



FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday 17 January 2024

Minutes of the **Meeting of Fernhurst Parish Council** held at Fernhurst Village Hall on
Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 7.00pm

Councillors Present: Mrs H Bicknell (Chairman), Mr J Buchanan, Mr S Flatt, Mrs M Jenkins, Mr C Lloyd, Ms S Strongman, Mr G Williamson.

In Attendance: Chichester District Councillors Brett Burkhart and Elanora Newbery, K Jones (Clerk).

01/24 Apologies For Absence: Mr W Black, Mr G Inns.

02/24 Declarations of Interests: None.

03/24 Public Representations: The clerk advised the council had received an enquiry from a parishioner on the future of the Fernhurst Club. The parishioner was referred to the Trustees of the charity responsible; the council being unable to provide further information.

04/24 Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of the **13 December 2023** were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Buchanan, seconded, Cllr Lloyd.

05/24 Matters Arising From The Minutes Not Covered Below: None.

06/24 County Council Commentary: None.

07/24 District Council Commentary: Chichester District Councillors Brett Burkhart and Elanora Newbery had provided a written report on CDC activity at the District level on a range of issues.

The Food Waste Recycling obligation has been imposed on local councils by central government with a March 2026 deadline.

More local initiatives include Laser Light Shows at Chichester Basin, Novium Museum ambitions with the Shippams archive, and pond dredging and improved access pathways in Midhurst.

The councillors had recently met with the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner to press local concerns with unauthorised encampments, road safety issues and rural crime.

08/24 Review of Council Standing Orders: The review being incomplete the matter was deferred. **Action: (Clerk)**

09/24 E-Mail & Website Facilities: Official e-mail addresses to be created for Cllrs Strongman and Williamson. The clerk was instructed to produce an updated Councillor

Contact list. Approval was granted for the creation of a new council website using a platform that could be maintained and updated by the clerk. The initial creation to be professionally managed with a budget of £1,000. **Action: (Clerk)**

10/24 Christmas Arrangements: The Village Hall has been booked for the Christmas Party and a licence will be obtained from Chichester District Council for the Christmas Lights event on Tuesday 3 December. **Action: (Clerk)**

11/24 Grant Applications: The following Grant Application was considered and voted upon:

Fernhurst Hub: £750

Resolved: To accept the Fernhurst Hub £750 grant application. (Local Government Act 1972 S.144)

Proposed: Cllr Jenkins, seconded, Cllr Flatt.

12/24 Bank Deposit Accounts: There remains the transfer of the NSI account balance to this account to the NatWest notice deposit account. **Action: (Cllrs Bicknell & Black)**

13/24 Bus Shelter – Kingsley Green: The on-line application form to establish if planning permission is required demands technical input and input from the Village Ranger is required. **Action: (Clerk)**

14/24 Playground Refurbishment: Following the acceptance of the quotation for resurfacing in the playground the contractor now waits on suitable weather to begin.

15/24 Correspondence & Other Matters: Newly erected illuminated signs had been reported in Midhurst Road. The fascia at the One Stop site was still being illuminated. The clerk was instructed to establish the planning consent position with these signs. **Action: (Clerk)**

16/24 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

Finance and Administration

- No report.

Planning Committee

- Chairman's Comments: No comment.

Property, Highways and Environment Committee:

- Chairman's Comments: No comment.

17/24 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** No report to note.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** No report to note.
- **Policing:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** No report to note.
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** None to note.

Date of Next Meeting: 21 February 2024

Chairman Signed: **Date:**