



**Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Conservators of Ashdown Forest
Monday 17 September 2018 at 14.00
Ashdown Forest Centre**

Present: Cllr R Stogdon (Chairman), Cllr S Tidy (Vice Chairman), Cllr P Pragnell, Cllr F Whetstone, Mr A Reid, Cllr J Barnes, Mr M Cooper, Mr J Spicer, Mr J Francis, Cllr C Hardy, Mr C Smith, Ms S McAll and Mr N Mawdsley

In attendance: Mrs P Buesnel (Director) Mrs K Dirs (Clerk) Mrs L Meehan (Finance Officer).

Minutes were taken by K Meade.

There were no members of the public present.

	Item	Action
27/18	Apologies. There were apologies from Cllr P Holloway and Cllr S Shing.	
28/18	Declarations of any interest by Members of a Personal or Prejudicial Nature There were none.	
29/18	To approve the minutes of the Board meeting of 18 June 2018, and matters arising The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and assessed by the Board for accuracy. The minutes were duly received and were approved in accordance with Standing Order 2.6.	
30/18	To receive the minutes of the Conservation Committee meeting of 6 August 2018 This agenda item followed 35/18 to allow for the late arrival of Mr Mawdsley. The minutes of the meeting had been circulated and assessed by the Board for accuracy. The minutes were duly received and were approved in accordance with Standing Order 2.6. The Board asked to be reminded of the role of the Strategic Access Officer and for comments to be taken back to Wealden District Council.	PB
31/18	To receive the minutes of the Additional Conservation Committee meeting of 29 August 2018 This agenda item followed 35/18 to allow for the late arrival of Mr Mawdsley. The minutes of the meeting had been circulated and assessed by the Board for accuracy. The minutes were duly received and were approved in accordance with Standing Order 2.6. 31.01/18 – There were no questions from the Board. The Board entered confidential session. The Board left confidential session.	
32/18	The Roads, Planning & Amenities Committee meeting of 23 July 2018 The minutes of the meeting had been circulated and assessed by the Board for accuracy. 22/18 – Travellers eviction – The Board thanked the staff for the way the Travellers’ eviction was handled. 24/18 - Golf Course footpath markers – The Chairman agreed to write to the complainant re. the absence of warning signs on the Golf Course footpath(s). The minutes were duly received and approved in accordance with Standing Order 2.6	Cllr RS
33/18	The Finance & General Purposes Committee of 20 August 2018 The minutes of the meeting had been circulated and assessed by the Board for accuracy. 36/18 – The amended wording to the Diversity & Equal Opportunities policy was accepted by the Board. The minutes were duly received and approved in accordance with Standing Order 2.6	
34/18	To receive the Director’s Report The Director’s Report (BD 28/18) followed 37/18. The Director spoke to her report. The Board gave a vote of thanks to Ranger Chris Sutton for his 30 years of service. The Board asked to be shown the drone film made by the Golf Course at the next meeting.	JS

35/18	To receive the Clerk's Report	
	The Clerk spoke to her report (BD 29/18). The RPA will discuss charging for use of car parks for cycle events etc. Thanks were given to Ms McAll and her family for their assistance in expediting the sending of the Forest Rent/Rate letters.	
36/18	To review the draft Traveller Eviction Policy	
	Paper BD 30/18 was not complete at this time. The Board will receive the paper before the next meeting.	KD
37/18	To review the Contingency Plan proposal	
	Mr Smith spoke to his report (BD 31/18). It was proposed and agreed that a Working Group be set up to look into the long term sustainable revenue and capital funding for the Forest The following agreed to participate in a working group: FW, Cllr RS, MC, CS, SMcA and NM.	
38/18	Governance update and proposed new Board and Committee Structure	
	The Board agreed paper BD 32/18 should be discussed at a special Board meeting to be promptly convened. Board members are to undertake Chase visits.	Cllr RS/KD PB
39/18	Any Urgent Item of which the Clerk has notice in order to pass to the elected Chairman	
	The Chairman informed the Board that the Wealden Local Plan requires comment by 8 th October. The Board agreed that a response should be sent.	SA

This part of the meeting closed at 4:30pm.

Chairman _____
December 2018

Clerk _____