

## FRIENDS OF FERRING

### Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting

Saturday 11th January 2020 at 11.00a.m.

At the Retirement Club, Glebelands Centre, Greystoke Road, Ferring

The Meeting was followed by a talk from the Air Ambulance Service. A collection was made-£220.55 collected.

1. Apologies for Absence: Gaynor Platt , Roy & Mo Parmenter, Brian Bigwood  
Derek King, Linda Christian, Dave Sutherland, Jane Lumley, Vicki Manning.
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 27th AGM (26th January 2019). These had been circulated prior to the meeting. Item 2 John Dahl should read John Dall. The minutes were then agreed and signed.
3. Matters Arising: None.
4. Chairman's Report. The report was read out; agreed and signed (report on website).
5. Appointment of Richard Plum as Chairman; proposed by John Manning, seconded by Trevor Martin and agreed by all. Richard introduced himself and described his background and experience (details on website)
6. Appointment of Martine Walters as Secretary; proposed by Lillian Holdsworth and agreed by all. Martine introduced herself and described her background and experience.
7. Election of Committee:  
Chairman-Richard Plum  
Secretary- Martine Walters  
Treasurer-Trevor Martin  
  
3 committee members Sue Fordyce; Lou Harris, John Manning; proposed by Lillian Holdsworth and agreed by all.
8. Treasurers Report; detailed by Trevor Martin (report on website)
9. To accept the Treasurers Report and adopt the audited accounts for the year ending 30th September 2019. Unadopted at the moment as accounts have not been seen by those in attendance; (report attached),
10. Appointment of Auditor- Clyde Fordyce; proposed by Trevor Martin and agreed by all.
11. Amendment to Friends of Ferring Constitution to allow payments to be made by bank transfer and direct debits in addition to payments made by cheque; proposed by Mike Pettit, seconded by Roger Lovell and agreed by all.
12. Any Other Business: NONE

The Meeting closed at 11.30a.m.

## Friends of Ferring AGM

Saturday January 11<sup>th</sup> 2020 @ Ferring Retirement Club.

### Chairman's Report.

My year of being the Interim Chairman has been one of consolidation.

Happily, as you will have read on the Agenda, at last, a new Chairman has been identified.

There have been some 12 changes in personnel including Anne Sullivan who has served Friends of Ferring in the roles of Secretary and Coordinator for 22 years. Anne has carried much of the load over these years with quiet efficiency and good heart. Heather Smith has resigned after 11 years of sterling service in the roles of Coordinator, Driver and Telephonist.

Gaynor Platt who took on the role of Secretary from Anne has sadly had to resign due to her business commitments absorbing more and more of her time. Lou Harris kindly stepped in on a temporary basis and I'm pleased to report that a permanent appointment will, hopefully be made when we come to item 7 on the Agenda.

John Manning is a stalwart member having not only kept our computer up to date but kept statistics of how many 'hits' we have received. John was also responsible for providing all the drivers with 'Door Handle Aids' A very clever gadget that assist both entering and leaving the passenger seat.

In July we held a very successful and happy Coffee Morning for our Volunteers' in order to say Thank you to them and also to enable the drivers and coordinators to be able to fit a face to a name.

One of the coordinators suggested that we remove the existing message on our 'phone as clients were leaving requests for journeys and assuming their request would be met. Trevor kindly removed it replacing it with our operating times and stating that messages cannot be left.

The committee looked at reducing our bank balance and offered to buy a wheelchair for Worthing Hospital. I received an appreciative email some months ago now telling me our offer had been passed on to procurement. Since then we've heard nothing.

Our presence at the Village Fair in August was totally unproductive and committee have decided not to participate this year. We have had more success in recruiting through my various articles in local publications.

I was somewhat 'put out' when I heard that the Village Hall had called their proposed fund raising group 'Friends of Ferring Village Hall'. I attended an open meeting at the Hall and said my piece. The new name is Ferring Village Hall Friends.

As I sign off, I wish to thank Trevor Martin our Treasurer who has been carrying the biggest load in administering Friends of Ferring, all the volunteers' who have stood down for various reasons and last but not least, all our current Coordinators, telephonists and drivers for the marvellous job you all do.

It goes without saying that I wish my successor much joy and success in the Chairman's seat.

Just a few short notes on my life to date.

I spent my early years in Fulham, with early married life in Ewell, later in Horsham and now here in Jersey Road, Ferring.

In 1958 my leg was severely broken in a road accident and I have lived with the consequences, whilst learning the value of care work and mobility.

I qualified as a Chartered Structural Engineer in 1969 and for the next twenty years worked for BP as an estimator of capital projects in the UK and overseas working on both proposals and live projects.

Following this I started a Limited Company with a good friend of mine to create occupational National Standards for Project Controls better known as NVQs at levels 3, 4 & 5 and later in delivering them to students employed in the major construction companies both in the UK and abroad.

I was married for 52 years, but my wife died in 2013 and now I'm enjoying a new life with Christine here in Ferring.

All my life I have been involved with Committees both National and local

Organisation	No. years	Committeeman plus
Ass'n of Cost Engineers National Council,	25 years	Vice President/Technical Secretary
The Supreme Bowls Club of New Malden,	10 years	President/ Treasurer
Probus at Billingshurst and Horsham Arun,	6 years	President
PTA for my son and daughters school,	5 years	Fund Raiser
Gauge 1 Model Railway Club Sussex,	5 years	Treasurer
Ferring Parish Council	2 year	Councillor

and most recently a Director of Giebelands.

I feel greatly honoured to have been offered the position of Chairman of Friends of Ferring and hopefully we shall continue to provide the wonderful service provided to the village to date.

I look forward to meeting everyone on the team in due course.

Richard Plumb

9<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## **FRIENDS OF FERRING TREASURER'S REPORT JAN 2020**

This is my first full year as treasurer.

By investing £5,000 in a CAF account in December 2019 we achieved £64.00 pa interest compared to £2.49pa interest in the previous year.

£7,927 is carried forward to the current financial year.

As of 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020, we had a total of £8,363 in our accounts: £5,064 in a CAF one year account and £3,299 in the Lloyds Bank account.

Clients were very appreciative of the Friends of Ferring service and were generous with their donations and together with their donations and increased interest our annual income increased to £3,708.

In the year the number of trips increased from 441 to 460 and for 1 in 10 trips our drivers did not claim mileage expenses. Already in the October / December period we have completed 18 more trips than in the same period last year, perhaps reflecting the excellent service provided by Friends of Ferring or our ageing population.

We negotiated a better deal with the mobile phone provider reducing the cost from £219 to £147 and this will be reduced further in this financial year with an even better deal.

We have a new website [www.friendsofferring.org](http://www.friendsofferring.org) at a cost of £324 for a three year period. Many thanks to John Manning who was instrumental in setting up the website and it has been used as an increasing source of information.

Virtually all the driver's expenses are now made by branch transfer into their personal bank account.

The driver's expenses rate of 45pence per mile has been unchanged for many years whilst the cost of running a car has been increasing. As from today the mileage rate is increased from 45p/mile to 55p/mile.

May I record a very special thanks to all the volunteers of this excellent charity and especially to the patience exercised while I got to grips with maintaining the mobile folder. A special thanks to John Manning increasing his role as coordinator. Thanks to Marianne, my next door neighbour, who allows me to inspect and update the mobile file and to Wendy Tallett who gives me feedback at regular intervals.

**FRIENDS OF FERRING - FINANCIAL STATEMENT****YEAR 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018/19****SEPTEMBER 2017/8****INCOME**

Donations	£3,655	£3,333
Interest	£52	£2
Total receipts	£3,707	£3,335

**EXPENDITURE**

Drivers expenses	£1,969	£1,803
Telephone	£147	£219
Insurance	£338	£338
Printing & Stationery	£167	£319
Event	£167	£131
Sundries	£116	£50
FoF web	£324	
Total payments	£3,228	£2,860
Net income	£480	£475

**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER**

Carried forward		£7,447	£6,972
Income for year	£3,708		£3,335
Expenditure	£3,228		£2,860
Net Income		£480	£475
Totals		£7,927	£7,447
CAF 1 year saver @ 30.09.2019	£5,052		
Lloyds a/c 30.09.2019	£2,875		£7,406
Cash in hand	0		£41
Carried forward	£7,927		£7,447

**Hon Treasurer****Trevor Martin****Hon Independent Examiner****Clyde Fordyce**