



FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday 10 May 2023

Minutes of the Meeting of Fernhurst Parish Council held at Fernhurst Village Hall on
Wednesday 10 May 2023 at 7.00pm

Councillors Present: Mrs H Bicknell, (Chairman), Mr W Black, Mr S Flatt, Mrs M Jenkins, Mr C Lloyd.

In Attendance: Chichester District Councillor Eleanora Newbery, K Jones (Clerk).

78/23 Councillors' Acceptance of Office: In the presence of K Jones (Clerk), Mrs Heather Bicknell, Mr William Black, Mr Simon Flatt, Mrs Margaret Jenkins and Mr Christopher Lloyd formally signed their acceptance of office as members of Fernhurst Parish Council.

79/23 Election of Council Chairman:

Resolved: To elect Cllr Heather Bicknell as Chairman of the council.

Proposed: Cllr W Black, seconded, Cllr C Lloyd

80/23 Election of Council Vice-Chairman:

Resolved: To elect Cllr William Black as Vice-Chairman of the council.

Proposed: Cllr H Bicknell, seconded, Cllr S Flatt

81/23 Election of Planning Committee Members:

Mrs H Bicknell, Mr J Buchanan, Mr S Flatt, Mr G Inns, Mrs M Jenkins, Mr C Lloyd were duly elected.

82/23 Election of Finance Committee Members:

Mrs H Bicknell, Mr W Black, Mr J Buchanan, Mr S Flatt, Mr G Inns, Mr C Lloyd were duly elected.

83/23 Election of Property, Highways, & Environment Committee Members:

Mrs H Bicknell, Mr W Black, Mr J Buchanan, Mr S Flatt, Mr G Inns, Mrs M Jenkins, Mr C Lloyd were duly elected.

84/23 Apologies For Absence: Mr J Buchanan, Mr G Inns.

85/23 Declarations of Interests: None.

86/23 Public Representations: None.

87/23 Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of the **19 April 2023** were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded, Cllr Jenkins.

88/23 Matters Arising From The Minutes Not Covered Below: None.

89/23 County Council Commentary: No report. It was noted that County Councillor Tom Richardson had been an unsuccessful candidate in the elections to Chichester District Council.

90/23 District Council Commentary: The council took the opportunity to congratulate and welcome newly elected Chichester District Councillor Eleanora Newbery to the meeting. Cllr Newbery, a Fernhurst resident, explained it was very early days for her and had a great deal of training to undertake. Cllr Newbery looked forward to making a positive contribution to the Ward she represents and supporting the parish council's work in Fernhurst.

91/23 S.106 & CIL Money: Activity to create a road safety programme remains ongoing as does the Fernden Lane bus shelter relocation. **Action: (Cllr Buchanan & Clerk)**

92/23 E-Mail & Website Facilities: Geosphere Ltd have been contracted to become the hosts and registered domain holders for the parish council. A local IT contractor has been engaged to assist councillors as required to establish efficient official email services.

93/23 Fernhurst Club & Fernhurst Youth Club: Refurbishment work on the now sold residential section has resumed. No refurbishment work appears to have started on the remaining Fernhurst Club premises.

It was reported that Mrs A Pretty had advised that resolution of the Fernhurst Youth Club situation was moving very slowly.

94/23 Neighbourhood Plan: No report.

95/23 Fernhurst Water Drainage Issues: It was agreed to devolve this matter to the Property, Highways & Environment Committee. **Action: (PHE Committee)**

96/23 Councillor Co-option: There are currently four councillor vacancies on the council which the council will seek to fill with well qualified candidates. The clerk was instructed to place an advertisement in the Fernhurst News and on the Fernhurst Facebook page. **(Action: Clerk)**

97/23 Cemetery Management & Cemetery Mapping Software: The clerk advised that Rialtas had not agreed to any reduction in their inflated quotation and was now pursuing an alternative supplier. It was agreed to devolve this matter to the Property, Highways & Environment Committee. **Action: (PHE Committee)**

98/23 Annual Parish Meeting: To be held on the 24 May, the clerk was instructed to publicise on the Fernhurst Facebook and Fernhurst Hub. **Action: (Clerk)**

99/23 Correspondence & Other Matters: None to report.

100/23 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

Finance and Administration

- Bank reconciliations for April were approved.

Proposed Cllr Black, seconded, Cllr Flatt

- List of payments for May were approved.

Proposed Cllr Black, Seconded Cllr Flatt

Planning Committee

- Chairman’s Comments: None to note.

Property, Highways and Environment Committee:

- Chairman’s Comments: None to note

101/23 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:** Cllr Bicknell advised that 29 May had been set for the full reopening of the Recreation Ground Pavilion following its enlargement and refurbishment.

Date of Next Meeting: 21 June 2023

Chairman Signed:

Date: