councillor Bob Budd suggested that the local schools should be contacted. It was agreed that this could be done later.

Councillor Anne Barker requested that the Clerk establish contacts for those to be included. **Clerk to make a list of these parties and contact them to advise them of this potential event and record attempt.**

PR 329. ANNUAL EVENTS: (FUN ON THE PROM)

Councillor George Grundy has identified a likely date for the event as Saturday 20th August 2022. Councillor Gloria Moss has contacted RNLI, Coast Guards, and others who are checking the date and all of whom will take part, subject to any COVID restrictions. Councillor Dave Smart confirmed that the Safety Plan, Risk Assessments and booking form were already in place and sent to the office for checking.

Councillor Anne Barker confirmed that contact had been made with traders regarding a possible Christmas Market event for 2022/2023, who were in favour of the additional footfall that this could bring. Contact had also been made with Arun District Council who had advised that they are currently redrafting the policy on street events and we will await this information. We could also potentially explore the possibility of a partnership for this event with the Felpham Farmer's Market.

PR 330. PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR(S):

All sites have been checked and are functional. Alternative electrical connection for the sea front PAD is awaited but the present one is still functioning.

PR 331. RESILIENCE:

Resilience remains activate responding to medication requests and essential journeys. Councillor Dave Smart highlighted this was the twelfth update, confirming that updates were given regularly.

A meeting will be announced shortly, to bring together initial membership with those that joined during the pandemic and to hopefully recruit more volunteers. Councillor Anne Barker reminded councillors that this was a functioning group that existed prior to the pandemic and that would continue its good work afterwards.

Councillor George Grundy shared his experience of delivering medication to a 94-year-old resident who answered the door and was eager to have a conversation with him, as she had not spoken face to face with anyone for 16 months. He stated that we must not lose this facility.

Councillor Bob Budd confirmed that he is a member and considers it an honour to give back to the community and considers it a lifeline to residents.

Councillor Michael Harvey confirmed that when he delivered Meals on Wheels the same benefits were felt, and Councillor Mary Harvey stated that it is very important to those that are visited and are lonely.

Councillor Anne Barker summarised that the group would come together and would continue to operate in emergencies.

PR 332. CLIMATE CHANGE:

Councillor Dave Smart stated that Felpham Parish Council are already very active in climate change initiatives and that Councillor Anne Barker and the Community Hall Assistant, Karen Woolgar, were currently exploring the possibility of organising an Environmental Awareness Event at the Felpham Community Hall facilitating the provision of information to residents. This would be a no cost event. Councillor Anne Barker stressed that this would not be a political event and that initial thoughts were for a fete atmosphere with stalls and commentary from groups on ecological ideas running in the background. Councillor Dave Smart stated that this could include energy saving ideas from neutral bodies with no selling taking place.

Councillor George Grundy suggested that considering the current news coverage of the Ford recycling development and Rampion 2, there was a need for information to be available to residents but that he would rather see smaller independents included so that it did not become a political event.

Councillor Mary Harvey suggested that a councillor should join the National Flood Forum who are a national body meeting on a Tuesday from 2-4pm via Zoom, with very informative speakers. We should include ourselves in this to help prevent future flood risks to Felpham. As she is currently involved in other similar ventures, she asked whether another councillor would be willing to contact and join the forum. Councillor George Grundy advised that he would be willing to explore this possibility and when contacts had been forwarded by Councillors Michael and Mary Harvey, he would investigate further.

PR 333. MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE (with the prior consent of the Chairman):

There were no matters of urgent public importance.

PR 334. OTHER MATTERS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION:

There were no matters at the Chairman's Discretion.

PR 335. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 19th October 2021 at 7:15pm

The meeting closed at 8.16pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____